

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL  
TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2020**

**A SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, was held on Thursday, March 19, 2020.**

**Board of Education Members participants**

**Trustees:** Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Ray Downey, John Evola, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, and Jennifer Wandasiewicz. Board Second Vice President Peter Scarlatos was not available to participate.

**Also present**

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools.

**1. OPENING OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING – 7:00 PM**

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

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

**2. PUBLIC SESSION – 7:00 PM**

**A. Statement of the Board and/or Superintendent**

**Dr. Farrelly shared the following: Tonight’s teleconference meeting was for informational purposes. No Board of Education decision making, no vote, and no action would be taking place. Dr. Farrelly had conferred with the district’s school attorney, William Morrell, Esq., with regards to appropriate procedures relating to this meeting. Minutes of the meeting would be taken.**

**The following topics/updates were reviewed:**

**1. Breakfast/Lunch Program**

**The program started today-March 19<sup>th</sup>. It will run from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday. 250 bags were prepared and 53 were served/picked up. The**

process went smoothly. The focus is on free and reduced students, but no student will be turned away. Breakfast consisted of cereal, milk and yogurt. Lunch included a sandwich, fruit and a salad. Precautionary measures were taken – three people were positioned outside (wearing gloves) and the food bags were placed on the outside table. Each family arriving can step out of their car and pick up a bag for each child. A school administrator will be assisting every day.

## **2. Cleaning of Buildings**

The company called “SERVPRO” a local business, 548 Sunrise Highway, Suite 3, West Babylon, NY, was assigned the cleaning contract. All buildings are completely shut down. Materials used for cleaning are in accordance with the state’s allowable list. The cleaning schedule is as follows:

- a. Santapogue-today, Thursday, 3/19/20
- b. Forest Ave.-Friday, 3/20/20
- c. Tooker Ave.-Monday, 3/23/20
- d. South Bay-Tuesday, 3/24/20
- e. JFK-Wednesday, 3/25/20
- f. SHS-Thursday/Friday, 3/26/20 & 3/27/20
- g. JHS-Monday/Tuesday, 3/30/20 & 3/31/20

## **3. Childcare Mandate**

Per the NYS Governor’s Executive Order, childcare is to be provided for healthcare providers and first responders. West Babylon School District will partner with SCOPE and the Babylon School District. Dr. Farrelly sent an informational letter, via school messenger, to advise parents/guardians of the availability of the program. One issue is the cost of the child care. It was suggested to amend the district’s SCOPE service fee to cover the costs for appropriate community healthcare providers and first responder residents.

## **4. Instructional Updates**

- a. Required reports/surveys have been submitted: Suffolk County, BOCES, NY State

- b. District website- All instructional packets created by teachers have been posted. Hard copy packets were printed and mailed home to students.
- c. NYS Grades 3-8 Assessments are cancelled for now; SATs cancelled until further notice; AP courses – waiting for guidance.
- d. Next week – 3/23/20 to 3/27/20 focus will be on instructional plans for beyond the April 1<sup>st</sup> closure; student grades; survey re: student accessibility to Chromebooks and the internet will be sent; scheduling video conference calls with principals – SMT.

5. Payroll

All contractual/hourly employees will receive pay. Possible BOE resolution for April meeting to authorize the Superintendent to pay those not covered.

6. Calendar Changes

Not known at this time – information will be provided when available.

7. 2020-2021 Budget Vote and Trustee Election

No information available at this time.

8. Planning Upcoming Telephone Calls/Conferences

Dr. Farrelly is a member of the SCSSA Executive Board. She has daily phone conferences or email communications with the following groups: WB Central Administrators; County Dept. of Health; Suffolk Superintendents of Schools and County officials.

Email updates will be provided to BOE and SMT (Superintendent’s Management Team); daily conference calls will take place with Central Administration; frequent conference calls will take place with principals; ongoing, as necessary, regularly scheduled conference calls with Dept. of Health, County Legislator and Executives as needed.

9. April 7, 2020 Board of Education Meeting

The status of the meeting is pending. If school remains closed there will be an online video teleconference meeting. There will be no public statements. Minutes will be taken. Public notification will be posted.

3. ADJOURNMENT - 7:59 PM