

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF JANUARY 24, 2023

*****The JANUARY 24, 2023 Board of Education Meeting can be viewed on YouTube accessed through the West Babylon School District website at www.wbschools.org. The minutes of the Board of Education meeting summarize what took place.*****

The January 24, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting, of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York. The meeting was held in-person.

Members present

Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

Also present

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; William C. Morrell, Esq., School Attorney; and Ms. Jailin M. Parada, District Clerk. There were 14 people in attendance. John Evola was not present.

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM

1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-5:30 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 Individual Contract Negotiations, WBTA and CSEA Negotiations.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Matthew Amore.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:05 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Meeting of 1/10/23.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting of 1/10/23.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Roseann Geiger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

Information, Procedural: B. Statement of the Board and/or Superintendent- 2023-2024 Budget Development Discussion

Dr. Farrelly thanked the community for joining. She commenced her report by mentioning this week was Buildings & Grounds and Security Recognition Week. On behalf of the Board of Education and Administration Team, she thanked all of them for all their hard work and dedication to the students. In different ways, they all play a critical role in the health and safety of students, staff and faculty.

Dr. Farrelly continued by providing a budget update. The district is very involved in the 23-24 budget development process. At this time, Mrs. Gillis has met with all Central, building and department leaders and received their analysis of this year's budget and their needs for the next school year. Dr. Farrelly continued to say that she has met with Mrs. Gillis multiple times to continue to build and work on our proposed 23-24 budget. The first budget presentation is scheduled for Feb. 7th at our next Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Farrelly expressed her apologies for the inconsistent communications regarding transportation delays. The District continues to experience Bus Driver shortages as well as throughout the state. She stated the department will be communicating in a more timely manner when there are significant transportation delays.

She reminded community members and parents, if they have any questions or concerns, please contact the appropriate person listed on our Chain of Communication. The Chain of Communication can be found on our website. As a point of reference, she mentioned that questions relating to Athletics should be directed to the Athletic Director questions related to Transportation should be directed to Mr. John Guarnieri.

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

Presentation: A. Presentation: Facilities and Capital Reserve Recommendation: Mr. Anthony Velasquez, Assistant Plant Facilities Administrator & Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Mr. Anthony Velasquez, Assistant Plant Facilities Administrator shared a presentation highlighting renovations done district-wide as well as projects planned for the Spring and Summer throughout the district in relation to the Capital Bond Project. Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations drew the Board's attention to the benefits of having a Capital Reserve and recommended to add Capital Reserve as part of the Recommended Proposition on the ballot for this upcoming budget vote. A brief discussion was held between the Board, Mr. Velasquez, Dr. Farrelly and Mrs. Gillis. Facilities needs will be discussed during upcoming BOE workshops.

Presentation is available on our school website, see link [Facilities Update Presentation](#)

Presentation: B. Presentation: Regents Weight Update - Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

As an update to the Senior High School's BOE presentation earlier this year, Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction informed the Board that the Senior High School is looking to make the regents worth 10% instead of 15%. Ten (10%) will make it more aligned to other SHS final exams. The regents grade will continue to be hold harmless for both Special Education and ELL (English Language Learner) students.

Presentation: C. Presentation: JFK Students Opinion Review Writing - Mrs. Jennifer Hoffman, Director of Humanities

Mrs. Jennifer Hoffman, Director of Humanities informed the Board and the community the following: Research shows that the ability to write arguments is essential to success in college and the workforce. Students in Grade 1 learn to write what they think about different things during a writing workshop. Additionally, students learn to express their opinion, convince the reader using reasons, and learn how to politely disagree. Students use terms such as: because, also, another reason is; and use descriptive words and quote experts. Students from JFK shared their opinion writing.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Chris Paolillo, second by Matthew Amore.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Student Services RFP 2022-2025

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Vendors listed on the RFP Agreement to provide Educational and Related Services to West Babylon School District resident students with disabilities, during the 2022-2023 school year. All vendors already have approved contracts.

Action (Consent): B. 2022-2023 Service Contract - Innovative Behavior Interventions

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Innovative Behavior Interventions for related services of West Babylon UFSD Special Education students for the 2022-2023 school year.

Action (Consent): C. 2022-2023 Service Contract- Behavior Change Success Corp.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Behavior Change Success Corp, to provide related services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2022-2023 school year.

6. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 22-A-

None

7. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 22-P-13

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.	DESCR
Loheit	Lauren	School Psychologist	SA		Second Semester, 2022-2023	Leave of Absence [Last c

Action (Consent): B. 2022-2023 Revised Salaries - JH/HS/TA

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCR
Latino	Daniella	PT/Speech (.8)	JH/HS	Step A-7-1/ \$65,557. (prorate @ 80%)	1/30/23-6/30/23, or earlier at district's discretion	[st
DeMarco	Hannah	Regular Substitute/ Elementary	TA	Step A-3-1/ \$55,261. (prorate)	Second Semester, 2022-2023, or earlier at districts discretion	

Action (Consent): C. 2022-2023 Grant Funded Allocation - Social Workers

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
Dein	Brittany	Social Worker	SA	Step A-5-1/ \$60,283.		9/1/22-6/30/23 CRSSA-ESSER Grant
Papadatos	Christine	"	SB	Step A-7-1/ \$65,557.		"
Cruz	Vanessa	"	JH	Step A-7-7/ \$81,379. (prorate)		11/14/22-6-30/23 CRSSA-ESSER Grant

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

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.
Garcia	Ashley	Regular Substitute/ School Psychologist	SA	Step A-7-1/ \$65,557. +\$1,983. (stipend) (prorate)	Second Semester, 2022-2023, or earlier at district's discretion

Action (Consent): E. 2022-2023 Grant Funded Part-Time Appointments - SB

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/EN
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Part-Time Appointments:					
Cacciuttolo	Gina	PT/Special Education (.4)	SB	Step A-5-1/ \$60,283. (prorate @ 40%)	2/6/23 or earli
Cacciuttolo	Gina	PT/Teaching Assistant (.4)	SB	Step TA-3-1/ \$36,079. (prorate @40%)	2/6/23 or earli

Action (Consent): F. 2022-2023 Extended School Day Program Teacher - Grant Funded

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCR
After School Extended School Day Program:			HS	\$80./hr.	2022-2023	ARP GF
Substitute Teacher:						[up to Conting
Santorelli	Katherine					

Action (Consent): G. 2022-2023 Additional Section - HS

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.
Additional Section:					2022-2023
Cousins	Melissa	Special Education (.2)	HS	Step A-6-1/ \$115,660. +longevity (prorate at 20%)	1/30/23-6/30/23, or earlier at district's disc

Action (Consent): H. 2022-2023 Mentors - Grant Funded

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following for specific employee mentoring program:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COM
Mentors:					9/1/22-8/31/23	Title II Grant
Petrulli	Allison	JK		\$1,500.		
Loguidice	Rebecca	SA		\$1,500.		
DeLuca	Jill	SB		\$1,500.		
DeSa	Laura	TA		\$1,500.		
Poggi	Antonella	JH		\$1,500.		
Konopa	Allyson	HS		\$1,500.		

Action (Consent): I. 2022-2023 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.	DESCRIP
Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:					2022-2023	
Canavaciol	Justin	Social Studies	HS		Spring	
Dunn	Kelly Ann	Speech	SA		Spring	
Gosline	Stephen	SpEd	JH		Spring	
Nelson	Brian	Math	JH		Spring	
Pinna	Danielle	Elementary	SB		Spring	
Quiroz	Daniella	Guidance	JH		Spring	
Yodice	Kyle	SpEd	SB		Spring	

Action (Consent): J. 2022-2023 Per Diem Substitutes - DW

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/
Per Diem Substitute Teachers:			DW		2022-2023	
				\$150./day		
				\$175/day 11 + days		

Hummel	Jillian					[pending cert:r
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8. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 22-C-13

Action (Consent): A. Leave of Absence Requests - SA/TA/SB/JH

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COM
Calderon	Mary	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SA		1/17/23-6/30/23	Leave of Absence
Bloodnick	Erin	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	TA		1/23/23-2/6/23	Leave of Absence
Ronessi	Diane	Paraprofessional (classroom aide)	SB		1/30/23-6/30/23	Leave of Absence
Randolph	Paula	Paraprofessional (clerk)	JH		2/27/23-6/30/23	Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): B. Leave of Absence Returnee - JH

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENT
Lawson	Kristyn	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JH		1/24/23	Returned from LOA

Action (Consent): C. Resignation from LOA - 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
Peralta	Frank	Custodial Worker I	FA		1/6/23	Resignation f [to remain in

Action (Consent): D. Resignation - SA

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMME
Amlinger	Justin	Custodial Worker I	SA		1/24/23	Resignation

Action (Consent): E. Retirements - HS/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/C
Duffy	Karen	Food Service Worker 'B'	HS		1/13/23	Resignation to R [eff. 1/14/23]
Palazzo	Dolores	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	JH		1/30/23	Resignation to R [eff: 1/31/23]

Action (Consent): F. Probationary Appointment - JH

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESC
Roos	Adam	Custodial Worker II	JH	Step 3/ \$49,868. + \$2,100. (prorate stipend)	1/25/23	Prob [fr

Action (Consent): G. Probationary Appointments - 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/COMMENT
Bayram	Merve	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA	Step 1/ \$17.78/hr.	1/25/23	Probationary Appt. [emergency conditional :

Action (Consent): H. Temporary Appointment - SA**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DES
Buonocore	Jennifer	Office Assistant	SA	Step 1/ \$33,485. (prorate)	1/25/23-4/24/23, or earlier at district's discretion	[ter ap

Action (Consent): I. 2022-2023 Per Diem Substitutes - DW**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIP
Per Diem Substitutes:			DW		2022-2023	
Boufrahi	Bouchra	Custodian		\$15./hr.		[in additio
Palazzo	Dolores	Paraprofessional		\$15./hr.	2/3/23-6/30/23	

9. FINANCE**Action (Consent): A. Approval of Suffolk County Board of Elections 2023-2024 District Polling Sites****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Suffolk County Board of Elections contracts designating District buildings as polling sites for 2023-2024:

Forest Avenue Elementary
JFK Elementary
Santapogue Elementary
Junior High School
High School

Action (Consent): B. Acceptance of Donation - Forest Avenue**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation of \$1,000 from Michael Rosenberger for flexible seating at Forest Avenue and authorizes a budget adjustment to increase Code A2110.4500-02 Forest Avenue Material and Supplies.**Information: C. Schedule of Bills - January 11, 2023 Accounts Payable Check Run****Motion (Consent): D. Approval of Treasurer's Report - November 2022****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2022.**Action (Consent): E. Approval of Special Education Budget Transfer****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following Budget Transfer:

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A2250.4700	Tuition	175,000.00	
A2250.4490	Professional Services		175,000.00
	Payment of Aides/Nurses in Special Education Classroom for students		

Action (Consent): F. Acceptance of AP Computer Science Principals Grant**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a grant for AP Computer Science Principles from Citadel in the amount of \$5,000. This grant will be used to assist in preparing and developing this new program at the High School.

10. CURRICULUM

Action (Consent): A. Declaration of Obsolete Music Instruments and Textbooks

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the Music instruments and textbooks on the attached list obsolete. The materials are either outdated, no longer used or are not repairable.

11. FACILITIES

None

12. POLICY REVIEW

Action: A. Second Time Discussion: Policy 4810 Teaching About Controversial Issues Motion to waive Discussion and move Policy 4810 to Third Time Adoption

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Kristen Scieme.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

Action: B. Second Time Discussion: Policy 1405 Complaints About Certain Federally-Funded Programs Motion to waive Discussion and move Policy 1405 to Third Time Adoption.

Motion by Chris Paolillo, second by Matthew Amore.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

Action: C. Second Time Discussion: Policy 5280 Interscholastic Athletics(Waived from August 9, 2022 BOE Meeting, December 13, 2022 BOE Meeting and January 10, 2023 BOE Meeting) Motion to waive Discussion and move Policy 5280 to Third Time Adoption.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Roseann Geiger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Scieme

13. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: A. Discussion: Approval of Tiles for JHS Eagle Hall Auditorium - Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools.

Board discussed different Tile options for Eagle Hall. They unanimously agreed to go with Tarkett in Style: Concrete and Color - Soapstone. This information will be shared with BBS.

14. NEW BUSINESS

None

15. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents

Resident and President of the West Babylon Football Booster Club expressed he would like to see improvements made to the Football Tower and concession stand. He was happy to hear that these items were brought up during the Buildings and Grounds presentation as part of the 5 year plan / renovations for the district.

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16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:13pm.

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Kristen Scieme.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, Ray Downey, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame

Attest: _____
District Clerk