

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 12, 2019 (Amended 4/9/19)

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Board of Education Members present

Trustees: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo and Jennifer Wandasiewicz. Trustee Peter Scariatos arrived at 6:05 PM and Trustee Raymond Downey arrived at 7:51 PM.

Also present

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; and William C. Morrell, Esq., School Attorney. Ms. Barbara A. Burrows, District Clerk, was not present. There were approx. 63 audience members.

1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-6:03 PM

Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Procedural: B. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Action: C. Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss review of individual contracts due to expire in June, 2019; WBAA retirement incentive request; WBTA retirement incentive requests; interim principal for Forest Avenue School; security guards roles and responsibilities.

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Not Present at Vote: Peter Scariatos, Ray Downey

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:16 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular Meeting of 2/12/19

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of 2/12/19.

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz, Peter Scariatos

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

Dr. Farrelly opened the meeting by extending her congratulations to Mr. McKeon, Ms Mauro, Mr. Salas, Mrs. Limperatos, Mrs. Craig and all the others involved in the St. Baldrick's fundraiser event. It was a huge success and over \$41,000 was raised. District students, staff and faculty were brave enough to have their heads shaved. Dr. Farrelly said, unfortunately, she was not able to attend, but was receiving pictures throughout the whole event which she posted to social media. Dr. Farrelly shared that the group will be recognized for all their efforts at a future Board of Education meeting.

STEM night was a huge success. Dr. Farrelly thanked Aimee Mendoza, as well as the Senior High School teachers, students and administrators. Pictures from the evening's event were posted on the district website and social media.

The PTA Founder's Day celebration was also a great success. Our PTAs recognized many wonderful individuals who go above and beyond for our students. Dr. Farrelly thanked the PTAs for their dedication to the district.

Dr. Farrelly highlighted the following: the JHS Drama Club is presenting "The Sound of Music" on March 21st and March 22nd at 7:00 PM in Eagle Hall; Mrs. Gina Curcio, K-12 Guidance Chairperson, has been invited to present a Guidance Department update at the April 30th Board of Education meeting; the District will be offering the after school SCOPE STEM enrichment program for K-5 students from March to May and registration will occur in the next few weeks; all were invited to review and enjoy the latest issue of the Superintendent's "Points of Pride-February 2019" (copies on the counter) which highlights West Babylon's accomplishments. The week of March 3rd to March 8th is school social worker's recognition week. Dr. Farrelly asked all to join her in recognizing the wonderful dedication of the social workers whose day often extends beyond the set workday hours. They provide ongoing support to many students and families.

As an FYI - Dr. Farrelly indicated the Board of Education candidate petition packets are available from the District Clerk in the Administration Building.

Representing the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association ("SCSSA"), Dr. Farrelly attended a meeting, with her superintendent counterparts, with SCPD Chief Cameron relating to school safety and security. She and her fellow superintendents continue to be thankful for the ongoing collaboration with the SCPD.

At this point, Dr. Farrelly said she would like to recap the meetings held since the last Board meeting (2/12/19) regarding policy decision to move forward with armed guards. She said she has held 4 volunteer meetings with staff and faculty members. In addition, she has met with senior high school student leaders. She has responded to all community/parent emails and has held several meetings (individual and small group) with parents who requested meetings. Mr. Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for HR, and Mr. Salas, Director of School Safety, have participated in some of these meetings. Mr. Hanley and Mr. Salas have also met with the PTA Council.

Common questions throughout these meetings were relating to:

- The process the Board went through to arrive at this decision...concerns were posed regarding not having a public forum... whether or not it is legal for the Board of Education to make this decision... Dr. Farrelly indicated that she shared with all who she met with that this was not an easy decision for the Board. For months, the Board carefully considered all aspects of this decision and ultimately made their decision on February 12th. This is a policy decision that can and has been made by the Board.
- Selection of armed guards - Dr. Farrelly indicated that only former or current law enforcement officers will be interviewed and considered for these positions in the next few months.
- Specific placement of armed guards - Dr. Farrelly indicated the exact location of armed guards would not be disclosed as this would compromise their safety and our safety plans. She also stated that there has been no decision to have the guards walking regularly through the school hallways.
- Specifics - regarding the armed guards schedules - i.e. start/end time? ... Dr. Farrelly indicated we cannot disclose that information because it would also compromise the safety of the guards and our school safety plans.
- Are we more vulnerable or more at risk or have more safety concerns than other school districts. Per Dr. Farrelly - the answer is "NO - absolutely not." As previously shared, Dr. Farrelly indicated that students across all socioeconomic status and ethnicities are struggling with mental health needs. This is not unique to our school district, Suffolk County or across the nation.
- And last, specific scientific research that suggests that having armed guards would make the District safer has been requested by various individuals. Dr. Farrelly indicated no such research exists at this time. There is not enough data to suggest it one way or another. The general feeling of our Board of Education is that this is only one piece of many aspects of the district's safety plans...that it may be a deterrent... Of course, hopefully we will never know.

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

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Information: A. 2019-2020 Budget Information: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Farrelly shared the information relating to the upcoming 2019-2020 Budget Vote and Trustee Election for WS BOCES and as well as for the West Babylon School District. She said starting with the 2019-2020 school budget and trustee election year, all information relating to the budget and trustee election will be provided in both English and Spanish. This is a Suffolk County requirement that our school attorney, Mr. William Morrell, is assisting us with and guiding us through. The budget newsletter, budget notice, public announcements, etc. will all be provided in both languages. Hence, this is why on tonight's consent agenda, Dr. Farrelly has recommended translation services.

Please Note:

2019-2020 BOCES Budget Vote and BOCES Board Trustees Election:

April 30, 2019 -- 7:00 PM -- Administration Building

2019-2020 West Babylon School District Budget:

Budget Hearing:

May 7, 2019 -- 6:00 PM -- Administration Building

District Budget Vote and Trustees Election:

May 21, 2019 -- 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM -- Administration Building & Santapogue School

Tenga en Cuenta:

Elección del Presupuesto de BOCES y los Miembros de la Junta Directiva de BOCES:

Abril 30, 2019 -- 7:00 PM -- Edificio de Administración

2019-2020 Presupuesto del Distrito Escolar West Babylon:

Audiencia de Presupuesto:

Mayo 7, 2019 -- 6:00 PM- Edificio de Administración

Elección del Presupuesto del Distrito y la Elección del Administrador

Mayo 21, 2019 -- 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM -- Edificio de Administración & Escuela Elemental Santapogue

Discussion: B. Discussion of 2019-2020 Budget Draft #2: Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Dr. Farrelly introduced Mrs. Psarakis who provided a verbal overview of the 2019-2020 budget Draft #2. As Mrs. Psarakis had said at the February 12th Board meeting, Draft #1 was very much in estimate form due to "the unknowns". She said Draft #2, to be presented at the March 26th Board meeting, will include "solid" recommendations. Mrs. Psarakis is working with Mr. Mack, Director of Student Services, and Mr. Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, on the BOCES commitments. She shared that the staff retirements included on the March 12th BOE agenda have been factored into Draft #2. We are still waiting for rate information relating to the insurance companies, i.e. general liability and workers comp, etc. At the April 9th Board meeting, there will be a final review and adoption of the budget. The Budget Hearing will take place on May 7th at 6:00 PM.

Presentation: C. Program Evaluation Presentations: ENL - Grades K-12

The following program evaluations were presented:

ENL (Grades K-12):

ENL - Grades K-5: Ms. Ruth Jacobson and Ms. Kris Yturraspe

ENL - Grades 6-8: Ms. Kathryn Mauro

ENL - Grades 9-12: Ms. Danielle Borgo

The program evaluations booklets are available for review in the office of the District Clerk.

Presentation: D. Program Evaluation Presentations: Health and Physical Education - Grades K-12

The following program evaluations were presented:

Health (Grades K-12):

Health - Grades K-5: Ms. Julia Clark, Ms. Jen Autera, Ms. Robert Weisbecker

Health - Grades 6-8: Mr. John Snyder, Ms. Dana Iemma, Mr. Robert Dahl, Mr. Joseph Ritacco

Health - Grades 9-12: Mr. John Snyder, Ms. Katie Dorsey

Physical Education (Grades K-12):

Elementary PE - Grades K-5: Mr. Christopher Haug, Ms. Maria Carcone, Mr. Gary Nemeth, Mr. Giovanni DiStefano, Mr. Michael Bellacosa, Mr. Michael Russo, Mr. Michael Rayola, Mr. Edward Hilbert, Ms. Gina Antonelli, Ms. Katie Dorsey

PE - Grades 6-8: Ms. Theresa Fischer, Ms. Danielle Richert, Mr. Robert Dahl, Ms. Nicole Torres

PE - Grades 9-12: Ms. Joan Orsi, Mr. Steve Levy, Mr. Ron Langella, Mr. Patrick McArdle

The program evaluations booklets are available for review in the office of the District Clerk.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Peter Scarlatos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, Peter Scarlatos, Ray Downey, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Approval of 2018-2019 SCOPE Education Services - After School Enrichment Program License Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the License Agreement between SCOPE Education Services and the West Babylon School District, to provide Educational Services through an After School Enrichment Program, to West Babylon School District resident students, for the 2018-2019 school year.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of 2018-2019 Martin dePorres School Service Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the service agreement, with Martin dePorres School, to provide educational services to West Babylon School District special education students, for the 2018-2019 school year.

Action (Consent): C. Approval of 2018-2019 Babylon Union Free School District Services Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the service agreement with the Babylon Union Free School District, to provide educational & related services to West Babylon School District resident special education students, for the 2018-2019 school year.

Action (Consent): D. Western Suffolk BOCES Nominations

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby nominates Mrs. Ilene Herz, Esq. and Mrs. Maryann Zumpano, as candidates for re-election, to the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES.

Action (Consent): E. Notice of Annual Meeting

RESOLVED: that the Annual Meeting of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM in the two designated election districts in said school district for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting;

RESOLVED: that the Notice of Annual Meeting be published four times during the seven weeks preceding and beginning 45 days prior to the meeting in the *Babylon Beacon* and *South Bay's Neighbor Newspaper*, two newspapers having general circulation in the district.

RESOLVED: that Mrs. Lucy Campasano is designated as permanent chairperson of election in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

RESUELTO: que la Reunión Anual del Distrito Escolar de West Babylon, Pueblo de Babylon, Condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo el Martes, 22 de Mayo del 2019 de 7:00 PM a 9:00 PM en los dos distritos electorales designados en dicho distrito escolar para los fines establecidos en el Aviso de la Reunion Anual.

RESUELTO: que el Aviso de la Reunión Anual se publique cuatro veces durante las siete semanas anteriores y 45 días antes de la reunión en el *Babylon Beacon* y el periódico de *South Bay's Neighbor*, dos periódicos de circulación general en el distrito.

RESUELTO: Que la Sra. Lucy Campasano es designada como presidenta permanente de elecciones de acuerdo con la Sección 2026 de la Ley de Educación.

6. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 18-A (N/A)

7. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 18-P-13

Action (Consent): A. Retirements

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
Birr	Heidemarie	Elementary Tchr.	JH		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Briody	Donna	English Tchr.	HS/JH		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Craig	Diane	Elementary Tchr.	JH		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/10/19]
Craig	Karol	Mathematics Tchr.	JH		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 8/20/19]
DiFruscio	Joseph	Elementary Tchr.	JH		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Goodwin	Deborah	Special Education Tchr.	FA		6/28/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Grimsley-Goldberg	Diane	Elementary Tchr.	JH		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Kohler	Amy	Special Education Tchr.	JH		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
LaMantia	Joanne	Registered Nurse	JH		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Mahon	Joanne Susan	Elementary Tchr.	SA		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Milligan	Joan	Elementary Tchr.	JK		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Romeo	Marta	Foreign Language Tchr.	HS		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Russo	Joseph	Elementary Tchr.	JK		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]
Sewell	Mary Jean	Speech Tchr.	DW		6/30/19	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/19]

Action (Consent): B. Part-Time Appointment-FA/TA

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
Burns	Erin	PT/Math Specialist (.8)	FA/TA	Step A-5-1/ \$59,392. (prorate @ 80%)	3/13/19-6/30/19	Title I Grant-Funded [cert: Ch. Ed. 1-6]

Action (Consent): C. Interim Elementary Principal

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
Per Diem Substitute Principal:						
Conroy	Linda	Interim Elementary Principal		\$650./day	3/13/19-6/30/19	[cert: SDA]

Action (Consent): D. 2018-2019 Elementary Club & Advisors

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
Club & Advisors Adjustment:						2018-2019
Adams	Kelsea	Enrichment Club	FA	\$507.50		
Kuffo	Nicole	"	"	\$507.50		[from \$1015.00]

Action (Consent): E. Winter, 2018-2019 Wrestling Scorer/Chaperone

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
Scorer/Chaperone:						
McNeil	DeShawn	Scorer/Chaperone	Wrestling	hourly rate	Winter, 2018-2019	

Action (Consent): F. Spring, 2018-2019 Coaching

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
Coach:						
Schmidt	Paul	JV Assistant	Baseball	\$4,517.	Spring, 2018-2019	Pending Certification

Action (Consent): G. Fall, 2019-2020 Coaching

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Coaches:				Per WBTA Contract	Fall, 2019-2020	Pending Certification
Hyer	Brianne	Varsity (Head)	Cheerleading			
TBD		Varsity Assistant	Cheerleading			
Mattson	Alexandra	JV (Head)	Cheerleading			
Tinoco	Marissa	JV Assistant	Cheerleading			
Livoti	Deandra	JHS (Head)	Cheerleading			
DelloRusso	Cheryl	JHS Assistant	Cheerleading			
Rossi	Joseph	Varsity (Head)	Cross Country			
Armato	Philip	Varsity (Head)	Cross Country			
Fischer	Theresa	JHS (Head)	Cross Country			
Durbin	Andrea	Varsity (Head)	Field Hockey			
TBD		Varsity Assistant	Field Hockey			
Mauro	Kathryn	JV (Head)	Field Hockey			
Goebel	Alexa	JHS (Head)	Field Hockey			
Delaney	Kevin	Varsity (Head)	Football			
Ritacco	Albert	Varsity Assistant	Football			
Ritacco	Joseph	Varsity Assistant	Football			
Carlock	Joshua	Varsity Assistant	Football			
Torre	Andrew	JV (Head)	Football			
Holley	Ahmad	JV Assistant	Football			
Hartranft	Greg	JHS (Head)	Football			
Brown	Adam	JHS Assistant	Football			
Palumbo	Frank	JHS Assistant	Football			
Malone	Kevin	Varsity (Head)	Golf (B)			
Homan	Daniel	JV (Head)	Golf (B)			
TBD		Varsity (Head)	Gymnastics			
Ging	Frank	Varsity (Head)	Soccer (B)			
Darby	Nicholas	Varsity Assistant	Soccer (B)			
Fitzpatrick	Justin	JV (Head)	Soccer (B)			
Horstmann	Thomas	JHS (Head)	Soccer (B)			
Innes	Vincent	Varsity (Head)	Soccer (G)			
Brostowski	James	Varsity (Assistant)	Soccer (G)			
Barclay	Michelle	JV (Head)	Soccer (G)			
TBD		JHS (Head)	Soccer (G)			
Bachety	Daniel	Varsity (Head)	Swimming (G)			
Cornelia	Thomas	Dive Consultant	Swimming (G)			
Jeran	Connor	Varsity (Head)	Tennis (G)			
TBD		JV (Head)	Tennis (G)			
Bellino	Charles	JHS (Head)	Tennis (G)			
Spalma	Nicole	Varsity (Head)	Volleyball (G)			
Pugh	David	JV (Head)	Volleyball (G)			
Fedelem	Patricia	Varsity Assistant (Volunteer)	Field Hockey	-\$0.-		

Action (Consent): H. Spring 2018-2019 Student Teachers/Observers/Interns

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
Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:						Spring, 2018-2019
Davide	Taylor	Physical Education	HS			

Fitzgerald	Kaitlyn	Elementary	JFK			
Fothergill	Gregory	Elementary	TA			
Hands	Meredith	Foreign Language	JHS			
Hartmann	Sarah	Social Studies	JHS			

Action (Consent): I. 2018-2019 Per Diem Substitute Teachers

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
Per Diem Substitute Teachers:						
				\$125./day	2018-2019	
Hennessy	Kevin					
Monaghan	Megan					[cert: Music K-12]
McGann	Stacie					[cert: pending Physical Ed.] max. work 40 days
Raduazzo	Stephanie					[certs: Ch. Ed. 1-6, Literacy B-6]
Tartaro	Jamie					[cert: Ch. Ed. 1-6]
Zettwoch	Jan					[cert: Physical Ed.]

8. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 18-C-13

Action (Consent): A. LOA Request - HS

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
Barrese	Debra	Paraprofessional (hall monitor)	HS		3/1/19 - 6/30/19	Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): B. Retirement - FA

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
Jonasson	Susan	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	FA		3/29/19	Resignation to Retire

Action (Consent): C. Resignation from LOA - HS

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
Newell	Robert	Custodial Worker I	HS		3/14/19	Resignation from LOA [to remain in MMII post]

Action (Consent): D. Resignation from LOA - JH

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
Caton	Michael	Custodial Worker II	JH		3/14/19	Resignation from LOA [to remain in MMII post]

Action (Consent): E. Probationary Appt. - Trans.

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
Zatkowski	Joyce	School Bus Monitor	Trans.	Step 1/ \$17.22/hr.	3/18/19	Probationary Appt.

Action (Consent): F. Probationary Appointment - JK

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
Castelluccio	Colleen	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK	Step 1/ \$15.08/hr.	3/14/19	Probationary Appt. Emergency Conditional Appt.

Action (Consent): G. 18-19 Translator

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
Parada	Jailin	Translation Services	DW	\$50./hr	2018-2019	[up to 40 hrs.]

Action (Consent): H. 2018-2019 Per Diem Substitutes

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
Per Diem Substitutes:						
			DW	\$12./hr.	2018-2019	
Sciame	Kristen				3/13/19-6/30/19	Clerical
Jonasson	Susan				4/2/19-6/30/19	Paraprofessional

9. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Approval of 2018-2019 Bay Shore UFSD Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Bay Shore Union Free School District, to provide Health Services, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2018-2019 school year.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of 2018-2019 Smithtown Central School District Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Smithtown Central School District, to provide Health Services, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2018-2019 school year.

Action (Consent): C. Approval of 2018-2019 Hicksville UFSD Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Hicksville Union Free School District, to provide Health Services, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2018-2019 school year.

Action (Consent): D. Approval of 2018-2019 Syosset Central School District Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Syosset Central School District, to provide Health Services, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2018-2019 school year.

Action (Consent): E. Approval of 2018-2019 Uniondale UFSD Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Uniondale Union Free School District, to provide Health Services, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2018-2019 school year.

Action (Consent): F. Approval of Treasurer's Report - January 2019

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for January 2019.

Information: G. Schedule of Bills - February 14, 2019

Information: H. Schedule of Bills - February 28, 2019

Information: I. School Lunch Report - January 2019

10. CURRICULUM - (N/A)

11. FACILITIES

Action (Consent): A. Declaration of Obsolete Equipment - SHS

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares a Manitowoc ice machine and ice storage bin, located in kitchen A of the SHS, obsolete. This machine has stopped working and is beyond the capabilities of repairs.

Manitowoc Ice Machine Model # 00452A, Serial # 020962729, WB #20072478
Manitowoc Ice Bin Model #C400, Serial #951222662, WB

12. POLICY REVIEW - (N/A)

13. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: A. Senior High School Art Room Cabinet Selection: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Discussion was held regarding the selection of the Senior High School Art Room cabinets and counter tops. Sample cabinets were on display in the Board Room. The darker cabinet (Rich Honey Oak) was selected with a vertical grain. The counter tops will be black phenolic. These selections were agreed upon by all Board Trustees.

14. NEW BUSINESS - (N/A)

15. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Follow-up to Residents' Statements

None

Procedural: B. Statements of Residents re: other district items [15 minutes-limited to 3 minutes per speaker]*

The following West Babylon residents and a West Babylon SHS student made comments or read statements. Comments/statements highlights included the following:

- Ms. Rachel Scelfo, West Babylon resident, said she respectfully disagreed with the Board's policy decision and indicated she did not support the decision to hire armed guards. She indicated there was a failure of the Board to publicly disclose details. Concerns noted regarding there not being a public hearing on this topic.
- Mr. Daniel McCarthy, West Babylon resident, said he was grateful that the BOE took on this controversial topic. He felt the BOE made a conscious decision (to hire armed guards) and felt appreciative that the BOE relied on expert advice and not lay people's emotions. He shared that all are in agreement that we want to put our children on the school bus in the morning and have them come home at the end of the school day. Mr. McCarthy noted that April 20, 2019 is the 20th anniversary of Columbine - 20 years later the issue of who to protect our children is still being debated. He also stated that he had full confidence that the Board and Superintendent will come up with a good plan to protect our children. He indicated he did not need to know about the details and thanked all for doing this.
- Ms. Brianna Collora, WB SHS student, read a statement. She indicated she felt it is a smart decision to hire armed guards. She stated many SHS students are in support of this decision, but the students' opinions are being overlooked. Ms. Collora emphasized that schools are supposed to be one of the safest places and she felt the youth is not as protected in schools as people are in courtrooms or in airports. She noted everyone has gone through some type of security at a concert or at a public event and celebrities and politicians have security protection. Ms. Collora indicated after Columbine, after Sandy Hook, after just 1 death, we should have fixed this. She shared that WB has the opportunity to be proactive, fix this here and come together to protect our teachers, students and schools.
- Ms. Maryann Pineda, West Babylon resident, stated there was a "lack of transparency". She emphasized the topic should have been open for a public vote.
- Ms. Amanda Ferguson, West Babylon resident, stated she did not support armed guards. She is concerned with risk vs. human error. She also noted concerns regarding the weather/activities canceled robocall.
- Ms. Leslie Cozzi, West Babylon resident, stated she understood this was not an easy or quick decision and thanked the BOE for dealing with it. Community support is important; no answer will fix everything. Armed guards is just one component of the multifaceted issue. All the components WB is thinking of - mental health, additional social worker, guidance counselor, etc. are a start. Also, in relation to Parkland and the armed guard running from the scene - that was one incident - in general if a law enforcement officer/guard signs on for this type of job, especially a retired person, most likely he or she will be committed to the safety of our children. Ms. Cozzi said thank you for looking out for our children.
- Mr. Chris Bilello, West Babylon resident, thanked the Board and superintendent for making this tough decision. Mr. Bilello indicated we elected a Board and sometimes that Board has to make a decision which is right, but not popular. In the incidents mentioned tonight - Columbine, Lancaster, Virginia Tech, Newtown, Parkland, the shooting stopped when someone entered the building. Mr. Bilello indicated he would like to applaud the BOE for not waiting until Albany makes a decision. He stated this is a learning experience and shared it is important to look at the history of these other incidents and learn from those situations. Mr. Bilello thanked the BOE for doing so.
- Mr. Jay McGraw, West Babylon resident, thanked everyone for taking the time and the diligence to make this decision. Mr. McGraw indicated he supports it 100 percent and noted if it wasn't done now, and an incident occurred in WB, the community would be in an uproar over nothing being done and nothing being put in place. Mr. McGraw emphasized we can't say this won't happen here in WB... we live in a different world now... just have to hope it doesn't. He again thanked the Board.
- Mr. Richard Camarda shared he is undecided as to whether this is a good thing or not, but puts his trust in the process that the BOE and Superintendent went through - particularly the issue of "Rules of Engagement" and the technical aspects of the decision discussed by the Superintendent. Mr. Camarda thanked the Board and would like the policies that are to be developed placed on the website.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn Meeting (Should take place by 10:00 PM)

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:45 PM

Motion by Peter Scarlatos, second by Jennifer Wandasiewicz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Dennis Kranz, Peter Scarlatos, Ray Downey, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Attested to: _____
District Clerk