

## MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION VIDEO TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2021

**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, January 26, 2021 through Zoom.com-Meeting ID#942 5466 1358.**

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

**Trustees:** Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, John Evola, Diane Klein, Christopher Paolillo, and Jennifer Wandasiewicz. Board 2nd Vice President Peter Scarlatos 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 63 people logged into the meeting.

## **1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-7:00 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 2021 SCOPE awards nominations.**

Motion by Diane Klein, second by John Evola.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

## **2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:00 PM**

**Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Video Conference Meeting of 1/12/21.**

**Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Video Conference Meeting of 1/12/21.**

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by John Evola.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

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

Dr. Farrelly welcomed all to the meeting. She shared that prior to tonight's Board meeting, Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, and Mr. Edwin Salas, Director of School Safety, held a public hearing on the district's pandemic plans relating to the District-wide Safety Plan. The 30 day public comment information is posted on the district website for the time period of 1/27/21 through 3/1/21 (more than 30 days). Questions, comments and/or concerns can be emailed directly to Mr. Hanley or Mr. Salas.

With regards to our Class of 2021 Seniors, Dr. Farrelly referred parents/guardians to watch for an email from Mr. O'Leary, SHS principal, relating to information about upcoming events focused on our wonderful seniors. Dr. Farrelly shared that all are very excited about upcoming events.

This week, January 25th through January 29th is Buildings and Grounds as well as Security Personnel Employee Recognition Week. On behalf of the Board and the Administration team, Dr. Farrelly thanked these employees for being beyond flexible and for working with the administrative staff to develop new systems to ensure our facilities are safe for all staff, faculty and students.

The week of February 1st to February 5th is School Guidance Counselor Employee Recognition Week. Dr. Farrelly shared that this is another group of our faculty team who continue to work tirelessly with students...students who may be struggling academically, socially, or emotionally, conducting individual or group sessions with them to provide support. Dr. Farrelly thanked the counselors for providing all the resources to the district's families on countless topics and being there for our students.

Dr. Farrelly shared that our administration team has been meeting to discuss various after school co-curricular programs we would like to reinstate in a safe manner. As an example, we are exploring how we can have either a drama or a musical production at the end of the year that we would be able to coordinate using all our safety protocols and stream live for the families and our community to enjoy. The SHS admin team is also working on a Blue & Gold event for our seniors to participate in, on a smaller scale and in a safe manner which also would be streamed live for all to enjoy. Under consideration is also a number of other co-curricular programs for both the JHS and SHS. As these evolve, we will share details with our families and students.

Regarding vaccine updates - if Dr. Farrelly is able to, she will coordinate this for our employees. Dr. Farrelly shared that the West Babylon School District is 1 out of 19 school districts that have contracted with Suffolk County to be a Point of Distribution ("POD") for the vaccine when it becomes available. If the state and the county receives more vaccines and current PODs don't have the capacity to distribute the vaccines, the local 19 school districts have agreed to participate in the distribution program.

Regarding quarantine overview - Dr. Farrelly shared that students and employees are required to quarantine if they are deemed to be close contacts of someone who tested positive. This means they were within 6 feet of the person that tested positive for more than 15 minutes (the time does not need to be consecutive). In older grades, students do not move around as much; therefore, that keeps the number of students that need to quarantine pretty small (sometimes none). In the primary elementary grades, in particular, students do move around (with masks). Those students are in small instructional groups so that is why some elementary classes continue to need to quarantine...because they interact with one another throughout the 6 plus hour day, within the one classroom.

Dr. Farrelly shared that out of approximately 3700 students approximately 135 have tested positive this school year. With 900 employees, 67 individuals have tested positive. As a reminder, Dr. Farrelly asked if anyone is waiting for a COVID-19 testing result, either employee or student, they cannot come to school while they wait to hear the results.

Under the agenda "Old Business" section, Mr. William Doran, Music Chairperson Grades K-12, will address any follow-up questions regarding the music program presentation.

Under the agenda "Policy" section, Dr. Farrelly said the second group of "Governance" policies, which were sent to the Board prior to the December break for a general review, have been added to the agenda.

**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. Discussion: 2021-2022 Budget Draft #1 Development: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations**

Dr. Farrelly introduced Mrs. Psarakis who provided an overview relating to the 2021-2022 Budget Draft #1 Development. Mrs. Psarakis is cautiously optimistic about the state aid. The Governor's office indicated that state revenues were higher than expected; therefore, we will not see the 20% aid cuts originally projected. The executive budget is based on the state receiving \$6 billion from the federal government, but the Governor is hopeful that NYS will receive \$15 million. It is important to note that the federal government has not voted on the \$1.9 trillion stimulus package which includes the aid to school. School aid can be reduced if NYS receives less than the \$6 billion projected. Part of the increase in our state aid relates to an increase in our building aid as our capital projects finish up. Mrs. Psarakis reviewed some of the district's approximate \$1.6 million in expenses relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the research work of Mrs. Jeannette Frabizio, our School Lunch Manager, certain expenses relating to the breakfast and lunch mandates are being reimbursed by the State under different waivers, for example - the Summer Feeding Program. A FEMA claim has been filed for reimbursement of PPE; however, FEMA has now indicated they will not reimburse COVID expenses related to the opening of schools. Mrs. Psarakis will provide a formal presentation of the 21-22 Budget Draft #1 at the February 9th Board meeting.

**Presentation: B. Curriculum & Instruction Update: Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction**

Dr. Farrelly introduced Mr. Payne to share the Instructional Summary of Community Surveys sent to stakeholders. The survey was conducted between November and December 2020 during a time frame where the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the learning process. Mr. Payne reviewed questions that covered K-12 curriculum based topics. Overall, the representation of survey participants was high. Participation was as follows: K-12 Teachers - 279; K-12 Students - 1,550; K-12 Parents - 423; and Administrators - 18 Building and Central Administrators. Mr. Payne provided a general overview of the survey results. Several topics were identified for our schools to work on. They included: increasing classroom walkthroughs, administrative communication to teachers about instruction, and clarity of classroom learning targets. The survey results will be posted to the website.

**Information: C. Athletics High Risk Sports Updates: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools**

Per Dr. Farrelly - The Governor gave the green light on the reinstatement of high contact sports this weekend. He indicated the local DOH would need to give the "OK" to proceed and establish safety protocols to do so at the local level. The County Executive just held a press conference yesterday. Here are the major takeaways - local school districts may decide to proceed with high contact sports (basketball and wrestling) with the following in place:

- Student-athletes will need weekly COVID testing. I am sure meetings will be scheduled soon with the county, DOH, and superintendents to discuss the logistics.
- Daily temperature checks
- Masks worn
- Daily screening questionnaire
- Student Pledge
- Social Distancing and outdoors when possible

The season begins next week - Feb 1st for four weeks. Last year, we had about 75 students combined participate in basketball and wrestling. Our admin team met yesterday and today as we would need to quickly coordinate a lot of details. Location (our gym is currently being used as a classroom) and transportation. Weekly COVID testing is required. The COVID tests would be provided to the district by the county. All other logistics would need to be coordinated by us. Dr. Farrelly said "Please know, I do not disagree that our students need co-curricular programs to start back up again. As I shared in my earlier statement, we are planning to reinstate some co-curricular programs in music and other areas - virtually and in person throughout this semester - live streaming it for our families and community to watch. Our track and bowling teams have been successfully practicing and competing, safely and enjoying it! SO I certainly do not disagree with slowly starting to provide these additional opportunities for our students. Quite honestly, I would be remiss if I didn't say...I have concerns about wrestling... regarding safety...lack of social distancing in wrestling...regarding the timing..., but we will work to figure things out as we always do to provide our students this opportunity to participate. Of course, if the Board gives me the green light, our admin team will quickly put together the necessary plans to ensure we follow all the local and state requirements and offer these opportunities to our student athletes." Dr. Farrelly continued saying...I would like to ask the Board for your input on how to proceed with these high contact sports - specifically basketball and wrestling. If we move in the direction of having these sports, I will add, to tonight's agenda, my coaching recommendations. A lengthy discussion took place and the Board was in agreement to move forward with the reinstatement of the high risk sports program. The coaching recommendations were added to tonight's agenda for approval and Mr. Hanley read the list of the recommendations out loud.

**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 Christopher Paolillo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

**5. BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Action (Consent): A. Approval of Addendum to 2020-2021 DaVinci Education & Research LLC Contract**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Addendum to the existing contract for Assistive Technology-DaVinci Education & Research, relating to assistive technology services, for West Babylon School District resident special education students, during the 2020-2021 school year.

**6. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 20-A (N/A)**

**7. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 20-P-15**

**Action (Consent): A. Leave of Absence Request - SA**

**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
Logiudice	Rebecca	Reading	SA		1/29/21-6/30/21	Leave of Absence

**Action (Consent): B. Leave of Absence Request - 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
Lambert	Christine	Reading	TA		2/5/21-6/30/21	Leave of Absence

**Action (Consent): C. 2020-2021 Regular Substitute Appointment - JK**

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Kargauer	Lori	Regular Substitute/ Elementary	JK	Step A-5-1/ \$59,688. (prorate)	Second Semester, 2020-2021 or earlier at district's discretion	[certs: SWD 1-6, Ch. Ed. 1-6]

**Action (Consent): D. 2020-2021 Regular Substitute Appointment - SA**

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Heaton	Jennifer	Regular Substitute/ Reading	SA	Step A-5-1/ \$59,688. (prorate)	Second Semester, 2020-2021 or earlier at district's discretion	[certs: ECE B-2, Ch. Ed. 1-6, SWD

**Action (Consent): E. 2020-2021 Regular Substitute Appointment - JK**

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Castelli	Jacqueline	Regular Substitute/ Elementary	JK	Step A-5-1/ (prorate)	Second Semester, 2020-2021 or earlier at district's discretion	[certs: Ch. Ed. 1-6, SWD 1-6, ESL]

**Action (Consent): F. 2020-2021 Grant Funded Appointment - 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
<b>Grant-Funded Appointment:</b>						
Hixson	Anya	Teaching Assistant	HS	Step TA-3-1 \$34,910. (prorate)	1/27/21-6/30/21, or sooner at district's discretion	[cert: pending 7-12 Ma

**Action (Consent): G. Tenure Recommendation**

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

**Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional personnel who has successfully completed his/her annual review is appointed to tenure as listed below:**

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Tinoco	Marissa		Speech		2/12/21	Tenure

**Action (Consent): H. COVID Test Training - Registered Nurses**

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<b>COVID Test Training:</b>						
Carey	Janet	Registered Nurse	Admin.	\$32.97/hr.	12/22/20	up to 2 hrs.
Daly	Adair	"		\$40.66/hr.		"
Giudice	Rosemarie	"		\$32.97/hr.		"
Undari-Schwartz	Samantha	"		\$32.97/hr.		"
Weisbecker	Roberta	"		\$67.77/hr.		"

**Action (Consent): I. 2020-2021 Drivers' Education Appointment**

**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>PT/Drivers' Education Teacher:</b>				\$1,751./section	2020-2021	[16 classes/section/\$109.44/class]
Maloney	Brian					[cert: Driver & Traffic Safety Education]

**Action (Consent): J. 2020-2021 Winter 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
<b>Coaches:</b>					Winter, 2020-2021	Pending Certifications/Student Participation
Holley	Ahmad	Varsity Head	Basketball (B)	\$7,847. (prorated)		
Lynch	Timothy	Varsity Assistant	Basketball (B)	\$6,435. (prorated)		
Sandoval	Marcelo	JV Head	Basketball (B)	\$6,416. (prorated)		
Langella	Ronald	Varsity Head	Basketball (G)	\$7,847. (prorated)		
Bachety	Daniel	Varsity Assistant	Basketball (G)	\$6,435. (prorated)		
Schmidt	Paula	JV Head	Basketball (G)	\$6,416. (prorated)		
Hyer	Brianne	Varsity Head	Cheerleading	\$5,674. (prorated)		
Schlitt	Elizabeth	Varsity Assistant	Cheerleading	\$4,653. (prorated)		
Woisin	Robyn	Varsity Assistant (Volunteer)	Cheerleading	\$-0.-		
Mattson	Alexandra	JV Head	Cheerleading	\$4,560. (prorated)		
Medina	Israel	Varsity Head	Wrestling	\$7,847. (prorated)		
Dent	Brendan	Varsity Assistant	Wrestling	\$6,435. (prorated)		
McNeil	DeShawn	Varsity Assistant (Volunteer)	Wrestling	\$-0-		
John	Jermaine	JV Head	Wrestling	\$6,416. (prorated)		

**Action (Consent): K. Winter, 2020-2021 Volunteer Coach**

**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>Volunteer Coach:</b>					Winter, 2020-2021	
Rossi	Joseph	Varsity Assistant	Winter Track (B)	\$-0.-		Pending Certifications

**Action (Consent): L. 2020-2021 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
<b>Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:</b>					Spring, 2020-2021	
Humphreys	Jared	Mathematics	JH			
Konopa	Kaya	Special Ed./English	HS			

**Action (Consent): M. 2020-2021 Per Diem Substitute Teacher**

**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>Per Diem Substitute Teacher:</b>			DW		2020-2021	
				\$125./day		
				\$62.50/day		[half-day]
Consalazio	Genna					[cert: Ch. Ed. 1-6]

**8. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 20-C-12**

**Action (Consent): A. Leave of Absence Request - 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
Smith	Francine	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	TA		1/4/21-6/30/21	Leave of Absence

**Action (Consent): B. Leave of Absence Request - 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
Fothergill	Gregory	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA		1/18/21-6/30/21	Leave of Absence

**Action (Consent): C. Leave of Absence Returnee - 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
Watnick	Elaina	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	HS		1/12/21	Returned from LOA

**Action (Consent): D. Resignations - SA/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
Kanakis	Andrea	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SA		1/20/21	Resignation
Tonner	Carol	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	JK		1/20/21	Resignation
Tighe	Kerry	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SA		1/22/21	Resignation
Lisi	Dina	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK		1/25/21	Resignation

**Action (Consent): E. Retirement - Trans.****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
Lathbury	Florence	School Bus Driver	Trans.		1/26/21	Resignation to Retire

**9. FINANCE****Action (Consent): A. Approval of 2021-2022 Edgewater Consulting , LLC Agreement****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Edgewater Consulting, LLC to provide support and professional development related to claiming State Aid for students with disabilities, non-resident billings and tuition rates for approved summer special education programs in accordance with State reporting requirements. This Agreement shall be in effect from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.**Action (Consent): B. Approval of Treasurer's Report - December 2020****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of December, 2020.**Information: C. Schedule of Bills - January 21, 2021****10. CURRICULUM****Action (Consent): A. JHS Charter Club 2020-2021 Yearbook Club****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following for the 2020-2021 school year:

JHS Yearbook Club

Faculty Advisor: Greg Hartranft

President: Lindsey Kutchens

Treasurer: Shayna Juimo-Kamga

**11. FACILITIES****Action (Consent): A. Extension of Bid Award No. 17/18-14 Commercial Boiler Maintenance & Service****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the district to piggyback on Smithtown CSD Bid No. 17/18-14, for maintenance and service of the commercial boilers throughout the District, with Island Industrial Boiler for the period January 10, 2021 through January 9, 2022.**12. POLICY REVIEW****Action: A. First Time Reading: Policy 8653; 8653-R; 8653-E Information and Data Privacy, Security, Breach and Notification; Regulation; and Exhibit****Motion to waive reading and move Policies 8653; 8653-R; and 8653-E to Second Time Discussion.**

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Diane Klein.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

**Action: B. Second Time Discussion: Policy 4511-Textbook Selection and Adoption****Motion to waive reading and move Policy 4511 to Third Time Adoption.**

Motion by Diane Klein, second by John Evola.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

**Action: C. "Governance" Policies for Review:**

11. Policy 2220 – Board Officers
12. Policy 2230 – Appointed Board Officials
13. Policy 2260 – Advisory Committees to the Board
14. Policy 2270 – School Attorney
15. Policy 2310 – Regular Board Meetings
16. Policy 2320 – Special Meetings
17. Policy 2330 – Executive Sessions
18. Policy 2340 – Notice of Meetings
19. Policy 2340-R – Notice of Meetings (Administrative Regulations)
20. Policy 2342 – Agenda Preparation and Dissemination

**Motion to approve to continue to follow these policies as written.**

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by Matthew Amore.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

**Action: D. "Governance" Policies for Review:**

21. Policy 2350 – Agenda Format
22. Policy 2352 – Rules of Order
23. Policy 2360 – Minutes
24. Policy 2382 – Broadcasting and Taping of Board Meetings
25. Policy 2410 – Policy Development, Adoption, Implementation and Review
26. Policy 2510 – New Board Member Orientation
27. Policy 2521 – School Board Conferences, Conventions, Workshops

**Motion to approve to continue to follow these policies as written.**

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by John Evola.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

**13. OLD BUSINESS**

**Presentation: A. Follow-Up to 12/8/20 K-12 Music Program Evaluation: Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Mr. William Doran, K-12 Music Chairperson**

Mr. Doran provided clarification for some of the issues that were brought up during the 12/8/20 music program evaluation.

K-5 Music: A recent survey indicates that many districts in our region offer 4th or 5th grade chorus as part of a music teacher's teaching schedule while many also offer it before and after school as a class. Some schools, including West Babylon, offer it as an after-school club. Other districts also offer it after school as we do. To date, Mr. Doran noted that it has been difficult getting our music teachers to accept this paid stipend. It was suggested that we look for ways to offer chorus in a different way or see if other teachers would be interested in being the club advisor. Mr. Doran will work with Administration to find viable options for 2021-22 and beyond.

4-5 Instrumental Music: Although the staff/student ratio has remained consistent during declining enrollment, Mr. Doran felt that more teachers were needed to teach specific lessons for all instruments. Mr. Doran will work with Administration to determine if a reallocation of staff is possible to ensure we are maximizing the instructional benefit for all music programs. It was noted that a restructuring plan for 2021-2022 will be developed to overcome the greater challenges we faced due to COVID-19 this year.

HS Music: We have several large instruments (tubas, baritone horns, bari and tenor saxophones, cellos, basses) that were purchased 4 or more decades ago that have stood the test of time, but are no longer playable by students. Mr. Doran will develop a plan to gradually replace or refurbish these instruments, as well as looking for additional funding for additional school instruments for families in need.

**14. NEW BUSINESS (N/A)**

**15. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS**

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

Several community members submitted questions/statements through the Zoom chat feature as follows:

1. Relating to the survey, was survey based on in-class learning students only or remote students as well and would this make a statistical difference? Dr. Farrelly said the impact of the COVID year would certainly play a role in responses. Mr. Payne indicated an outside company handled the results and he had no knowledge as to which results were submitted by remote students. Mr. Payne said he would contact the company and see if he could obtain that breakdown of respondents (in-person versus remote).
2. A resident thanked Board Trustee Christopher Paolillo for addressing the issue of opening up of sports and the impact on students not participating around students who participated - because they would be in the same cohort as an athlete - and not all students are hanging out.
3. A resident thanked the Board and Dr. Farrelly for doing an exceptional job. She was also very happy to hear high school sports were resuming again. The question was will there be previously offered activities opening up at the elementary level? Dr. Farrelly said yes...the administrators are exploring all options as to how to slowly bring back programs previously offered. At this time, SCOPE is offering virtual activities.
3. Relating to reinstatement of sports, will the same effort be put into bringing back other extra-curricular activities such as clubs, art, music? Dr. Farrelly said yes...as previously stated during the earlier part of this meeting, a number of different activities are being looked into including drama and music activities.

4. Relating to the security cameras, is there an update on the status of security cameras that are not functioning properly within the district. From what I know, 2/3 of the cameras are currently not functional? Dr. Farrelly said that any cameras that are not working are being addressed by the Director of School Safety and the company which has installed and services the cameras.

5. Question was raised regarding the district participating in the grant bidding process with Suffolk County Communications. Dr. Farrelly said all bidding goes through the Business Office. Mrs. Psarakis was not aware of a grant and the resident was asked to follow-up with Mrs. Psarakis by contacting her through the Business Office. She would be able to address the bidding process.

#### **16. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:57 PM.**

Motion by Jennifer Wandasiewicz, second by John Evola.

**Final Resolution: Motion Carried**

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

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