

# **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF MAY 02, 2023**

**\*\*\*The May 2, 2023 Board of Education Meeting can be viewed on YouTube accessed through the West Babylon School District website at [www.wbschools.org](http://www.wbschools.org).**

**The minutes of the Board of Education meeting summarize what took place.\*\*\***

**The May 2, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting, of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York. The meeting was held in-person.**

## **Members present**

Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame

## **Also present**

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; William C. Morrell, Esq., School Attorney; and Ms. Jailin M. Parada, District Clerk. There were 15 people in attendance.

## **1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-5:10 PM**

**Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Procedural: B. Call to Order by Presiding Officer**

**Action: C. Executive Session**

**Call for a motion to enter into executive session to interview finalists for the Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, discuss WBTA Negotiations, if time permits - multiple discipline matters; to exit to attend the Budget Hearing; and to re-enter executive session upon the completion of the Budget Hearing.**

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Kristen Sciame.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame

## **2. PUBLIC SESSION / BUDGET HEARING - 6:00PM**

**Presentation: A. 2023-2024 Budget Hearing: Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations**

Budget Hearing presentation is available for viewing at our school district website [www.wbschools.org](http://www.wbschools.org)

### **3. PUBLIC SESSION-7:07 PM**

**Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Meeting of 4/25/23.**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting of 4/25/23.**

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by John Evola.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame

**Procedural: B. Statement of the Board and/or Superintendent**

Dr. Farrelly thanked the community for joining. She mentioned this week was WBTA recognition week. On behalf of the Board of Education, Administration Team and students, she thanked the WBTA for going above and beyond to meet the students where they are, for differentiating instruction to meet their needs, for supporting them before and after school as they do and for their hard work and dedication to the West Babylon students.

She also recognized the district's principals. Yesterday was National Principal's Day. She expressed how fortunate the district is to have all of our principals as our school building leaders.

**Procedural: C. Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association Representatives**

None

**Procedural: D. Statement of School Administrators Association Representatives**

None

**Procedural: E. Statement of C.S.E.A. Representatives**

None

**Procedural: F. Statement of Student Association Representatives**

None

**Procedural: G. Statement of PTA Council Representatives**

None

**Procedural: H. Statement of Residents re: agenda items [15 minutes-limited to 3 minutes per speaker]**

None

### **4. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION**

As a reminder, Dr. Farrelly advised the following:

- May 16th Budget and Trustee Election - 7 am to 9 pm - Administration and Santapogue Elementary School -
- Budget Hearing was held tonight.
- The community will also see proposition #2 on the ballot - this 2nd proposition is to establish a Capital Reserve which does not have an impact on their taxes. Information regarding the budget and establishment of a capital reserve can be found on our website.

### **5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Action (Consent): A. Approval of the Consent Agenda**

**Resolution: Motion to approve the consent agenda.**

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Matthew Amore.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamie

**6. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

None

**7. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 22-A-9**

**Action (Consent): A. 2022-2023 Board of Education Appointment-Election Inspector**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

<b>VI. APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRATION MEMBER AND ELECTION INSPECTOR:</b>		<b>2022-2023</b>
<b>Election Inspector:</b>	\$18./hr.	
<b>Santapogue:</b>		
Alexandra Ilasi		

**8. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 22-P-19**

**Action (Consent): A. Elementary Science Olympiads 2022-23 - ARP Grant Funded**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
<b>Elementary Science Olympiad Facilitators:</b>				\$1,050.00/stipend 12 sessions	2022-2023	<b>ARP GRANT</b>
Cavalone	Caroline		SA			
DeSa	Laura		TA			
Francisco	Andrea		FA			
Johnson	Bryan		JFK			
Levy	Kara		SB			

**Action (Consent): B. 2022-2023 Student Teachers/Observers/Interns**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	BEG/END APPT	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
<b>Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:</b>				2022-2023	
Ruckert	William	PE	JH/SH	Spring	

**Action (Consent): C. STEM Event 2022-23, Grant Funded**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
<b>STEM Facilitator</b>				\$60./hr	2022-2023	<b>CRSSA GRANT FUNDED</b>
Smith	Kerry		JHS			Up to 14 hrs.

**9. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 22-C-19**

**Action (Consent): A. Terminations - BO/Trans.****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Monteleone	Justine	Account Clerk	BO		4/11/23	Termination
McDonald	Allison	School Bus Monitor	Trans.		4/11/23	Termination

**Action (Consent): B. Retirement-Trans.****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Breck	Irene	School Bus Monitor	Trans.		4/27/23	Resignation to Retire [eff: 4/28/23]

**Action (Consent): C. Retirements - JH/Administration****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Martel-Nelli	Johanne	Office Assistant (10 month)	JH		6/30/23	Resignation to Retire (eff: 7/1/23)
Brehm	Laura	Senior Office Assistant	Admin.		7/4/23	Resignation to Retire (eff: 7/5/23)

**Action (Consent): D. Probationary Appointments - SB/JH****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Flores	Martha Yesenia	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB	Step 1/ \$17.78/hr.	5/15/23	Probationary Appt. [emergency conditional appt.]
Hahn	Elizabeth	Food Service Worker 'B'	JH	Step 1/ \$15./hr.	5/15/23	Probationary Appt. [from substitute]

**Action (Consent): E. Prior Service Credit - BO**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Eberhardt	Lisa	Office Assistant	BO	Step 3/ \$36,368. (prorate)	1/14/23	Prior Service Credit

**Action (Consent): F. Per Diem Substitutes - DW**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
<b>Per Diem Substitute:</b>						
Arije	Sherifat	FSW	DW	\$15./hr.	5/3/2023	
Reilly-Conway	Mary Ann	FSW	DW	\$15./hr.	5/3/2023	

**10. FINANCE**

**Action (Consent): A. Approval of 2023-2024 Alternate Learning Center Program Classroom Space Rental**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the District, to provide two (2) classrooms and supportive services for use by the Western Suffolk BOCES Alternate Learning Center Program, for the 2023-2024 school year. The rental fee is \$3,000.00 for each classroom and the supportive service fee is \$13,000.00 for each classroom.

**11. CURRICULUM**

None

**12. FACILITIES**

None

**13. POLICY REVIEW**

**Action: A. First Time Reading: 4310 Basic Instructional Program**

**Motion to waive reading and move Policy 4310 to Second Time Discussion.**

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Cathy Gismervik.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

**Action: B. First Time Reading: 4205 Program Evaluation Plan**

**Motion to waive reading and move Policy 4205 to Second Time Discussion.**

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by John Evola.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

**Action: C. First Time Reading: 4205-R Instructional Program Evaluation Plan**

**Motion to waive reading and move Policy 4205-R to Second Time Discussion.**

Motion by Ray Downey, second by Chirsten Johnson Tymann.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

**Action: D. First Time Reading: 4750 Promotion and Retention of Students  
Motion to waive reading and move Policy 4750 to Second Time Discussion.**

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Chris Paolillo.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

**Action: E. First Time Reading: 5250 Extra-Classroom Activity Funds Management  
Motion to waive reading and move Policy 5250 to Second Time Discussion.**

Motion by Ray Downey, second by Roseann Geiger.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

**Action: F. First Time Reading: 7100 Facilities Planning  
Motion to waive reading and move Policy 7100 to Second Time Discussion.**

Motion by John Evola, second by Kristen Scieme.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

**Information: G. Policy For Review: 4531 Field Trips and Excursions**

\*\* Policy moved to the May 23rd Board Meeting\*\*

**Action: H. Policy For Review: 5251 Student Fund Raising Activities  
Motion to approve to Continue to Follow Policy 5251 as written.**

Motion by Matthew Amore, second by Chris Paolillo.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

**Action: I. Policy For Review: 7000 Facilities Development Goals  
Motion to approve to Continue to Follow Policy 7000 as written.**

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by John Evola.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

**14. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**15. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **16. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS**

### **Procedural: A. Statements of Residents**

A resident of the community responded to the Superintendent's statement at the April 11, 2023 board meeting. West Babylon Senior High School student Darisa Filpo spoke about the importance of ENL teachers to current and future students in the district.

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## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

### **Action: A. Adjournment - Public Session**

#### **Motion to Adjourn Public Session and enter to post Executive Session.**

Motion by Matthew Amore, second by Roseann Geiger.

#### **Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

### **Action: B. Adjourn Meeting (Should take place by 10:00 PM)**

#### **Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:20pm**

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Cathy Gismervik.

#### **Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk