

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF MARCH 12,2024

*****The March 12, 2024 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 March 12, 2024 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, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamé, Patti Neville

Also present:

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Christopher Venator, Esq., School Attorney and District Clerk Jailin Parada. Trustee Downey was absent. Trustee Sciamé arrived at 5:45pm.

1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-5:05 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 conduct Claim Auditor Interviews, CSEA Paraprofessional Negotiations, Home School Family Request, WBTA Employee Discipline Matter, WBTA Contractual Matters.

Motion by Patti Neville, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:00 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting: Regular BOE Meeting of 2/28/24.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting of 2/28/24

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Patti Neville.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame, Patti Neville

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

Dr. Farrelly thanked the community for attending. She began her report by referring to the board meeting where we had students come in and request that we start a girls flag football team. This was followed up with Athletics and the Athletic Director dug a little deeper and informed Mr. Hanley and her that there was a lot of interest. Dr. Farrelly was pleased to announce that she heard yesterday that we have 35 students signed up to try out for flag football. She continued her report by congratulating Camila Garcia, our track superstar who was named all-American at the New Balance Nationals this past weekend.

Lastly, she invited Mr. O'Leary up to the podium to say a few words on behalf of the Administration team and BOE to three groups that have been incredibly generous with their time and donations to the Senior High School; and really our school district. Mr. O'Leary thanked Dr. Farrelly and in conjunction with the Administration and Board of Education recognized three individuals who have helped and contributed to a great environment at the Senior High School and the school district, specifically the improvement of the Senior High School courtyard. They've given up their time and expertise and the end result is an improved courtyard at the Senior High School and a renewed interest in the beautification of the grounds of the buildings. He first called former science teacher Mr. Ritacco to the podium. Mr. O'Leary said the following about Mr. Ritacco :

"Even in retirement, Mr. Ritacco coaches and mentors young men on the football field and he does an excellent job doing so. When our courtyard became overgrown and in some areas in disrepair, after a quick phone call, Mr. Ritacco was there with a list of suggestions, his expertise, and a desire to get his hands dirty. I was digging in to help fix plumbing, moving stones, and coordinating the trimming of trees and bushes. Now, Mr. Ritacco has a unique knowledge of the courtyard at the high school because he built it - over the course of several school years - and it was completed in 2005. On his own time, and with definite blood, sweat and tears, Mr. Ritacco built a beautiful space for teachers and students to enjoy - and since the completion of it, he has always worked hard to ensure the space continues to be beautiful, maintained, and special. Mr. Ritacco, on behalf of all the faculty, staff and students in the building, thank you for constructing this space for everyone to share and enjoy."

Mr. Ritacco was greeted by Dr. Farrelly and given a plaque for his contribution.

Following Mr. Ritacco's acknowledgment, Mr. O'Leary then spoke the following words about Mr. DeGennaro:

"Chip is the owner and operator of DeGennaro Landscaping - he's a West Babylon business owner, who has four children in the district, a WB Graduate from the Class of 1996, and a former student of Mr. Ritacco. Mr. DeGenarro is incredibly generous with his time - first working with Mrs. Carere at Santapogue helping to design and remodel their patio and rock garden. Then, he was recommended to

the high school by Mr. Hanley, and he came into the high school courtyard and cleaned up years of overgrowth, re-did the plumbing for the waterfall, and removed a lot of debris and made the space look great. In years since that first cleanup, Chip and his company have also relevelled paving stones, replaced rotted railroad ties, removed trees, planted trees, and has helped provide advice for future planning. DeGennaro Landscaping also replaced all of the bushes in the front of the high school - which look fantastic. In conversation with him, I can tell you that he takes incredible pride in his work, he cares about West Babylon - both its tradition and the future. We are very privileged that he was able to work in our courtyard and around the high school and the District, and we look forward to future projects in the future."

Mr. DeGennaro was also greeted by Dr. Farrelly and given a plaque for his contribution.

Lastly, Mr. O'Leary said the following about Mr. Rienzo, President of the Alumni Association:

"Mr. Ralph Rienzo. Mr. Rienzo, as president of the West Babylon Administrators Association, has provided overwhelming support to the building and our students. Every year the Alumni Association provides thousands of dollars to our students in the form of scholarships, and for the past couple of years, Mr. Rienzo has helped fund the vision that Mr. Ritacco has had, and all of the work that Mr. DeGennaro has completed in the courtyard. In addition to the several thousands of dollars that he has directed towards the Courtyard, he has also coordinated volunteer work in the space - specifically power washing the paving stones by Mr. Luccesse's organization, as well as having trees donated and delivered from the Town of Babylon. Mr. Rienzo cares about West Babylon tremendously, and I look forward to every time that we discuss projects, both past and present, and we as a high school are very lucky to have a strong relationship with him."

Mr. Rienzo came up and thanked the Alumni Association, the Board, and Dr. Farrelly for their support. He was also pleased to announce that the association has donated \$5,000 for the courtyard cleanup. Dr. Farrelly also acknowledged the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Mrs. Campasano also thanked the Alumni Association for all they did and thanked them for the \$5,000 donation.

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

PTA President, Ms. Josette Crean addressed the board and Dr. Farrelly and thanked them for always putting the children first as well as supporting the PTA. She continued her report by informing the board and the community the following updates:

Annual Founder's Day - March 19 in the PAC @ Senior High School

** The Alumni Association has been selected to receive the Student Advocate Award at the Annual Founder's Day Celebration. Ms. Crean provided invitations for this event for the association as well as the board.

SEPTA is hosting a psychic fundraiser night - Wednesday, April 17th. Flyers are provided for the community to take. Christopher Allen, renowned psychic medium. Tickets are \$40/ person, they will also have refreshments and raffles at this event.

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Information: A. 2024-2025 Budget Timeline Information: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Farrelly provided the community the 2024-2025 Budget Timeline:

2024-25 Budget Timeline Information

2024-2025 BOCES Budget Vote and BOCES Board Trustees Election:

April 16, 2024 -- 7:00 PM -- Administration Building

2024-2025 West Babylon School District Budget:

Budget Hearing: May 7, 2024-- 6:00 PM -- Administration Building

District Budget Vote and Trustees Election:

May 21, 2024 -- 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM -- Administration Building & Santapogue School

Presentation: B. SHS Capital Roof Project Update: Mrs. Karalisa Grundner, Senior Associate-Project Manager, BBS Architects; Mr. Robert Caliendo & Mr. Nick Amoruso, SCC.

Karalisa Grudner, Senior Associate for BBS provided the following updates:

- Senior High School Roof went out to bid as of February 29th
- Pre Bid Walkthrough was done on March 7th
- To date, (15 contractors picked up the project for bid, inclusive of those - some were product reps manufacturer representatives and supply houses)
- At the walkthrough, there were 11 contractors attend
- Bids are due March 19th, 2024

Robert Caliendo & Nick Amoruso from SCC Construction Management also provided an update on the process of the Senior High School.

Dr. Farrelly provided a logistical update of things that will be moving to other areas of the district during the time of construction.

A conversation was held among the board members, BBS/ SCC.

Discussion, Presentation: C. 2024-2025 Draft Budget Discussion: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Dr. Farrelly provided a recap of the 2/28 board meeting budget presentation and shared the pending budget adjustments based on the numbers received. Discussion ensued among the Board to better understand and evaluate the budget to provide direction to the Superintendent and the administrative team regarding the budget.

Presentation to the budget discussion is available on our YouTube West Babylon page.

4. STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Procedural: A. Statement of Residents re: agenda items [15 minutes-limited to 3 minutes per speaker]

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Roseann Geiger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamé, Patti Neville

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Notice of Annual Meeting

RESOLVED: that the Annual Meeting of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM in the two designated election districts in said school district for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting;

RESOLVED: that the Notice of Annual Meeting be published four times during the seven weeks (49 days) prior to the meeting in the *Babylon Beacon* and *South Bay's Neighbor Newspaper*, two newspapers having general circulation in the district.

RESOLVED: that Mrs. Lucy Campasano, Board of Education President, is designated as permanent chairperson of election in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

RESUELTO: que la Reunión Anual del Distrito Escolar de West Babylon, Pueblo de Babylon, Condado de Suffolk, Nueva York, se llevará a cabo el Martes, 21 de Mayo del 2024 de 6:00 AM a 9:00 PM en los dos distritos electorales designados en dicho distrito escolar para los fines establecidos en el Aviso de la Reunion Anual.

RESUELTO: que el Aviso de la Reunión Anual se publique cuatro veces durante las siete semanas (49) días antes de la reunión en el *Babylon Beacon* y el periódico de *South Bay's Neighbor*, dos periódicos de circulación general en el distrito.

RESUELTO: Que la Sra. Lucy Campasano es designada como presidenta permanente de elecciones de acuerdo con la Sección 2026 de la Ley de Educación.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of Stony Brook Presenter for SHS Faculty

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Stony Brook University/Center for News Literacy Workshops to provide a one time speaker, Howie Schneider, to present to High School Faculty at the 5/15/24 Faculty Meeting.

Action (Consent): C. Authorization for Employee Termination

WHEREAS, the District and a certain employee made known to the Board entered into an agreement dated August 25, 2016, which was amended by an agreement dated April 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with such agreement the District has the authority to terminate the employment of that employee without any additional due process if certain misconduct were to occur; and

WHEREAS, that employee has engaged in the prohibited misconduct on February 8, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the foregoing the employee referenced in such agreements is hereby terminated from employment with the West Babylon School District effective April 12, 2024

7. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 23-A-9

Action (Consent): A. 2023-2024 Board of Education Appointment

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

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTMENT:

2023 - 2024

West Babylon UFSD

IV. THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATOR IS AUTHORIZED TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGARDING SPECIAL FUNDING APPLICATIONS AND/OR LEGAL COMPLIANCE:

Position	Salary	Name
Title VI, Civil Rights Coordinator		Shawn Hanley

8. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 23-P-15

Action (Consent): A. Resignation - HS

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
Bickard	Elizabeth	Teaching Assistant	HS		2/9/24	Resignation

Action (Consent): B. Probationary Appointment - 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
Prendergast-Keegan	Devin	Registered Nurse	DW	RN Step 1/ \$45,649. +500. [stip] (prorate)	4/26/24, or sooner	Probationary Appt. Emergency Conditional Appt. [RN License]

Action (Consent): C. Grant Funded Appointment - 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
Alessandro	Maria	Substance Abuse Counselor	DW	\$-.0.- [paid by TOB]	3/12/24-6/30/24	[repl. G. Morris] OASAS Grant Funded Town of Babylon

Action (Consent): D. 2023-2024 After School SEL School Day Program - Elementary

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
After School Extended School Day Program:				\$80./hr.	2023-2024	ARP Grant
Substitutes:						[up to 1.5 hrs./session/ Monday & Wednesday] Contingent upon student participation
Poio	Josephine					
Vogel	Jaime					
Pino	Louise					
Smolin	Amanda					
Ermmarino	Rosa					

Action (Consent): E. 2023-2024 Intramurals

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Intramurals:				\$40./hr.		
Rush	Danielle	Intramural Advisor	JFK		Winter, 2023-2024	Up to 10 hours
Carcone	Maria	Intramural Advisor	JFK		Winter, 2023-2024	Up to 10 hours
Haug	Christopher	Intramural Advisor	JFK		Winter, 2023-2024	Up to 10 hours

Action (Consent): F. ACT Proctors

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENT
Proctors:			HS	\$23.73/hr.	2023-2024	
Fealey	Miranda				2/10/24	1.50 Hours
McGrath	Donna				"	1.50 Hours
Ruiz	Lorenzo				"	5.83 Hours
Borgo	Danielle				"	7.34 Hours
Jonasson	Christopher	Test Supervisor			"	7.75 Hours

Action (Consent): G. Spring, 2023-2024 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
Coaches:					Spring, 2023-2024	Pending Certifications
Rodriguez	Angel	JV Assistant	Baseball	\$5,022.		
Cruceta	Francisco	JHS Head	Baseball	\$4,721.		
O'Connor	William	JV Head	Lacrosse (B)	\$5,874.		
Siefert	Lindsay	JV Assistant	Lacrosse (G)	\$4,721.		

Action (Consent): H. 2023-2024 Student Teachers/Observers/Interns

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:				Spring 2023-2024	
Costanza	Gianna	SpEd	SA		
Fiore	Kristina	FACS	HS/JH		
Jahrmarkt	Britney	PE	HS		
Lovelace	Jocelyn	SpEd	TA		
Maiorino	Olivia	SpEd	SA		
Schuler	Brian	History	JH		

Action (Consent): I. 2023-2024 Per Diem Substitute Teachers

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 Teachers:			DW		2023-2024	
				\$150./day		
				\$175/day 11 + days		
Cirisano	Valerie					[cert: Health; PE; Childhood Ed; Stud W Dis 1-6; Biology 7-9 Ext]
DeCesare	Lanie					[pending cert; 90 day Max]

9. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 23-C-14

Action (Consent): A. LOA Returnee - JK

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
Gaglio	Charlene	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK		3/11/24	Returned from LOA

Action (Consent): B. Resignations - Trans./SB/JH/HS

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
White	Danielle	School Bus Driver	Trans.		1/24/24	Resignation

Yovino	Cynthia	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SB		2/26/24	Resignation
Gieck	Alan	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JH		3/6/24	Resignation
Hartranft	Kerry	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	HS		3/18/24	Resignation

Action (Consent): C. Resignation - 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
D'Amico	Nunzia	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SA		2/13/24	Resignation

Action (Consent): D. 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
Hammel	Liam	Custodial Worker I	HS	Step 1/ \$45,487. (prorate)	3/13/24	Probationary Appt.

Action (Consent): E. Probationary Appointments - 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/COMMENTS
Barone	Michael	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$24.12/hr.	3/13/24	Probationary Appt.

Canario	Javier	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$24.12/hr.	3/13/24	Probationary Appt.
Wild	Elizabeth	School Bus Monitor	Trans.	Step 1/ \$19.97/hr.	4/16/24	Probationary Appt. Emergency Conditional Appt.

Action (Consent): F. 2023-2024 After School SEL School Day Program - Elementary/Paraprofessional
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
After School Extended School Day Program:					2023-2024	ARP Grant
Gambino	Christine	Substitute Paraprofessional		\$19.64/hr.		

Action (Consent): G. 2023-2024 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/COMMENTS
Per Diem Substitutes:			DW	\$16/hr.	2023-2024	
Cordovano	Anthony	Custodian			3/13/24-6/30/24	Emergency Conditional Appt.
Dominguez Tavaréz	Johanan	Custodian			"	
Trachtenberg	Karen	Clerical			"	Emergency Conditional Appt.

10. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Obsolete Equipment - Senior High School

RESOLVED: That the West Babylon Board of Education declares a True refrigerated bain marie refrigerated unit obsolete. Unit is old and is not repairable.

- Serial # 1-4767447, model #TSSU-48-12,

Action (Consent): B. Approval of 2023-2024 Deer Park Union Free School District Health Services Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Health Services Agreement with Deer Park Union Free School District, to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2023-2024 school year.

Action (Consent): C. Approval of Treasurer's Report - January 2024

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of January, 2024.

Action (Consent): D. Acceptance of Corrective Action Plan - Federal Single Audit Report

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") in response to the Federal Single Audit for the year ending June 30, 2023.

Action (Consent): E. Obsolete Equipment - Forest Ave Elementary

RESOLVED: That the West Babylon Board of Education declares a Sunfire Convection Oven that was acquired 6/30/2008 obsolete. Unit is old and unrepairable.

- Serial #710100242955. WB # 20072990

Action (Consent): F. School Lunch Report January 2024

Action (Consent): G. SEQRA Review and Determination - New Athletic Field Press Box

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the Environmental Report prepared by J.C. Broderick and Associates in review of the proposed scope of work for the construction of a new press box to the grandstand bleachers of the multi-use athletic field at the West Babylon Junior High School. It is determined the scope of work as a whole is categorized as Type II Actions under 6 NYCRR Part 617.5 that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA.

Action (Consent): H. Payment In Lieu of Taxes Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Agreement by and between Town of Babylon and County of Suffolk for a Solar or Wind Energy System eligible for the tax exemption pursuant to guidelines set by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, a body corporate and politic of the State of New York.

Action (Consent): I. Obsolete JHS Health Office Cots

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares two cots located in the JHS Health Office as obsolete. Replacements were ordered and have arrived. The old cots were old, showing excessive holes and needed to be replaced.

LOCATION	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
JHS Health Office	2	Nurse's Cots	WB Property tag 11618, No WB Property Tag

Action (Consent): J. Approval of Claims Auditor Report - February 2024

RESOLUTION: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Claims Auditor Report for the month of February, 2024.

Action (Consent): K. Obsolete Fitness Center Equipment

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following equipment as obsolete. They are currently located in the Fitness Centers in the SHS and JHS. They are old and/or broken and can no longer be used or repaired.

Location	Quantity	Description	Additional Information
SHS	2	Sci Fit Rex 7000	WB Property Tag #s 20120249, 20120244
SHS	2	Magnum Fitness Bikes	No WB Property Tag, Serial #s 87466, 87465
SHS	2	Sci Fit ISO 7000R	WB Property Tag #s 20120250, 20120239
SHS	1	Sci Fit Pro 1 Legacy	No WB Property Tag, Serial #610-006442
SHS	4	Sci Fit Pro 1	WB Property Tag #s 20120242, 20120247, 20120246, 20120135
SHS	3	Espresso Bikes	WB Property Tag #s 20180288, 20180293, 20180292
SHS	1	Precor Recumbent Bike	WB Property Tag # 20120083
SHS	1	Lifetime Elliptical Machine	No tags or serial #s
JHS	4	Espresso Bikes	WB Property Tags #s 20180401, 20180402, 20180437, 20180436
JHS	2	Trixter Bikes	WB Property Tag #s 20110030, 20110027
JHS	1	Elliptical Machine	OLD WB Property Tag # 005202
JHS	1	Treadmill	WB Property Tag # 20070613 and OLD WB Property Tag # 005201
JHS	1	Precor Treadmill	WB Property Tag # 20120068

Action (Consent): L. Acceptance of External Auditor's Report - Federal Single Audit

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the Federal Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Action (Consent): M. Obsolete Equipment - Forest Ave Elementary

RESOLVED: That the West Babylon Board of Education declare the following items obsolete:

- 1 Traulsen Reach-in Freezer Model G12010 at Forest Ave Elementary. Given the cost of repairs it was beneficial to buy a new one.
- 1 Sunfire oven Model SDG1 at Forest Ave Elementary. Repair company deemed the oven unrepairable. WB tag #20072990

Action (Consent): N. Acceptance of Donation - Shutterfly (Lifetouch Photography)

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the donation of \$1000 from Shutterfly (Lifetouch Photography).

Action (Consent): O. Acceptance of Donation - Ohiopyle Prints Inc.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation of \$69.23 from Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.

Action (Consent): P. Acceptance of Donation - West Babylon Softball Booster Club

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation from the West Babylon Softball Booster Club of 20 Varsity helmets to the West Babylon School district students.

QUANTITY	ITEM
20	Varsity Helmets

11. CURRICULUM

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Benchmark Education Professional Development

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon of Education approves the Benchmark Education professional development lessons for teachers during the 2023-2024 school year.

12. FACILITIES

None

13. POLICY REVIEW

Action: A. First Time Reading: 6240 Investments

Motion to Waive First Time Reading and move Policy 6240 Investments to Second Time Reading.
Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Chris Paolillo.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame, Patti Neville

14. OLD BUSINESS

Discussion: A. Homework Policy Discussion; Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools & Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent

As a follow up, Dr. Farrelly brought up the conversation the board had last year, where trustees raised a concern regarding the district homework policy. Trustee discussions included whether or not homework is assigned or not assigned, graded or not graded, and counts towards a student's report quarter grade or not. Currently, it is at the sole discretion of individual teachers to determine whether they give homework, assign a grade and/or count it into a student's report card grade.

Since homework is directly connected to quarterly grades at the secondary level -not elementary because elementary are rubric-based trimester report cards, our in-district follow-up conversations focused primarily on the JHS and SHS levels.

Dr. Farrelly assigned Mr. Payne the responsibility of facilitating this discussion and gathering feedback. He met with the JHS and SHS admin team on this topic in the spring and fall. Principals had follow-up conversations at their building level to gather additional input.

We initially requested building feedback on a Hold Harmless Homework Policy - as that was part of some trustee discussions. We also requested feedback on a separate report card indicator just for homework policy- that would not be part of a student's grade.

Both the JH and SHS committees unequivocally were not in support of a hold-harmless homework policy. This was shared in an email to the Board on Nov 30th. At that point, we shifted the district and building conversation and input to establishing homework consistency in how much homework counts towards a classroom grade.

Dr. Farrelly indicated that over the last 3 months, meetings to discuss/ review course expectations/syllabi within departments occurred between Mr. Payne and building administrators - and bldg administrators and their building teams. She shared in last month's News and Notes that the consensus is to establish a combined 30% maximum for homework and class participation as part of the final grade (with homework being worth more than class participation).

This means that all secondary classes would be capped at 30% of homework and class participation counting toward the final grade. Throughout this process, both buildings discussed homework and class participation percentages that would exceed 45% of a student's grade, with no caps on either percentage. Eventually, the committee agreed that homework should be worth more than class participation and that both should not exceed 30% of a student's grade (i.e. this would have less of an impact on students' final grades than a higher percentage). Teachers could select/operate with a lower percentage in both categories and could even make one zero if they wanted. It was felt that this flexibility would allow teachers academic freedom for assessing their students, while still setting consistent measurements for the district and for buildings in their departments. Buildings teams are now working to make these percentages similar within a grade level and/or subject areas. Dr. Farrelly shared with the Board of Education the committee's 30%

maximum for homework and class participation in my February 9th News and Notes. Since it was briefly referenced during the last Board of Education meeting, she thought it would be best to recap the communications updates held electronically during this Board of Education meeting for any necessary Board of Education discussion.

The board held a conversation about this update and the current policy. Discussions were held regarding HW being part of the teachers's discretion. If a parent has a concern regarding the homework given, grade impact of homework, difficulty level of the HW assignments etc., a parent should contact the teacher for a discussion and/or to seek student support. No specific BOE HW policy amendment was recommended by the BOE.

15. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: B. Discussion as Requested by Trustee Paolillo - Streamlining of District Operations & Consolidation

Trustee Paolillo addressed the board and asked that they meet to have a workshop to discuss to the overall the enrollment, reconstruction and increasing efficiencies for the future. He further elaborated to say this isn't about closing buildings or laying off employees. Board President suggested that this meeting happen after the May 21st budget vote, before the end of the school year - it was agreed.

16. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents

None

**** The March 12, 2024 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.****

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:04pm.

Motion by Chris Paolillo, second by Roseann Geiger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame, Patti Neville