

## MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING-VIDEO CONFERENCE OF DECEMBER 23, 2020

**A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, was held on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 through Zoom.com-Meeting ID# 937 8605 0189.**

### **Board of Education Members present**

**Trustees:** Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, Matthew Amore, Raymond Downey, Diane Klein, Christopher Paolillo, and Jennifer Wandasiewicz. Trustee John Evola was not present.

### **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 approximately 67 people logged into the meeting.

### **1. OPENING OF MEETING-7:02 PM**

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

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

**Procedural: C. No Executive Session**

### **2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:02 PM**

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

Dr. Farrelly welcomed all to the meeting. She shared that this Special Board Meeting was called by the Board of Education trustees to discuss the reinstatement of Winter Sports - specifically Track and Bowling. As we know, during previous BOE meetings, we discussed that our school district and others may lose 20% of their aid. As a result, we all agreed to place a hold on all expenditures for now.

#### **Discussion: B. Discussion: To Proceed with Reinstatement of NY State Allowed Athletics-Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools**

Board President Lucy Campasano opened the discussion by saying none of the Board trustees wants to make cuts in anticipation of the 20% reduction in state aid. She would like to reinstate track and bowling immediately. Also, she would like to reinstate sports clubs, art and music clubs, honor societies, etc. She would like to "take a leap of faith" which will benefit the students and take a wait and see attitude regarding state aid.

Discussion took place as to how to proceed with the reinstatement of NY State allowed athletics. In particular, the focus would be on Winter Sports - Track and Bowling since these two are time sensitive programs.

The following points were made:

1. The district can move forward and if cuts are required, based on the Governor's decision, the reinstatement of programs can be amended.
2. Students need to be able to participate in extra-curricular activities.
3. The "hold" on extra-curricular activities was approved at the November 10, 2020 meeting to avoid the district potentially being in future fiscal distress.
4. This is a time sensitive commitment issue because participating students/the districts must "sign up" with Section XI before the end of the year.
5. The shortened season will reduce the dollar amount of the stipends. The Board recommended the stipends be prorated based on the reduced timeframe of the seasons.
6. Preliminary discussions with potential staff members who may be effected by the state aid cuts have begun. The reinstatement of extra-curricular activities will not result in any staff personnel reductions.
7. The purpose of tonight's Special Meeting was to discuss two specific sports. However, deadlines for student participation in other sports are approaching.
8. The district has to educate our students first and also consider the "needs and wants" list relative to everything else.

Dr. Farrelly shared that no one wants these reductions. We, as a district, must be fiscally responsible and proceed with caution. The West Babylon School District relies heavily on state aid. The continuation of expenditures potentially puts the district in a difficult financial position.

Upon completion of the discussion, it was agreed, by the Board of Education, to move forward with all expenditures.

Board President Lucy Campasano called for a motion to move forward with all expenditures.

#### **Motion to Approve to move forward with all expenditures as discussed at the 12/23/20 Special Board of Education Meeting.**

Motion by Peter Scarlatos, second by Cathy Gismervik.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

### 3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

**Procedural: A. No report.**

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

**Action (Consent): A. Approval of the Consent Agenda Item as revised by Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda item as revised by Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. The stipends are revised to reflect two thirds stipend prorate.**

Motion by Peter Scarlatos, second by Christopher Paolillo.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

### 5. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 20-P-13

**Action (Consent): A. 2020-2021 Winter Coaching**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda item as revised by Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. The stipends are revised to reflect two thirds stipend prorate.**

**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>Coaches:</b>						Winter, 2020-2021
Ging	Frank	Varsity Head	Winter Track (B)	\$5,674./prorated		Pending Certifications/Student Participation
Rossi	Joseph	Varsity Asst.	Winter Track (B)	\$4,653./prorated		
Armato	Philip	Varsity Head	Winter Track (G)	\$5,674./prorated		
Darby	Nicholas	Varsity Asst.	Winter Track (G)	\$4,653./prorated		
Riviezzo	Francis	Varsity Head	Bowling (B)	\$5,674./prorated		
DeLapi	Nicholas	Varsity Head	Bowling (G)	\$5,674./prorated		

### 6. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

**Procedural: A. Statements of Residents: Public Statements will be taken using the Chat feature of Zoom**

No statements were taken at this time. Board President Campasano asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

### 7. ADJOURNMENT

**Prior to adjourning the meeting, Board President Lucy Campasano wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy Holidays to all.**

**Action: A. Adjourn Meeting (Should take place by 9:00 PM)**

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:42 PM.**

Motion by Peter Scarlatos, second by Cathy Gismervik.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

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