

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, of the Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, Ray Downey, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Jennifer Longo, Peter Scarlatos, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Also present: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent; Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Executive Director for Human Resources; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; and residents

The President opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to Executive Session for contract negotiations and personnel matters at 7:01 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion resumed at 8:10 p.m.

Trustee Villagran seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2015 (rescheduled from January 27, 2015).

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Dr. Farrelly said that she met with Assemblyman Joseph Saladino last week and reviewed draft 1 of the district's proposed budget. She thanked him for his support last year and asked for his continued support in any way that he can help. He asked Dr. Farrelly to prepare a condensed version of all the information that she shared with him so he can have all of the main points on one sheet of paper when he needs them. Dr. Farrelly will meet with Senator Boyle on Friday and will relay the same information she shared with Mr. Saladino. In an effort to enhance communications, Dr. Farrelly is scheduled to go to the Fire Department to meet with the Commissioners and Chiefs on March 2. Dr. Farrelly was proud to announce the following: The Cheerleaders placed 6th in the nation this past weekend in the Nationals held in Orlando, Florida. She congratulated the cheerleaders and thanked Coach Makarius for their success. Dr. Farrelly said that there is a YouTube video of the cheerleaders competing which she will forward to the trustees. She congratulated the boys' basketball team and Coach Lynch for making the playoffs. The first game will be a home game on Thursday at 5:45 against Longwood. Dr. Farrelly congratulated the boys' bowling team for being league champions. She congratulated the girls' winter track team and Coach Armato and noted that high school sophomore, Brittany Korsah, who finished 3rd in the finals and is heading to Cornell University to compete in the 300 meter dash against the best in the state. Dr. Farrelly shared a photo and write-up about Brittany. Dr. Farrelly thanked all of the district's teachers for their work this year. She said there was a lot of hard work focusing on raising standards, adapting to the common core standards, implementing modules and their putting in countless hours of work. The district and students appreciate all of the work. She shared a publication from Mrs. Ayerle's class and the work from the students and the smiles on their faces.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

Ms. Neville thanked the Board and Administration for the support regarding the issues surrounding field testing.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:

None

Statement of CSEA Representative:

None

Statement of Student Association Representative:

None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

Council Representative Daienna Edmonds wished all a happy Valentine's Day.

Statement of Residents (Agenda Items)

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Review of District's Wellness Policy – Christine Tona and Jeannette Frabizio

Due to the Board's interest in looking into the possibility of allowing home baked items for class parties again, Mrs. Tona and Mrs. Frabizio shared the district's current Wellness Policy with the trustees along with state and federal laws and regulations. They shared that the Suffolk County sanitary code under Article 13, home prepared foods is prohibited to use. Mrs. Tona also shared that our neighboring districts of Babylon, North Babylon, Copiague, Deer Park and West Islip also prohibit distribution of home-baked goods. In addition, the USDA under the Healthy, Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010, kicked off a national "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standard in the 2014-2015 school year. The standard, also known as "Smart Snacks in Schools", limits total calories, fats, saturated fats, sodium and sugar of any food sold a la carte in schools. Any school district that participates in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) must abide by this standard. Even school fundraisers fall under the "All Foods Sold in Schools Standard. However, the standard does not apply during non-school hours, on weekends and at off campus fundraising events. Which can be interpreted to mean that after a half hour from the end of the school day, student organizations can share or sell bake sale type items or other prepackaged items and/or drinks that do not meet the standards. The district's current policy follows the "all foods sold by student organizations for fundraisers must meet nutritional guidelines..." The Board may wish to liberalize this aspect of the Wellness Policy and allow foods that do not fall in the standards to be sold from one half hour after the school day to midnight of the same

day. In response to President Campasano's question about serving bakery goods instead of home made goods, Mrs. Tona explained that during the school day only prepackaged foods may be used.

After the presentation the trustees agreed that Mrs. Tona can make changes to the policy allowing the sale of home baked items, etc., after school hours, for the Board to consider at the March 10, 2015 Board meeting.

Vice President Scarlatos asked for a further review of the process for denying students access to lunch when their accounts are overdrawn. He explained a recent situation that happened. He thanked Mrs. Frabizio for handling the situation immediately. Mrs. Frabizio said that the district has a charge policy in place and the staff is aware that they are not to take food away from a student. She said that students are not permitted to charge snacks if their accounts are overdrawn. However, they are encouraged to go to the lunch line and may charge lunch if they are hungry. Dr. Farrelly explained that the matter has been addressed and students are not permitted to have a negative lunch account balance and purchase snacks.

Trustee Wandasiewicz stated for the record that it is a shame that prepackaged foods containing chemicals, etc. are more acceptable than foods prepared at home using fresh foods.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

BOARD OF EDUCATION

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education supports state, local and federal efforts to invest in high quality Preschool for its resident students and hereby approves the service agreement with SCOPE for the purpose of operating a Preschool Program within the District. The term of the Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2015 and end on June 30, 2016.

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school district to provide special education services to parentally-placed West Babylon School District resident students, with disabilities, during the 2014-2015 school year:

South Huntington Union Free School District

#BE-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school district to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2014-2015 school year:

Massapequa School District

#BE-4

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school district to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2014-2015 school year:

Bay Shore Union Free School District

PERSONNEL

#PE-1

RESOLVED: that the following schedules, as attached, are approved:

- 14-P-14 Professional Personnel
- 14-C-14 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 14-P-14 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Rayola, Michael	Phys. Ed. Tchr.	FA		12/8/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Hearns, Gabrielle	Foreign Lang. Tchr.	HS		1/12/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Delaney, Kevin	Elementary Tchr.	JH		2/2/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Butler, Kenneth	Music Tchr.	JH		2/4/15 -	Family Medical Leave

SCHEDULE 14-P-14 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Additional Section Increase:					2/2/15
Powers, Daniel	Special Education (.8)	JH	Step A-7-1/ \$63,631. (prorate @ 80%)		[from .6]
S.A.T. Proctors:					\$22.47/hr. 1/24/15
Simone, Linda					4 hrs.
Powers, Brian					5.5 hrs.
Powers, Daniel					5.5 hrs.
Borgo, Danielle					6 hrs.
Heaton, Bryan					6 hrs.
Heaton, Elise					6 hrs.
Iaquinto, Christine					6 hrs.
Kohler, Amy					6 hrs.
McArdle, Patrick					6 hrs.
McGrath, Donna					6 hrs.
Mucaria, Donna					6 hrs.
Ruiz, Lawrence					6 hrs.
Montalvo, Andrea					9 hrs.
Montalvo, Christina	Test Supervisor				9 hrs.
Tutorials:					\$37.14/session January-June, 2015 611 IDEA GRANT [25 sessions]
Fazio, Hillary	Special Ed. Tchr.				
Elementary Gym Night Advisors:					2014-2015
Forest Avenue					
Riviezzo, Frances			\$95.54/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
John F. Kennedy					
Carcane, Maria			\$91.02/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Haug, Christopher			\$84.32/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Santapogue					
DiStefano, Giovanni			\$74.36/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
South Bay					
DiStefano, Giovanni			\$74.36/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Haug, Christopher			\$84.32/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Russo, Michael			\$84.32/hr.		up to 6 hrs.
Coaches:					Spring, 2015
Adamkiewicz, Felix	JV Head Softball		\$5,189.		
Volunteer Coach:					Spring, 2015
Taylor, Kevin	Varsity Lacrosse(B)		-\$0-		
Part-time Athletic Trainer:					2014-2015
Haug, Christopher			\$30./hr.		[resignation]
Borruso, Robert			\$30./hr.		[repl. C. Haug]
Student Teachers/Observers:					Spring, 2015
D'Errico, Michelle	Art	JH			
Ovadia, Megan	Special Ed.	FA			
Zivali, Betul	Science	HS			

SCHEDULE 14-P-14 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Per Diem Substitute:				2014-2015	
Leonard, Matthew					[cert: social studies 7-12]

SCHEDULE 14-C-14 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Schultz, Ruth	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	JH		12/7/14-6/30/15	Leave of Absence
Gaudioso, Kerri	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	SA		1/5/15-2/12/15	Leave of Absence [extension]
Caton, Michael (prorate)	Custodial Wrkr. II	JH	\$2,100.	12/1/14	[night supervisor]

The following paraprofessional is being recalled from the Priority List:

Battista, Sylvia	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	JK	Step 2/ \$14.16/hr.	2/11/15	
Reese, Kelly	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK	Step 1/ \$13.50/hr.	2/11/15	Probationary Appt.
*Castellano, Michelle	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SA	Step 1/ \$13.50/hr.	2/11/15	Probationary Appt.
Holder, Kathleen	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$19.93 /hr.	2/11/15	Probationary Appt.

Per Diem Substitute: Trans. \$17./hr. 2014-2015
Huberman, Alan School Bus Driver

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

FINANCE

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the October, November and December, 2014 claims auditor's reports and recommendations.

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following budget transfers which re-establish payroll encumbrances:

ACCOUNT CODE	ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION & TRANSFER EXPLANATION	FROM	TO
A2110.1310	Salary Adjustments & New Hires	\$117,100.00	
A1240.1500	Superintendent Salary		\$ 500.00
A1240.1600	Superintendent Clerical Salaries		\$ 2,000.00
A1310.1600	Business Office Staff Salaries		\$ 3,500.00
A1430.1600	Personnel Assistant Superintendent Clerical Salaries		\$ 2,500.00
A1620.1600	Buildings & Grounds Custodial Salaries		\$ 9,500.00

A2010.1600	Assistant Superintendent Clerical Salaries		\$ 1,000.00
A2020.1600	Principal Clerical Salaries		\$ 4,100.00
A2250.1600	Special Education Clerical		\$ 1,500.00
A2610.1600	Library Clerical		\$ 500.00
A2630.1500	Instructional Salaries Tech		\$ 5,000.00
A2810.1600	Guidance Clerical Salaries		\$55,000.00
A2815.1600	Non Instructional Salaries		\$ 1,000.00
A2820.1500	Psychologist Salaries		\$30,000.00
A2855.1600	Athletics Clerical Salaries		\$ 1,000.00
	Salary Reconciliation		

CURRICULUM

#CU-1

WHEREAS, mandatory New York State assessment tests in ELA and math are given to New York students in grades 3 through 8 during April of each school year which is the beginning of the fourth quarter of the school year. The West Babylon Union Free School District Board of Education believes this timing is dictated by the needs of the State Education Department teachers' and principals' accountability system, known as APPR;

WHEREAS, these mandatory tests are developed, in part, through the administration of additional "field tests" used by testing companies to develop appropriate questions for future tests;

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes the testing companies realize a commercial profit by using children and taxpayer resources to advance their business plans;

WHEREAS, in the past, a district's participation in these "field tests" was on a voluntary basis;

WHEREAS, the State Education Department has proposed amending certain Regulations of the Commissioner of Education such that New York school districts would be required to administer the "field tests". The Board of Education believes this will result in the use of more instructional time for the purpose of advancing a mandatory testing system organized and based, in part, on APPR, not on the basis of what is best for children;

WHEREAS, the Regents are considering the proposal of the State Education Department to make the administration of these "field tests" mandatory; and **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the West Babylon Board of Education disagrees strongly with any additional mandatory testing and urges the Regents to reject the State Education Department's proposal to make "field tests" mandatory and to reconsider its approach to assessing student learning and teacher and/or principal effectiveness. The Board of Education believes that a decision to increase mandatory testing would hurt children and abuse the public trust by subsidizing private enterprise without public discussion. Regardless of the outcome, the Board of Education and the Superintendent will comply with federal and state laws and regulations.

POLICY:

The following policies are on the agenda for Second Time Discussion.

- 4326** Programs for English Language Learners
- 4526** Computer Use in Instruction
- 5460** Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting
- 6700** Purchasing
- 8520** Free and Reduced Price Meal Services

Trustee Klein seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to move the policies to third time adoption.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The following policies are on the agenda for Third Time Adoption

- 3210** Management Team
- 3210-E.1** Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction
- 3210-E-2** Executive Director for Human Resources
- 3220** Organization Chart

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Villagran made a motion to adopt the policies.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

Board President Campasano said that she is very concerned about the students who are not entitled to bus transportation and are forced to walk on the roadways rather than the sidewalks because of the snow blocking the sidewalks. She asked if there is anyway the students can walk to the nearest bus stop and take a bus to school during these types of road conditions. Dr. Farrelly said that a few things would have to be reviewed such as budget for such an endeavor, the legalities, etc. She said that she will look into discuss this with Mr. Morrell, the School's Attorney and Mr. Bianco, the district's Transportation Supervisor

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS: Resident Jay McGraw said that the sidewalks are the responsibility of the homes and business and calls to the town can be made if they are not being cleared properly.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

District Clerk