

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING-VIDEO CONFERENCE OF APRIL 7, 2020

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, April 7, 2020 through Zoom.com-Meeting ID# 114 783 668.

Board of Education Members present

Trustees: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, Raymond Downey, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, and Jennifer Wandasiewicz. Trustee John Evola was not able to participate.

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; William C. Morrell, Esq., School Attorney; and Ms. Barbara A. Burrows, District Clerk. There were approx 16 residents who logged in to the meeting .

1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-6:30 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 a personnel legal matter.

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Peter Scarlatos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, Ray Downey, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:00 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): 3/10/20; 3/19/20; 3/30/20

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the following Meetings: Regular Meeting-3/10/20; Special Teleconference Meeting-3/19/20; Special Video Conference Meeting-3/30/20

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Peter Scarlatos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, Ray Downey, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

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

Dr. Farrelly opened the video conference meeting and asked all to share in a moment of silence for all those lost during these past few weeks.

Dr. Farrelly continued on to share the following:

"I hope you and your family are healthy. My deepest condolences to families who have lost loved ones. Please know that you are in our thoughts. Please I ask for a moment of silence for all who have lost their lives as a result of coronavirus. Thank you.

At this time I would like to provide several updates regarding our closure.

Closure/Distance Learning: The COVID-19 crisis has certainly created a paradigm shift in all aspects of daily living...including public education. We have moved from classroom instruction to distance learning without warning or ample opportunity for appropriate preparation, training, and experimentation. Despite these obstacles, our teachers and administrators are all working diligently to learn and simultaneously implement as we move along. Our students and parents are also learning and quickly engaging in this new system. As a West Babylon family, we are all working together to support one another throughout these unprecedented times.

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo extended school closures until April 28th. As such, our teachers will continue utilizing our distance learning platform (Google Classroom, Google Hangout, etc.) until we are cleared to return to our school buildings. Curricular expectations have been shared and posted online. We continue to allow every teacher to use their own professional judgment and instructional determinations as to what is best to help students find success with the curriculum. They will guide your students with this process and be available to assist as they always have. Some teachers are using live video conferencing (Google Hangouts) to achieve this connection with students. Other teachers have used elements of Google Classroom, email (noting specific time frames to be available for immediate support/response), pre-recorded videos, and phone calls (with the use of *67 to block caller ID) to make connections with students and/or parents. Please be patient with our teachers and administrators as most of us are learning these new live virtual platforms. Huge thank you to Mr. Payne for working with our building administrators to spearhead our distance learning. Also, thank you to Mrs. Nocerino, ITS, security department and all involved with the distribution of computers to almost 800 families in West Babylon.

State Assessments: The Board of Regents and Department have canceled 3-8 assessments as well as the June 2020 administration of the NYS High School Regents Exams. A few minutes ago, the Department has announced modifications to the requirements that students must meet in order to earn high school diplomas, credentials, and endorsements. These modifications apply to all students enrolled in grades 7-12 during the 2019-20 school year who were intending to participate in one or more of the June 2020 Regents Examinations. Information relating to graduation requirements will be sent to our secondary families and students.

Grades: The third quarter grades for the secondary level have been determined based on a close date of March 13th (which was the last day students were present in school). In the next few days, we will be meeting to determine grading policies for the 4th quarter (grades 6-12) and 3rd Trimester (grades K-5). Once determined, this information will be shared by your building principal.

WB Budget Vote and Trustee Election have been postponed until at least June 1st. Accordingly, due to this postponement, customary deadlines will also move at least two weeks and could be adjusted in other ways by Governor's Executive Order. We are not

conducting a budget presentation tonight because there are several unknown factors at this time. Of crucial importance is that the state budget includes a mechanism authorizing the Governor's Budget Director to adjust - to cut - most state-local spending that includes school aid, in the event that state revenues come in more than 1% below projections or if expenditures are more than 1% above projections. Since the income tax deadline has been extended from April 15 to July 15, we could see our first state aid reductions impacting the 2019-20 school year. Please be aware our district receives approximately \$35 million in state aid (this equates to 29% of our total budget) as a result budget adjustments may be necessary. Our next 2020-21 budget presentation will be done on April 28th. This will allow us time to make necessary budget adjustments based on information we receive up until that day. If the budget and trustee election occurs during the first week of June, we will likely have a budget hearing and adopt our budget on May 5th.

Playgrounds/School Grounds and Buildings continue to be closed.

All construction has been stopped throughout the district.

Breakfast and Lunch Distribution continues at the JHS. Thank you to Mrs. Frabizio, Mrs. Psarakis, our lunch department, and all others involved in the distribution.

End of Year Celebrations: We understand and recognize that our students, staff, and families are also worried about not having our wonderful end of year celebrations - graduation ceremonies, prom and Blue and Gold - just to name a few examples. Please know that once we return to our school buildings and social distancing directives are no longer in effect, we will do our best to reschedule special events for our students and families.

And last, as an FYI, tomorrow evening, if the technology works in our favor, SCPD Commissioner Hart and I will be doing a joint robocall to our community members urging everyone to adhere to the social distancing and other directives being given to safeguard everyone. In closing, I would also like to thank all of our first responders, including our healthcare workers, who are working on behalf of our community. No further statements Ms. Campasano."

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Information: A. 2020-2021 WS BOCES Budget Vote & Trustees Election Information

Please Note:

2020-2021 BOCES Budget Vote and BOCES Board Trustees Election:

April 28, 2019 -- 7:00 PM -- Administration Building

Tenga en Cuenta:

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

Abril 28, 2020 -- 7:00 PM -- Edificio de Administración

Dr. Farrelly said on April 28th, the Western Suffolk BOCES Budget Vote and Trustee Election will still take place as scheduled due to the fact that all participating 18 school districts are required to hold a Board of Education meeting on April 28th - to coincide with the WS BOCES Budget Vote and Trustee Election - which is standard procedure. The Budget Vote and Trustee Election is approved by resolution on each school district's April 28th BOE meeting agenda.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Diane Klein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, Ray Downey, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION (N/A)

6. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 19-A (N/A)

7. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 19-P-15

Action (Consent): A. Retirement - JK

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
Poio	Josephine	Elementary Teacher	JK		6/30/20	Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/20]

8. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 19-C-15

Action (Consent): A. 2019-2020 Guards

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCI
Per Diem Substitute Guard/School Resource Officer:				\$18./hr. (Security Guard)	2019-2020	
				\$27.50/hr. (School Resource Officer)		
O'Sullivan	Kevin				3/16/20-6/30/20	[from
Permanent Guard/Resource School Officer:				\$18./hr. (Security Guard)	2019-2020	
				\$27.50./hr. (School Resource Officer)		
Gamrat	Keith				3/16/20	[from

9. FINANCE**Action (Consent): A. Acceptance of Donation - High School**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$700, from the Suffolk County First Precinct Explorer Post 555. The donation is in appreciation for the use of the High School facilities in which a fundraiser was held for the Post. A portion of the proceeds was held aside to benefit after school programs at the High School. This donation will be placed in the High School Trust and Agency account.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of Treasurer's Report for January 2020

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2020.

Action (Consent): C. Approval of 2019-2020 Deer Park UFSD Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Deer Park Union Free School District to provide Health Services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2019-2020 school year.

Action (Consent): D. Use of Fund Balance Approval

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby authorizes a transfer of \$200,000.00 from 2019-2020 Fund Balance due to new entrants for 2019-2020 and increased special needs of current students as follows:

Account Code	Account Description	Amount
A2250.4700	Special Education Tuition	\$100,000.00
A2250.4490	Special Education Professional Services	\$100,000.00

Action (Consent): E. Approval of Budget Transfer

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A9060.8000	Health Insurance	\$300,000.00	
A9040.8000	Workers Compensation		\$300,000.00
	Workers Compensation Claims		

Action (Consent): F. Approval of Budget Transfer

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A2110.4700	Foster Tuition	\$100,000.00	
A2250.4700	Special Education Tuition		\$100,000.00
	2019-2020 New Entrants		

Action (Consent): G. Approval of Budget Transfer

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A1680.4900	BOCES Central Data Processing	\$250,000.00	
A2630.4900	BOCES Computer Assisted Instruction		\$250,000.00
	Increases to Technology CoSers for remainder of 2019-2020 school year		

Information: H. Schedule of Bills-March 11, 2020**Information: I. School Lunch Report-January 2020****Information: J. School Lunch Report-February 2020****10. CURRICULUM (N/A)****11. FACILITIES (N/A)****12. POLICY REVIEW (N/A)****13. OLD BUSINESS (N/A)****14. NEW BUSINESS (N/A)****15. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS****Procedural: A. Statements of Residents: Public Statements will be taken using the Chat feature of Zoom.**

Ms. Sherry McKitrick, a West Babylon resident, participated and raised a question as to whether the school district budget would be over the 2% cap. Dr. Farrelly said the 2020-2021 school district budget will be within the tax cap levy. If there are state aid reductions, necessary adjustments will need to be made within our budget.

Mrs. Toni Anne Alvino, a West Babylon resident, acknowledged everyone for their hard work during these times. Dr. Farrelly thanked Mrs. Alvino for her comment.

16. ADJOURNMENT**Action: A. Adjourn Meeting (Should take place by 10:00 PM)****Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:19PM**

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Peter Scarlatos.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, Ray Downey, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Attest: _____
District Clerk