

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING OF MAY 29, 2024

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The minutes of the Board of Education meeting summarize what took place.

***** The May 29, 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 Sciamé, 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. Mr. Christopher Venator, Esq., School Attorney was absent. Ms. Christine Durant, Esq. was present.

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

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 a legal matter in relation to a CVA case and personnel matters.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by Patti Neville.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:00 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Meeting of 5/7/24.

Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting of 5/7/24.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

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

Dr. Farrelly thanked the board for attending. She began her report by reminding the community that a budget presentation was scheduled. Before the presentation began, she took a moment to address some statements that have been made at previous meetings as well as questions that have been emailed or asked in person by community members. Dr. Farrelly went on to say that she truly appreciates when our residents reach out directly to ask clarifying questions so that they can ultimately make an informed decision.

Did West Babylon pierce the cap last year?

No. *Please be aware that our school district has NOT pierced the tax levy cap in over 10 years.*

What is most of the budget-to-budget increase attributed to?

Increase student services needs, increase transportation costs, and increase health insurance.

What is the cost of a school district budget vote? Approximately \$26,000 Inspectors - \$7500 South Bay - \$8625 Beacon - \$4500 Williamson -(envelopes) \$1700 Fort Orange - \$1700 (ballot printing) etc..

Community member concern regarding our District's lack of commitment to social-emotional learning...

Over ten years ago the district had an elementary character education program. The district pivoted and established a Social Emotional Learning District Committee to establish district-wide goals and supporting actions and activities that support the social-emotional learning of the whole child. Members of the PTA have been invaluable team members of the SEL committee and district initiatives. Monthly lessons are provided to teachers to enhance student self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, responsible decision-making, and relationship skills. Mental health professionals push into classrooms throughout the district, and family connection nights among many other district-wide programs grew out of this committee. Dr. Farrelly advised that If anyone has any questions or suggestions on how the District can continue to enhance our SEL initiatives, please reach out to Mrs. Carere or Mr. Payne.

Community Member concern noting declining enrollment is a generalization as it is only occurring in West Babylon

Dr. Farrelly emphasized to the community that over 80% of Suffolk County school districts have experienced a decline in student enrollment in the last 10 years. Specifically, 56 of the 69 Suffolk County School Districts have a lower student enrollment (2012-2023). This includes Half Hollow Hills, Hauppauge, Lindenhurst, Cold Spring Harbor, West Babylon, North Babylon, and Babylon to name a few. Examples of the 13 school districts that have seen an increase in student enrollment in the last 10 years include Brentwood, Central Islip, Riverhead, and Wyandanch. *Source: New York State BEDS School District Data.

She continued to say that as it relates to enrollment - the school district has been discussing declining enrollment for years as an admin team and at BOE meetings. As a school district, the district has discussed declining enrollment in public meetings since at least 2011. Specifically in 2013 when she participated in a Long Range Planning Study group with the former superintendent and 23 community members and employees specifically focused on analyzing our buildings for restructuring purposes, facilities usage, and capital work. This group met for several months to provide a thorough analysis and report to the BOE. After that study (2014), the Board considered consolidating our school buildings. The decision was made to maintain all 5 elementary school buildings and reduce employees accordingly as the students moved up in grade. Dr. Farrelly also mentioned that two years later, specifically on October 24, 2016, she discussed current and projected enrollment with the BOE. The Board's direction remained the same, no elementary building closures or restructuring. The direction provided was to continue to reduce faculty based on enrollment. It was discussed that the closure/consolidation or restructuring of school buildings would cause significant community disruption and concern. Since then, enrollment has been raised throughout various presentations.

This Spring (2024), the current BOE asked for a meeting to discuss school district options to increase efficiencies such as consolidation and/or restructuring concepts. This BOE workshop meeting is scheduled for June 4th.

Dr. Farrelly expressed the importance of noting that in the last 10 years, despite the student's declining enrollment, the district has experienced an increase in student needs. This led her to discuss another topic raised by a few of our community members - the topic of mental health and the importance of social workers, which she profoundly concurred with.

About 6 years ago, we had a total of 3 social workers districtwide. Due to the student needs, Dr. Farrelly began to recommend the District add social workers to the general budget or available grants. When we received COVID grants, she recommended and the BOE approved adding additional social workers. Although all knew these funds were temporary, we still believed it was necessary to add these supports - even if temporary. The district currently has 9 social workers. Next year the district will have a total of 6 social workers. Dr. Farrelly remarked that the district will continue to seek funding opportunities to add additional social workers to support the students.

The topic of Grants has also been raised by community members - Yes. Grants are a great financial resource for our school district. As such, school officials annually apply for and receive millions of dollars in grants. This year the district has applied for, received approval for, and used approximately 2.546 million in grants. These vary from special education grants to facilities grants to the most recent federal grants.

Dr. Farrelly mentioned that as many already know - throughout the last 4 years - the district held public meetings regarding grant applications and the use of grants.

Additionally, the district has also applied and received grants and bullet aid as a result of partnerships with elected officials - who have assisted us with funding for athletics, student tutoring, mental health support, and facilities needs (to name a few) throughout the years. The district has applied and is expecting funding to build a brand-new press box. Also, social workers' salaries will be paid for from different grants next year. The district currently also has a partnership with The Town of Babylon for a shared grant opportunity that allows WB and TOB students to have access to a drug and alcohol counselor.

The BOE will be discussing the concept of hiring a grant writer. Dr. Farrelly concluded her report by saying that if any community member knows of a grant opportunity for which the district may be eligible, please do not hesitate to share the information with an administrator.

**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**

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

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

Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations presented the Board and the community with a revised budget proposal for the upcoming re-vote.

4. STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

The following community members spoke at the board meeting:

A parent expressed concern about the community's disapproval of the district's financial decisions. She is concerned about the failure of the school budget and the possibility that the budget will not pass if it exceeds the tax levy cap.

Another parent also expressed her concern about the following topics:

- Security,
- Senior High School AP Classes

She also encouraged the board to attend PTA meetings to know what's going on within the schools.

A 3rd parent asked the Board for more information about the Athletic Director position being a new position, questions regarding the Business Office budget lines, and the \$1.5 million for judgments and claims. Finally, he expressed concern about the contingency budget and the possibility of the budget not passing. He urged the community to approve this budget.

Another community member asked the Board to please find a way to avoid piercing the tax cap.

One community member had questions about the \$2 million spent on transportation.

Another resident mentioned transportation and the costs that are going up as it relates to transportation. She mentioned transportation concerns, she suggested that the entire transportation operation be contracted out.

Dr. Farrelly addressed all questions/concerns raised by the community members.

- The athletic director is not a new position. For a number of years, The District had two positions to fulfill the responsibilities. The titles were Director of PE and Health and the Director of Athletics. When both administrators retired, the position was consolidated into one position (as it is now).
- Business office budget lines encompass many positions - not just one position - It includes accountant, treasurer, account clerks, payroll desks, auditors, etc.
- 1.5 million dollars in judgment and claims was discussed at a prior meeting. This is directly related to a CVA settlement.
- It was explained that although there have been changes to the hourly rates to transportation, our district and surrounding districts, continue to struggle to get bus drivers. Therefore, services are contracted out.

A lengthy conversation ensued among the board members. During the discussion, the following motions were made to amend the budget:

Motion by Lucy Campasano to remove K-8 Intervention and Lab Program

Second - Kristen Sciamè

In Favor - Roseann Geiger, Chris Paolillo

Opposed - Lucy Campasano, Christen Johnson Tymann, John Evola, Patti Neville, Ray Downey, Cathy Gismervik

Motion to reduce K-8 Intervention and Lab Program by \$400,000

First - Ray Downey

Seconded - Chris Paolillo

In Favor - Christen Johnson Tymann, John Evola, Kristen Sciamè, Patti Neville

Opposed - None

Motion by Lucy Campasano to reduce K-8 Intervention and Lab Program by \$400,000 & eliminating 9th grade Health Program

First - John Evola

Second - Ray Downey

In Favor - Patti Neville, Roseann Geiger, Christen Johnson Tymann, Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Chris Paolillo, Kristen Sciamè

New Budget total: \$136,349,275 at 2.86% - still requires a Supermajority vote because it exceeds the 2.01%

Motion to remove the resolution to adopt the proposed budget from the consented agenda

First - Christen Johnson Tymann

Second- John Evola

In Favor - Patti Neville, Roseann Geiger, Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Chris Paolillo, Kristen Sciamè, Ray Downey

Motion to act on consented agenda as modified -

First - Chris Paolillo

Second - John Evola

Opposed by Lucy Campasano and Cathy Gismervik

In Favor - Patti Neville, Roseann Geiger, Christen Johnson Tymann, Kristen Sciamé, Ray Downey

Adoption of Budget Resolution - FAILED

RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the budget for the 2024- 25 fiscal year in the amount of \$136,349,275 which requires a tax levy increase of 2.86% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 2.01% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent the qualified voters present and voting; and

First - Chris Paolillo

Second - John Evola

Opposed by: Lucy Campasano, Patti Neville, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Kristen Sciamé

In Favor: Ray Downey, Chirsten Johnson Tymann

2nd Attempt for Adoption of Budget Resolution - PASSED

RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the budget for the 2024- 25 fiscal year in the amount of \$136,349,275 at 2.01% tax levy and applying \$1,895,605 from the fund balance to lower the tax levy to the cap 2.01% budget.

First - Lucy Campasano (Opposed)

Opposed - Cathy Gismervik

Second - Chris Paolillo

In Favor - Patti Neville, Roseann Geiger, Chris Paolillo, Kristen Sciamé, Ray Downey, John Evola, Chirsten Johnson Tymann

At the conclusion of the conversation, the Board adopted the budget which will not pierce the cap at 2.01%.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Resolution: Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion by Chris Paolillo, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

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

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Authorization for Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign Employment Agreement- R. Panariello

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement, with Mr. Robert Panariello, Interim Director of PE, Health & Athletics, for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Action (Consent): B. Authorization for Superintendent of Schools to sign Retainer Agreement with Special Counsel - Marshall Dennehy

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District hereby approves the retainer agreement with Marshall Dennehy, as special litigation counsel, for legal services relating to a pending under index number 606610/2021 (Supreme Court, Suffolk County) and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the retainer agreement on behalf of the Board of Education.

Action (Consent): C. 2024 - 2025 Service Contract: Abilities Inc. at the Viscardi Center

RESOLVED: the West Babylon Board of Education approves Abilities at the Viscardi Center, to provide transition/ life skills services to West Babylon Special Education students during the 2024-2025 school year.

7. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 22-A-None

8. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 22-P-20

Action (Consent): A. Leave of Absence Request

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL	SALARY	BEG/END	DESCRPTION
Tiso	Lauren	School Psychologist	TBD		First Semester, 2024-2025	Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): B. Leave of Absences Returnees

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
Duca	Lauren	Special Education			9/1/24	Returning from LOA
Gendron	Lynn	Elementary			"	"
Valdemira	Kimberly	Special Education			"	"

Action (Consent): C. 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
Franzone	Kieran	Music	HS		6/27/24	Resignation

Action (Consent): D. 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
DeMaria	Michele	Speech	HS		5/17/24	Resignation

Action (Consent): E. SAT 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
Ruiz	Lorenzo	Test Proctor	SHS	\$23.73/hr.	5/4/24	3.75 Hours
Coleman	Therese					3.83 Hours
Bocca	Laurie					3.92 Hours
Fealey	Miranda					3.92 Hours
Doyno	Ian					3.92 Hours
Birkhoff	Sarah					4.00 Hours
Owenburg	Kristina					4.00 Hours
Simone	Linda					4.08 Hours
McGrath	Donna					4.08 Hours
Cancillieri	Laura					4.17 Hours
LoVerso	Marybeth					4.42 Hours
Tichy	Audrey					5.33 Hours
Borgo	Danielle					6.58 Hours
Durbin	Andrea					6.67 Hours
Montalvo	Christina	Test Supervisor				8.75 Hours

Action (Consent): F. 2023-2024 Regents Extra Help - Science/Math JH

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DECRPTION/COMMENTS
Regents Review Instructors:			JH	\$39.22/45 minute session	2023-2024	
Kronenbitter	Linda	Science				Up to 8 sessions
Niles	Jennifer	Science			"	"

Gordon	Pamela	Science				Substitute
Cammarano	Bradley	Math				Up to 8 sessions
Heaton	Elise	Math				" "
Kalberer	Kelly	Math				" "
Takseraas	Robert	Math				Substitute

Action (Consent): G. 2023-2024 Evening Regents Extra Help - Math, Science, Social Studies - HS RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Math Regents Extra Help:			HS	\$49.03/hr.	23-24	
Glaser	Amanda	Algebra				3 Hours
Kunzig	Christopher					3 Hours
Doyno	Ian	Geometry				2 Hours
Owenburg	Kristina					3 Hours
Quinn	Melissa					4 Hours
Doyno	Ian	Algebra 2				2 Hours
Spitzer	Andrew					3 Hours
Science Regents Extra Help:						
Conte	Joseph	Living Environment				3 Hours
Durbin	Andrea					3 Hours
Kearon	Kim					3 Hours
Kirby	Susan					3 Hours
Prizzi	Theresa					3 Hours
Tichy	Audrey					2 Hours
Baranek	Stephen	Earth Science				3 Hours
Rizzo	Laura					3 Hours
Konopa	Ken	Chemistry				3 Hours
Salerno	Loretta					3 Hours
Shields	Michelle					3 Hours
Hansen	Kevin	Physics				2.5 Hours
Jones	Taylor					2.5 Hours
Social Studies Extra Help:						
Armato	Philip	US History				2 Hours
Hands	Eileen					2 Hours
Losito	Christopher					2 Hours
Busch	Heather	Global History				1.5 Hours
McGrath	Donna					1.5 Hours

Action (Consent): H. 2024-Pre K Summer School Adjustments 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
Pre-K Summer School: July 29, 2024-August 8, 2024 (Mon.-Thurs.--up to 2 hrs./day)*						
*contingent pending NYSED approval and sufficient enrollment						
ARP Grant Funded						
Teachers:				\$50.06/hr.		ARP Grant Funded
Nancy Febbraro						
Samantha Leonick						
Allison Simons						
Megan Suchoboky						
Substitute Teachers:				\$50.06/hr.		ARP Grant Funded
Nicolette Bove						

Action (Consent): I. 2024 K-8 Special Education & K-6 Education Summer - 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
2024 Grades K-8 Special Education/K-6 General Education Summer School: July 2-August 14, 2024 (up to 6.5 hrs./day/30 days)*						
*contingent pending NYSED approval and sufficient attendance						
Professional Development (up to 12 hrs.)						
Administrative Assistant:						
VanLiew	Denisha			\$50.06/hr.		ARP Grant Funded

Psychologists:			\$50.06/hr.	
Loughlin	Laure			
Read	Michele			
Speech Teachers:			\$50.06/hr.	
DeMaria	Michele			
Ferreira Macedo	Dora			
General Ed./Special Ed./ENL Teachers:			\$50.06/hr.	ARP Grant Funded General Education
Angelon	Jennifer			
Birkhoff	Sarah			
Burke	Brittany			
Cacciuttolo	Gina			
Campbell	Steven			
Cohen	Corey			
DeBiccari	Thomas			
DeLapi	Nicholas			
Dellicarpini	Christina			
Fitzgerald	Kaitlyn			
Flynn	Ann			
Herman	Kristie			
Herron	Michele			
Howard	Amanda			
Kapela	Christine			
Koentje	Nicholas			
Laterza	Rachel			
Lee	Julia			
Lilly	Skyla			
Link	Lily			
Mazarakis	Ashley			
McClernon	Timothy			
McGuire	Debra			
McKeown	Robert			
Meinken	Maria			
Rogan	Megan			
Ross	Michelle			
Santorelli	Katherine			
Smith	Kerry			
Smith	Samantha			
Sterling	Melanie			
Tarasov	Lyubov			
Wighton	Kristyn			
Will	Krystal			
Williams	Hannah			
Teaching Assistants:			\$29.32/hr.	
Bacchi	Mia			
Bargelski	Timothy			
Bove	Nicolette			
Fenoaltea	Rosalia			
Hickey	Susan			
Hoppe	Olivia			
Kaufman	Michele			
Marandola	Allison			
Rodgers	Ian			
Seaver	Victoria			
Simone	Linda			
Sokol	Jill			
Suarez	Alexis			
Tynan	Ashley			
Physical Education Teachers:			\$50.06/hr.	ARP Grant Funded
Dahl	Robert			
Durso	Kelly			
Marx	Steven			
Morgan	Patrick			
Rossi	Joseph			
Siefert	Lindsay			
Library Media Specialist:				ARP Grant Funded
Statfeld	Michele		\$50.06/hr.	
Registered Nurse:				ARP Grant Funded
Gonzalez	Eileen		\$50.06/hr.	
Per Diem Substitute: Teacher/Speech/Psych/ Teaching Assistant			\$50.06/hr. \$29.32/hr.	ARP Grant Funded - General Education

Ayerle	Antoinette					
Bedford	Paula					
Brower Cohen	Christine					
Brutto	Carmela					
Cozzi	Michael					
Dunn	Kathleen					
Febbraro	Nancy					
Fitzpatrick	Ann					
Lundie	Allyson					
Murray	Kathleen					
Rao	Rao					
Rossi	Joseph					
Shield	Joanne					
Starke	Heather					
Per Diem Substitute: Registered Nurse						
Daly	Adair			\$50.06/hr.		ARP Grant Funded

**Action (Consent): J. 2024 9-12 Special Education & 7-12 Education Summer - 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
2024 Grades 9-12 Special Education/7-12 General Education Summer School: July 8, 2024-August 15, 2024 (up to 4 hrs./day/24 days)*						
*contingent pending NYSED approval and sufficient attendance						
Professional Development (up to 12 hrs.)						
ARP Grant Funded Program						
Administrative Assistant:						
Germano	Charles			\$50.06/hr.		ARP Grant Funded
Psychologist:						
Pinals	Rachel			\$50.06/hr.		"
Social Worker:						
Roussine	Joelle			\$50.06/hr.		"
Guidance Counselor:						
Schneider	Kelsey			\$50.06/hr.		"
General Ed./Special Ed. Teachers/ENL:						
				\$50.06/hr.		"
Birkhoff	Sarah					
Bocca	Laurie					
Bruno	Joseph					
Doyno	Ian					
Formichelli	Matthew					
Joseph	Ciara					
Kavanaugh	Peter					
Kunzig	Christopher					
McArdle	Patrick					
McGrath	Donna					
Owenburg	Kristina					
Nurses:						
Carey	Janet	Registered Nurse		\$50.06/hr.		"
Gonzalez	Eileen	Per Diem Nurse		"		"
Per Diem Substitutes: Teacher/Speech/Psych/ Teaching Assistant						
				\$50.06/hr. \$29.32/hr.		ARP Grant Funded
Alexander Kinnear	Toni					
Busch	Heather					
Cousins	Melissa					
Hoppe	Lisa					
Jabour	Lynette					
Ochs	Lisa					
Karatnytsky	Julia					
Karatnytsky	Patricia					
Konopa	Kenneth					
Laterza	Rachel					
Losito	Christopher					
Marandola	Allison					
Powers	Joseph					
Sandoval	Marcelo					
Silvio	Kathryn					
Swiakowski	Elizabeth					
Thiel	Elizabeth					

Action (Consent): K. 2024-2025 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:				2024-2025	
Arigoni	Jennifer	Guidance	JH	Fall/Spring	
Manning	Emily	Social Work	SH	Fall/Spring	
Suwalski	Kelly	Math	JH	Fall	
Talamini	Julia	School Psychology	TA	Fall/Spring	

Action (Consent): L. 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		
Imparato	Jasmine					[pending cert; max 90 days]
Montoni	John					[pending cert; max 90 days]
Rudden	Kerry					[pending cert; max 90 days]
Seegers	Maegan					[pending cert; max 90 days]

9. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 22-C-20

Action (Consent): A. Leave of Absence Request - 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
Germano	Lisa	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK		5/2/24-6/30/24	Leave of Absence

Action (Consent): B. Resignation - 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
DaRos	Joseph	School Bus Driver	Trans.		5/8/24	Resignation [from LOA]

Action (Consent): C. Temporary Appointment - 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
Miller	Rhonda	Office Assistant	JK	Step 1/ \$19.24/hr.	5/14/24-6/30/24, or earlier at district's discretion	Temporary Office Assistant Appointment approved by C.S. [three days per week/seven hours per day]

Action (Consent): D. 2023-2024 After School SEL Program - Adjustment of Hours

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:			HS		2023-2024	ARP Grant
Cabrera	Arlene	Cooking Club		\$19.42/hr.		[up to 2 hrs./wk.]
Cali	Maria	"		\$21.44/hr.		"
Gedulig-Wagner	Jennifer	"		\$19.64/hr.		"
Hartranft	Kerry	"		\$19.64/hr.		"

Scotti	Kelly	"		\$21.44/hr.		"
Swetland	Maribeth	"		\$21.44/hr.		"
Trezza	Kelly	"		\$19.64/hr.		"

Action (Consent): E. ENL Senior Night-Grant Funded

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

PAID THROUGH THE TITLE III GRANT

Support for Ell student parents during senior night activities.

Katherine Bradley Richardson	2 hours	\$60 an hour	6/13/24
Sarah Birkhoff	2 hours	\$60 an hour	6/13/24
Laurie Bocca	2 hours	\$60 an hour	6/13/24
Lisa Ochs	2 hours	\$60 an hour	6/13/24
Kris Yturraspe	2 hours	\$60 an hour	6/13/24

Action (Consent): F. ENL JHS Parent University-Grant Funded

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

PAID THROUGH THE TITLE III GRANT

Family engagement night for parents of ELL students to learn about building programs and curriculum.

Kathryn Salas	Up to 3 hours	\$60 an hour	6/5/24
Michele Shulman	Up to 3 hours	\$60 an hour	6/5/24
Lyubov Tarasov	Up to 2 hours	\$60 an hour	6/5/24
Antonella Poggi	Up to 2 hours	\$60 an hour	6/5/24

Action (Consent): G. 2023-2024 NYS Assessment Translators

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
Translators for the NYS Assessments::			DW	\$60./hr.	2023-2024	
Cardenas	Claudia					Up to 15 Hours
Flores	Yesenia					"
Tsymbalista	Ruslana					Up to 10 Hours

Action (Consent): H. 2024 9-12 Special Education & 7-12 Education Summer - 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
2024 Grades 9-12 Special Education/7-12 General Education Summer School: July 8, 2024-August 15, 2024 (up to 4 hrs./day/24 days)*						
*contingent pending NYSED approval and sufficient attendance						
ARP Grant Funded						
Clerical:						
Geigerich	Josephine			Per Contract		ARP Grant Funded [up to a maximum of 17.5 hours/week]
Paraprofessionals:						
Bode	Maureen			Per Contract		ARP Grant Funded
Bonventre-LoMonaco	Maria					
Gedulig Wagner	Jennifer					
Halvorsen	Angela					
Necco	Linda					
Pesale	Diane					
Sweet	Louise					
Per Diem Substitutes:						
				\$16./hr.		ARP Grant Funded
Cabrera	Arlene					
Delmarco	Leonora					
Maglione	Sandra					

Action (Consent): I. Prior Service Credit - 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
Neunzig	Gary	Custodial Worker I	HS	Step 3/ \$53,352. (prorate)	2/9/24	Prior Service Credit [experience verified]

Action (Consent): J. 2023-2024 Per Diem Substitute - DW

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Per Diem Substitute:					2023-2024	
Ruggio	Richard		DW	\$16./hr.	5/30/24-6/30/24	Custodian Emergency Conditional Appt.

10. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Year End Budget Transfers

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the year end budget transfers listed on the attached.

Action (Consent): B. 2024-2025 Budget Re-vote Adoption

RESOLVED that the Board of Education adopts the budget for the 2024- 25 fiscal year in the amount of \$136,882,275, which requires a tax levy increase of 3.50% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 2.01% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following proposition shall be presented to the voters at the Budget Re-Vote to be held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024:

Shall the School District budget proposed by the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District for the fiscal year 2024-2025 requiring the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the District in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District be adopted? Adoption of the budget requires a tax levy increase of 3.50% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 2.01% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Budget Re-Vote will be conducted by paper ballot held between the hours of 6:00 AM and 9:00 PM on June 18, 2024 in the following two (2) election districts: Board Room of the Administration Building, 10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York and Santapoque Elementary School at 1130 Herzel Boulevard, West Babylon, New York; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the District Clerk is directed to take all necessary steps to notice and conduct the Budget Re-Vote on June 18, 2024

Action (Consent): C. Approval of Claims Auditor Report - April 2024

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

Action (Consent): D. Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes an appropriation and transfer of funds in an amount not to exceed \$96,405.00 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund, to be used for the cash payment of the monetary value of accumulated or accrued and unused sick leave and/or vacation leave due to employees who retire from the District during the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This reserve was previously authorized in accordance with New York General Municipal Law Section 6-p; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes these funds to be added to the current 2023-2024 budget by increasing the appropriation to the A2020.1661 (Non Instructional Vacation/Sick Pay) in the amount of \$77,705.00 and A2110.1561 (Administrator Vacation/Sick Pay) in the amount of \$18,700.00 for a total not to exceed \$96,405.00 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund.

Information: E. Schedule of Bills - May 9, 2024 Accounts Payable Check Run

Action (Consent): F. 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	125,600.00	
A2250.4490	Professional Services		125,600.00
	Funds needed for Professional Services		

Action (Consent): G. Approval of BOCES Budget Transfer

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A2630.4900	Boces Services	101,600.00	
A2110.4900	Boces Services	1,200.00	
A1480.4900	Boces Services	1,100.00	
A1620.4900	Boces Services	2,800.00	
A5581.4900	Boces Services		106,700.00
	Funds needed for Boces Transportation Expenses		

Action (Consent): H. Approval of Treasurer's Report - April 2024

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

Action (Consent): I. Award of Architectural and Engineering RFP 2024-04

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education awards John A. Grillo for Architectural and Engineering Services based on RFP #2024-04.

Action (Consent): J. Approval of Budget Transfers

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the budget transfers listed on the attached for anticipated Boces and Special Education expenses.

Action (Consent): K. Approval of Budget Transfers

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A9787.6000	Leases & EPC Principal	483,665.82	
A9788.6000	Leases, Principal		483,665.82
A9787.7000	Leases & EPC Interest	52,362.26	
A9788.7000	Leases, Interest		52,362.26
	GASB87 reclassifying Bus Debt payments		

Action (Consent): L. Approval of Budget Transfer

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A2630.4900	Boces Services	356,322.96	
A9788.6000	Leases, Principal		335,001.16
A9788.7000	Leases, Interest		21,321.80
	GASB87 reclassifying Boces lease obligations		

Action (Consent): M. Acceptance of Flower Donation - SB

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the donation, from the South Bay PTA of (8) 6 inch Gerber Daises

Action (Consent): N. School Lunch Report April 2024

Action (Consent): O. Approval of 2024-2025 Educational Data Services Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the licensing and maintenance Agreement, with Educational Data Services, Inc., for the 2024-2025 school year. This Agreement will allow the District to receive the lowest overall pricing for consumable school supplies in the state.

Action (Consent): P. Approval of 2024-2025 Tax Anticipation Notes

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Tax Anticipation Note Resolution dated May 29, 2024 authorizing the issuance not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes of the West Babylon Union Free School District, in the Town of Babylon, County of Suffolk, State of New York, in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

11. CURRICULUM

Action (Consent): A. Declaration of Obsolete Curriculum Material - SB

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares textbooks (list attached), located at South Bay School, obsolete. The content is outdated, certain books are worn and others have been replaced with updated editions.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of The Safe Center Presentations

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves The Safe Center for Erin's Law presentations for Fifth graders at Forest, Tooker, South Bay, Santapogue and JFK.

12. FACILITIES

None

13. POLICY REVIEW

None

14. OLD BUSINESS

None

15. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Farrelly followed up on the topic of a grant writer to assist the district in obtaining grant funding. After BOE discussion, it was agreed that there are no funds available at this time for this expense and that it can be part of the district's long-range planning plans.

16. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents

None

***** The May 29, 2024 Board of Education meeting can be viewed on YouTube. It can be accessed via the West Babylon School District website at www.wbschools.org. The board of education meeting minutes are a summary of the proceedings. *****

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:37pm.

Motion by Cathy Gismervik, 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 Sciamé, Patti Neville