

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023

*****The FEBRUARY 7, 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 February 7, 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, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame

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. Lucy Campasano left after Executive Session. Ray Downey was not present.

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 WBTA Negotiations, Superintendent's Evaluation and Individual Contract Negotiations.

Motion by Matthew Amore, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:00 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Meeting of 1/24/23.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting of 1/24/23.

Motion by Matthew Amore, second by Kristen Sciame.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame

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

Dr. Farrelly thanked the community for joining. She informed the community this week was School Counselor and PTA Recognition Week. On behalf of the Board of Education and Administration Team, she thanked all Guidance Counselors for supporting students like they do. She also thanked the PTA Committees for their partnerships and support.

Dr. Farrelly further advised that as part of the Suffolk County Schools Superintendent's Association, the Legislative Committee has identified and begun to advocate for certain priorities. Superintendents have been meeting with elected officials from Long Island to highlight legislative priorities; some of which are quite similar to NYS School Boards Association, PTAs and other advocacy groups. Their ask has been:

- For the state to fully fund foundation aid. As per the Governor's School Aid Runs released last week, she informed this appears to be the case.
- For the state to fund Universal Free Breakfast and Lunch program for our students.
- A complete change to the current APPR legal requirement. The ask is to allow school districts to develop their evaluation system for their teachers and principals locally.
- Increased and flexibility in the funding for Universal Pre-Kindergarten
- Extension to the zero emission buses timeline requirements. The current statewide requirement is that all school districts must purchase and lease only zero emission buses by 2035. Dr. Farrelly indicated this was fraught with challenges. One of many roadblocks is that school districts and the county do not have the infrastructure (ie charging stations) or funding immediately needed for this.
- Lastly, she mentioned a Civil Service reform. There are many antiquated rules and regulations that cause unnecessary burden and interfere with the ability to expeditiously recruit and hire qualified employees for essential positions.

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: South Bay STEAM Arcade: South Bay Enrichment Students, South Bay Elementary School

Mrs. Christina Cotter, South Bay Elementary School Principal introduced all students participating in the presentation. Ms. Kara Levy, Library Media Specialist was also present. Mrs. Christina Delaney, General Interventionist and Enrichment Teacher was unable to attend. Mrs. Cotter advised that the South Bay Enrichment Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 researched both historical inventions as well as inventions created by children. Students were then introduced to Caine's Arcade, which features a 9 year old who invented a homemade arcade using up-cycled materials. Students were challenged to create a South Bay Arcade using similar materials. This involved brainstorming, designing, crafting, and engineering an arcade game. This arcade was presented to all of the students of South Bay at our Global Day of Play Celebration and a brief presentation was done for the Board.

Presentation: B. 2023-2024 Budget Draft #1-Overview Process & 2023-2024 Budget Presentation: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Dr. Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools along with Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations shared the Budget presentation for the 2023-2024 school year. A discussion was held between Dr. Farrelly and the Board. Presentation is available on our website [2023-2024 Budget Vote Presentation](#)

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Chirsten Johnson Tymann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamè

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Consent to use the PAC, Technicians and Request to Waive Liability Fees for the Hall of Fame Ceremony.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education consent the utilization of the PAC and Services (Mark Palminteri and PAC Technicians) for approximately 3 hours, utilization of the District's Equipment to stream the Ceremony, utilize the District's YouTube Channel to livestream the event taking place on Friday, April 28th, 2023 and waive Liability Fees.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of Schedule A and Addendum to Lindenhurst UFSD contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Schedule A of the Lindenhurst UFSD original contract for West Babylon Special Education students for the 2022-2023 school year

Action (Consent): C. Authorization for the Superintendent of Schools to Amend Monthly Allowable Time To Work, as needed. - N. Padrone

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to amend the allowable time to work for Nancy Ann Pedrone, School Lunch Manager Consultant, to up to 16 hours a month (with Superintendent's approval), on her Employment Agreement, for the period January 3, 2023 through May 30, 2023.

Action (Consent): D. Authorization to Sign Stipulation Agreement Regarding WBTA Employee

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent of Schools to sign the stipulation agreement of a WBTA employee made known during executive session.

6. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 22-A-

None

7. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 22-P-14

Action (Consent): A. 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/COMMENTS
Peterson	Robert	Special Education	SA		3/1/23	Resignation

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
Carbonaro	Cristina	Special Education	TA		2nd Semester, 2022-2023	Leave of Absence [2nd extension]

Action (Consent): C. Regular Substitute Appointment - 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
Sterling	Melanie	Regular Substitute/ Special Education	TA	Step A-1-1/ \$50,239. (prorate)	January 30, 2023 - June 30, 2023 or earlier at district's discretion	[certs: Ch. Ed. 1-6,

Action (Consent): D. 2022-2023 Grant Funded Appointment - FA

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
Grant-Funded Appointment:						
Tynan	Ashley	Teaching Assistant	FA	Step TA-3-1/ \$36,079. (prorate)	2/8/23-6/30/23, or earlier at district's discretion	[certs: CE 1-6,

Action (Consent): E. Probationary Period Reduction - 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/COMMENTS
Cruz	Vanessa	Social Worker	JH		Probationary Appointment: 11/14/22 Expected Date of Tenure: 11/14/25	Probationary Period 3 years [prior tenure Requested documents]

Action (Consent): F. 2022-2023 Rise & Read Program - Grant Funded CRRSSA

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following teachers to work with West Babylon students participating in the before school Rise & Read program:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
				\$45./45 min. session	2022- 2023	CRRSSA Grant
Dellicarpini	Christine	Teacher	Forest			Up to 11 sessions
Florez	Lauren	"	JFK			"
DeFrancisco	Andrea	"	Forest			"
Horan	Kristie	"	JFK			"
Ingrid	Gwendalyn	"	Santapogue			"
Jacobson	Ruth	"	"			"
Alexander Kinnear	Toni	"	Forest			"
Levy	Kara	"	South Bay			"
Murray	Kathleen	"	Tooker			"
Strining	Lyndsey	"	"			"
Tarasov	Lyubov	"	"			"
Yturraspe	Kris	"	South Bay			"

Action (Consent): G. 2022-2023 After School Student Support Program - 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/COMMENTS
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After School Student Support Program:				2022-2023	ARP Grant
Smith	Kerry	AIS Math	JH	\$80./hr.	[up to 30hrs.]

Action (Consent): H. 2022-2023 Club and Advisors - 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
Club & Advisors:			HS		2022-2023	
Bacco	Kerry	DECA		\$299.		State Competition [shared stipend]
Jones	Taylor	"		\$299.		"
Kilgus	Colleen	"		\$598.		"

Action (Consent): I. 2022-2023 Elementary Gym Night

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
Substitute Teacher:					2022-2023	
Rossi	Joseph		SA	\$29.07/hr.		up to 9 hrs. [repl. G. DiStefano]

Action (Consent): J. Winter Coaching, 2022-2023

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
Luba	Patrick	JHS Assistant	Wrestling	\$4,328.	Winter, 2022-2023	Pending Certifications

Action (Consent): K. Winter, 2022-2023 Track Consultant 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
Korsah	Brittany	Varsity Consultant	Track (G)	\$23.15/hr.	Winter, 2022-2023	Pending Certifications Up to 28 hours

Action (Consent): L. Spring, 2022-2023 JHS Coaching

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
Zientek	Taylor M.	JHS Assistant	Gymnastics	\$3,776.	Spring, 2022-2023	Pending Certifications
Santorelli	Katherine A.	JHS Assistant	Lacrosse (G)	\$4,018.	Spring, 2022-2023	Pending Certifications
Dahl	Robert	JHS Head	Track & Field (G)	\$4,018.	Spring, 2022-2023	Pending Certifications

Action (Consent): M. Spring, 2022-2023 JV Coaching

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
Russell	Ashley	JV Head	Softball	\$5,731.	Spring, 2022-2023	Pending Certifications

Action (Consent): N. 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.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:					2022-2023	
Del-Orfano	Darren	Music	HS		Spring	
Gebler	Amanda	SpEd	HS		Spring	
Maiorino	Olivia	SpEd	SA		Spring	
McHugh	Hannah	Elem	SA		Spring	

Action (Consent): O. 2022-2023 Per Diem Substitute (PDS/Speech) - DW**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Daniella Latino to provide Speech Services to West Babylon UFSD students for the 2022-2023 school year as a substitute:

Last Name	First Name	Position	School Area	Salary	Beg/End Appt	Comments
Latino	Daniella	PDS/Speech (.2)	DW	\$150./day \$175./day (11+ days) (prorate @ 20%)	2/7/23 - 6/30/23	Speech substitute [in addition to (.8) position]

Action (Consent): P. 2022-2023 Per Diem Substitute - 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/COMMENTS
Per Diem Substitute Teacher:			DW		2022-2023	
				\$150./day		
				\$175/day 11 + days		
Rizzitello	Michael				2/8/23-6/30/23	[cert: visual arts]

8. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 22-C-14**Action (Consent): A. Leave of Absence Returnee - 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
Calderon	Mary	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SA		2/6/23	Returned from LOA

Action (Consent): B. Leave of Absence Request - 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
Perez	Nubia	Paraprofessional (office assistant)	HS		2/10/23-2/17/23	Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): C. Leave of Absence Request - SB**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
Cardaci	Agostina	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	SB		3/6/23-6/30/23	Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): D. Retirement - DW**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
Powers	Terrence	Maintenance Mechanic II	DW		2/27/23	Resignation to Retire [eff: 2/28/23]

Action (Consent): E. Probationary 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
Litrenta	Jessica	Paraprofessional (pt/clerk)	HS	Step 1/ \$17.78/hr.	2/8/23	Probationary Appt. [emergency conditional appt.]

Action (Consent): F. Probationary Appointment - FA**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
Bos-Greene	Annie	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	FA	Step 6/ \$18.94/hr.	2/8/23	Reappointed as paraprofessional from previous assignment

Action (Consent): G. Temporary Appointment - Trans.

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
Vaughn	Jennifer	Head Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$48,158. (prorate)	2/8/23-6/30/23, or earlier at district's discretion	Temporary Appt. [from Bus Driver]

Action (Consent): H. Temporary Appointment Extension - Trans.

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
Reising	Daniel	Head Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$48,158. (prorate)	2/23/23-6/30/23, or earlier at district's discretion	[temporary appt. extend [from bus driver]

Action (Consent): I. 2022-2023 Paraprofessional Training

RESOLVED: the West Babylon Board of Education approves 1 hour of paraprofessional training for the following staff which will be paid for from the ARP Grant funds:

Last Name	First Name	Position	School	Salary	Hours Description	Sessions attended
Miga	Kathyann	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB	\$20.74/hr.	1 hour	12-20-22

9. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Budget Transfer

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A2110.4490-04-04	Drivers Education Professional Services	35,000.00	
A2630.4651	Tech Service		35,000.00
	Board Room sound system and camera upgrades		

Information: B. School Lunch Report December 2022

Information: C. Approval of Treasure's Report - December 2022

Information: D. Schedule of Bills - January 25, 2023 Accounts Payable Check Run

Action (Consent): E. Approval of 2022-2023 Farmingdale UFSD Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Health Services Agreement with Farmingdale Union Free School District, to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2022-2023 school year.

Action (Consent): F. Approval of 2022-2023 Amityville UFSD Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Health Services Agreement with Amityville Union Free School District, to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2022-2023 school year.

Action (Consent): G. Approval of Claims Auditor Report - Fourth Quarter 2022

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Claims Auditor Report for the Fourth Quarter, 2022.

Action (Consent): H. Approval of Budget Adjustment

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes a budget adjustment to code A2630.4491 (IT Cyber Security) in the amount of \$32,999.72 and to be credited to code A2680 (Insurance Recovery Revenue) based on insurance check received from NYSIR for Cyber Attack/Data Compromise, Date of Loss July 25, 2022.

10. CURRICULUM

Action (Consent): B. Acceptance of Donation - JHS

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes a budget adjustment to code A2630.4491 (IT Cyber Security) in the amount of \$32,999.72 and to be credited to code A2680 (Insurance Recovery Revenue) based on insurance check received from NYSIR for Cyber Attack/Data Compromise, Date of Loss July 25, 2022.

11. FACILITIES

None

12. POLICY REVIEW

Action: A. First Time Reading: Policy 9645 Disclosure of Wrongful Conduct

Motion to Table Policy 9645 to our next Board meeting - March 14, 2023.

Motion by Matthew Amore, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamie

Action: B. Third Time Adoption: Policy 4810 Teaching About Controversial Issues

Motion to Adopt Policy 4810.

Motion by Kristen Sciamie, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamie

Action: C. Third Time Adoption: Policy 1405 Complaints About Certain Federally-Funded Programs

Motion to Adopt Policy 1405.

Motion by Chirsten Johnson Tymann, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamie

Action: D. Third Time Adoption: Policy 5280 Interscholastic Athletics

Motion to Adopt Policy 5280 as revised.

Motion by Matthew Amore, second by Roseann Geiger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamie

13. OLD BUSINESS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

A resident had a few questions regarding the Budget vote and expenditures relating to the items discussed on the presentation earlier. A discussion was held relating to these items.

A second resident raised her concern with the communications that were sent to the community through ParentSquare. Dr. Farrelly addressed her concern and advised that members in the community can sign up to receive all districtwide communication/ emails sent out through the school website.

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16. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:07pm

Motion by John Evola, second by Chirsten Johnson Tymann.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Matthew Amore, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamie

Attest: _____
District Clerk

