

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF APRIL 16,2024

*****The April 16, 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 April 16, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting, of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, NY 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, Ray Downey, John Evola, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciame, Patti Neville

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; Christopher Venator, Esq., School Attorney. District Clerk Jailin Parada was not present.

1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-6:00 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 CSEA Paraprofessional Negotiations and WBTA Employee matters.

Motion by Ray Downey, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Ray Downey, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:10 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Meeting of 4/9/24.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting of 4/9/24.

Motion by John Evola, second by Roseann Geiger.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Chris Paolillo, Ray Downey, 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 joining. She began her report by acknowledging many of the district's students:

Blue and Gold was once again fantastic this past weekend! Congratulations to all blue and gold participants. The artwork, costumes, themes, choreography, and performances were truly all amazing.

She continued to comment on the current spring athletic season. Dr. Farrelly extended her congratulations to the Unified Basketball team who had their first game yesterday. The next game is tomorrow at Brentwood and our next home game is May 2nd at 5:00 pm.

Dr. Farrelly continued her report by referencing that last week, the district invited representatives from Wendell to provide the BOE with a presentation on the transportation fleet electrification study the district needs to do as a result of the electric vehicle state requirements. She shared with the Board that this summer, she will meet with additional NYSERDA-approved companies to review their study recommendations, gather reference checks from other school districts, and compare the costs. Once she does that, she will share the information with the BOE.

Dr. Farrelly introduced Mrs. Gillis to present the district's budget presentation. Prior to, she provided the community with the following dates relating to the school budget:

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

Procedural: C. Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association Representatives

Procedural: D. Statement of School Administrators Association Representatives

Procedural: E. Statement of C.S.E.A. Representatives

Procedural: F. Statement of Student Association Representatives

Procedural: G. Statement of PTA Council Representatives

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

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

Ms. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, presented the community with the latest budget presentation for the school district. There was a lengthy discussion between Ms. Gillis, Dr. Farrelly and the Board. It was reaffirmed that the Board must adopt the budget by early next week. It was agreed by consensus to meet on Sunday, April 21 to allow time for the State to complete their budget and forward the information.

Motion was made to table the resolution to adopt the budget (3B) and motion to table 11J (Property Tax Report Card) on the consent agenda. Motion made by Patti Neville and Trustee Cathy Gismervik seconded.

Action, Presentation: B. Final 2024-2025 Budget Review & Adoption: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Motion to table resolutions to (3B & 11J) to April 21, 2024.

Motion by Patti Neville, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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 to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Authorization for Employee Termination

WHEREAS, the District and a certain employee made known to the Board engaged in the prohibited conduct on April 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the employee code of conduct the District terminated the employment of that employee effective April 17, 2024.

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

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

7. 2024-2025 Western Suffolk BOCES

Action (Consent): A. Election of Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education Trustees

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education will cast one vote for each of the three vacancies to serve on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education:

One vote for: Mary Ellen Cunningham

One vote for: Debbie Adams-Kaden

One vote for: Robert Scheid

Action (Consent): B. Approval of Western Suffolk BOCES 2024-2025 Administrative and Capital Budget

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Western Suffolk BOCES 2024-2025 Administrative and Capital Budget in the amount of \$396,570.

8. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 23-A-11

Action (Consent): A. 2023-2024 Board of Education Appointments - Election Inspectors RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

POSITION	SALARY	
APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS:	\$18./hr.	2023-2024
Administration:	Santapogue School	
Karen Amengual	Nicole Dean	
Patricia Boyce	Kelly Ann Kane	
Frances Burrows	Mary Ann Kane	
Edward Calcaterra	Nancy Mastro Simone	
Estelle Culpepper	Katherine Mastromatteo	
Ingrid Dean	Dianne Morrison	
Laura Jean Gregory	Rosa Pernal	
Robert Lazzaro	Frances Quintalino	
Jeff Wood	Irene Tynan	
Noreen Wood		
Marilyn Worby		

9. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 23-P-18

Action (Consent): A. 2023-2024 Grant Funded 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.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Additional Section:						
					2023-2024	
Hedstrom	Kristin	Teaching Assistant (.1)	HS	Step TA-3-1/ \$36,981. (prorated at 10%)	4/17/24-6/30/24, or earlier at district's discretion	ARP Grant

10. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 23-C-17

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
Grau	Gina	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	HS		4/8/24	Resignation

Action (Consent): B. Training for School Bus Driver Endorsement - Transportation

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
Sydnor	Janel	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$24.12/hr.	4/17/24-6/30/24	[up to 15 hours of training] Training for School Bus Driver position Appointment contingent upon completion of Training

11. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Western Suffolk Boces/Konica Copier Maintenance and Equipment Lease

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Western Suffolk Multi Year Service Agreement between the West Babylon School District and Konica relating to the Copier Improvement four (4) year lease.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of 2023-2024 South Huntington UFSD Health Services Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves South Huntington Union Free School District, to provide Health Services to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2023-2024 school year.

Information: C. Schedule of Bills - March 14, 2024 Accounts Payable Check Run

Information: D. Schedule of Bills - March 28, 2024 Accounts Payable Check Run

Action (Consent): E. Approval of Services Agreement - Utility Check, Ltd.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Services Agreement with Utility Check, Ltd. to make a complete examination and analysis of the District's electric, gas and steam charges for the purpose of obtaining any savings, credits and/or refunds of such rates and charges. The term of this Agreement will be for one (1) year from the date of the contract.

Action (Consent): F. Transportation Contract Award 2024-2025 - District Transportation

BE IT RESOLVED: that following a transportation Request for Proposal (RFP) dated March 21, 2024, and after a thorough review of the proposal in accordance with mandated criteria, the West Babylon Board of Education approves

the award of pupil transportation contracts for:

Home-to-School Transportation for In/Out of District Transportation for Public/Private/Parochial/Special Needs (20-30 passenger) air-conditioned vehicles and under, including lifts and Driver attendances with contractor providing fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Board of Education to sign and execute the New York State Transportation Contract with Suffolk Transportation on behalf of the Board in conformance with this resolution.

Action (Consent): G. Transportation Contract Award 2024-2025 - Field Trips

BE IT RESOLVED: that following a transportation Request for Proposal (RFP) dated March 21, 2024, and after a thorough review of the proposal in accordance with the mandated criteria, the West Babylon Board of Education approves the award of pupil transportation contracts for:

Field Trips with Contractor providing fuel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the President of the Board of Education to sign and execute the New York State Transportation Contract with Suffolk Transportation on behalf of the Board in conformance with this resolution.

Action (Consent): H. Approval of 2023-2024 Westbury UFSD Health Services Contract

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

Action (Consent): I. Approval of 2023-2024 Amityville UFSD Health Services Contract

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

Action (Consent): J. Approval of 2024-2025 Property Tax Report Card

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the 2024-2025 State Education Department Property Tax Report Card, as required by the New York State Education Department.

12. CURRICULUM

Action (Consent): A. NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards Professional Development- Emily Kang

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approve the service agreement with Emily Kang to provide NYS P-12 Science Learning Standards Professional Development (2) full days: 6/17/24 and 6/18/24 for senior high

school & junior high school teachers. Paid for by Title II Grant.

13. FACILITIES

None

14. POLICY REVIEW

None

15. OLD BUSINESS

None

16. NEW BUSINESS

None

17. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents

A community member thanked Denise Gillis for providing information at the SEPTA meeting. She expressed her concern about the impact of decreased social workers in schools and their role in the social-emotional part of children's academic careers.

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18. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:45pm

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Kristen Sciame.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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