

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF OCTOBER 08, 2024**

*****The October 08, 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 October 08, 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

Chris Paolillo, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

Also present:

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Shawn Hanley, Deputy Superintendent for Human Resources, Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations. Trustees Downey, Evola and Johnson Tymann were absent. Mr. Chris Venator arrived at 5:45pm, Board Vice President Geiger arrived at 6:00pm and District Clerk Jailin Parada left at 6:05pm.

1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION - 5:02PM

Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Procedural: B. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Action: C. Executive Session

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:08 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular BOE Meeting of 10/1/24

Motion to Approve the Minutes of Regular BOE Meeting of 10/1/24.

Motion by Roseann Geiger, second by Stephan Maucere.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

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

Dr Farrelly thanked the community for attending the Board meeting. She then invited the community to Homecoming on 18 October at 5pm, followed by the football game at 6.30pm. Students will also enjoy the Homecoming Dance the following day.

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

Discussion: A. Presentation: Bond Refunding/ TAN Interest Rates Q & A, Mr. Alex Kerr; Capital Markets Advisors, LLC

Mrs. Denise Gillis introduced Mr. Michael Kerr, Vice President of Capital Markets Advisors, LLC. Mr. Kerr provided the Board with information on interest rates associated with some of the bonds as well as the bond refunding opportunity for the District. Discussion ensued between Mr. Kerr, administration and the Board. It was agreed that any further questions for Mr. Kerr would be referred to Dr Farrelly. It was also agreed to pursue the bond refunding opportunity.

Presentation: B. Presentation: Academic Intervention Services "AIS" Elementary Program; Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, along with Mrs. Jennifer Carere, Principal of Santapogue Elementary and Mrs. Christina Cotter, Principal of South Bay Elementary, gave a detailed presentation on last year's and this year's AIS (Academic Intervention Program) as well as Title 1 and what is being done in the classrooms this year as part of the intervention program. This presentation is available on our school website www.wbschools.org.

Presentation: C. Office of Comptroller Audit Overview - Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools & Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, provided an update/overview of the Office of State Comptroller's audit process and the findings and recommendations of that audit. The full presentation is available on our school website www.wbschools.org.

Presentation: D. Presentation: Budget Overview Presentation (Custodial, Maintenance, Security), Mrs. Denise Gillis, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

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 Anthony Raccomandato, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. 2024-2025 Amendment Blue Sea Educational Consulting, Inc.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Blue Sea Educational Consulting, to provide home instruction to West Babylon Special Education students during the 2024-2025 school year

Action (Consent): B. 2024-2025 Service Contract - Cleary School For the Deaf

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Cleary School for the Deaf to provide educational services for West Babylon Special Education students during the 2024-2025 school year.

Action (Consent): C. 2024-2025 Service Contract - Metro Therapy, Inc.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approve Metro Therapy, Inc. to provide academic tutoring, and related services for West Babylon Special Education students during the 2024-2025 school year.

Action (Consent): D. Authorization for Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign Employment Agreement- D. McElheron, Ed.D.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement, with Mr. Dennis McElheron, Ed.D., Interim Director of Student Services for the period October 9, 2024 through June 30, 2025 or earlier as per agreement.

7. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 23-A-

None

8. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 23-P-6

Action (Consent): A. Resignation - JK/TA

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
Marmaroff	Rebecca	PT/Art (.3)	JK/TA		10/18/24	Resignation

Action (Consent): B. PEL Recall - Mathematics-JH/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
The following probationary Mathematics teacher is being recalled from the Mathematics Preferred Eligibility List:						
Karatnytsky	Julia	Mathematics (1.0)	JH/HS	Step A-5-2/ \$62,809. (prorate)	10/7/24-1/17/25, or earlier at district's discretion	[from PT/(.7)]

Action (Consent): C. Interim Appointment - Student Services/BO

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
McElheron	Dennis	Interim Director of Student Services (Pre-K-12)	BO	\$700./day	10/9/24-6/30/25, or earlier at district's discretion	[certs: SDL, School Psychologist] Per Diem daily rate

Action (Consent): D. 2024-2025 Salary Adjustments for WBTA

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following retroactive to September 1, 2024

2024-25 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP	TO: SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
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Cafarelli	Susanna			A-9-26	\$138,745.	9/1/2024	
Carbonaro	Cristina			A-9-21	\$121,737.	9/1/2024	
Cardone	Suzanne			A-9-20	\$118,594.	9/1/2024	
Connors	Lucia			A-8-25	\$129,908.	9/1/2024	
Cousins	Melissa			A-7-26	\$127,955.	9/1/2024	
DaSilva	Amanda			A-9-11	\$93,730.	9/1/2024	
Dominguez	Dania			A-8-1	\$69,346.	9/1/2024	[prorate @ 40%]
Ermmarino	Rosa			A-7-6	\$75,837.	9/1/2024	
Florez	Lauren			A-9-6	\$82,232.	9/1/2024	
Gordon	Pamela			A-10-11	\$97,695.	9/1/2024	
Groel	Elaina			A-8-14	\$97,429.	9/1/2024	
Herman	Kristie			A-9-7	\$84,411.	9/1/2024	
Hilbert	Edward			A-8-23	\$123,287.	9/1/2024	
Karatnytsky	Julia			A-5-2	\$62,809.	9/1/2024	[prorate at 70% 9/1/24-10/4/24] to (1.0) 10/7/24-1/17/25
Mosca	Lauren			A-6-2	\$65,556.	9/1/2024	
O'Handley	Maxwell			A-3-2	\$62,809.	9/1/2024	
Owenburg	Kristina			A-9-25	\$135,163.	9/1/2024	
Powers	Dominique			A-8-19	\$111,041.	9/1/2024	
Prendergast	Beverly			A-9-26	\$138,745.	9/1/2024	
Rao	Megan			A-8-20	\$113,983.	9/1/2024	
Rayola	Michael			A-8-27	\$136,884.	9/1/2024	
Riggi	Christine			A-9-20	\$118,594.	9/1/2024	
Russell	Paula			A-9-7	\$84,411.	9/1/2024	
Sconone	Sean			A-8-5	\$76,994.	9/1/2024	
Stewart	Debra			A-7-9	\$82,027.	9/1/2024	
Strining	Lyndsey			A-8-17	\$105,381.	9/1/2024	
Stransky	Sara			A-7-1	\$66,540.	9/1/2024	
Torre	Andrew			A-8-12	\$92,463.	9/1/2024	
Torres	Nicole			A-8-17	\$105,381.	9/1/2024	

Action (Consent): E. Summer Work, 2024 - CSE Representative

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

Last Name	First Name	Position	School	Step/Salary	START/END	Description
CSE Representative:					8/20/24-8/30/24	
Rodgers	Ian			\$116.29/hr.		[Up to 40.5 hours total]

Action (Consent): F. 2024-2025 Translator - NYS Assessments - 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
NYS Assessments Translator:					2024-2025	
Tarasov	Lyubov		HS	\$60./hr.	7/18/24, 7/20/24	[up to 5 hrs.]

Action (Consent): G. 2024-2025 Additional Sections - 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 Sections:					2024-2025	
Conte	Joseph	Science (.2)	HS	Step A-9-21/ \$121,737. (prorate @ 20%)	10/7/24-1/17/25, or earlier at district's discretion	[environmental]
Hansen	Kevin	Science (.1)	HS	Step A-9-24/ \$131,674. (prorate @ 10%)	"	[physics]
Salerno	Loretta	Science (.2)	HS	Step A-9-25/ \$135,163. (prorate @ 20%)	"	[environmental]

Kearon	Kimberly	Science (.2)	HS	Step A-7-20/ \$109,372. (prorate @ 20%)	"	[environmental]
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Action (Consent): H. 2024-2025 Club and Advisor - 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 & Advisor:			HS		2024-2025	
Patruno	Christopher	Jazz Band/Guitar Ensemble		\$1,356.		

Action (Consent): I. 2024-25 Food Pantry Support - Social Workers

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following employees to assist in providing Food Pantry support after school to West Babylon Community members:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Social Workers:					2024-2025	After School Food Pantry/Support
Caputo	Julianna			\$55.45/hr.		[up to 25 hrs.]
Goldstein	Justine			\$52.73/hr.		"
Roussine	Joelle			\$61.57/hr.		"

Action (Consent): J. Social Workers - Support for West Babylon Students & Community

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
Lemmo	Jaime	Social Worker	HS	\$96.28/hr.	9/28/24, 9/29/24	[up to 5 hrs. - to provide social worker support to WB students and community]

Roussine	Joelle	Social Worker	HS	\$61.57/hr.	"	"
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Action (Consent): K. 2024-2025 Student Teacher/Observer/Intern

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	
Greene	Meghan	SpEd	JH	Fall	

9. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 23-C-5

Action (Consent): A. Resignations - HS/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
Hirshkowitz	Elaina	Paraprofessional	HS		8/9/24	Resignation to Retire
Yunker	Lawrence	School Bus Driver	Trans.		9/28/24	Resignation

Action (Consent): B. Probationary Appointments - 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
Rios	Melissa	Paraprofessional (classroom aide)	SA	Step 1/ \$18.98/hr.	10/9/24	Probationary Appt. Emergency Conditional Appt.
Nye	Laura	Paraprofessional (classroom aide)	JK	Step 1/ \$18.98/hr.	10/9/24	Probationary Appt. Emergency Conditional Appt.
Ortega-Calarte	Sandy	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	FA	Step 1/ \$18.98/hr.	10/9/24	Probationary Appt. Emergency Conditional Appt.

Sloan	Doreen	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SA	Step 1/ \$18.98/hr.	10/15/24	Probationary Appt.
Westendorf	Barbara	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	FA	Step 1/ \$18.98/hr.	10/15/24	Probationary Appt. Emergency Conditional Appt.
Benito	Remington	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB	Step 1/ \$18.98/hr.	10/28/24	Probationary Appointment Emergency Conditional Appt.

Action (Consent): C. Probationary Appointment - JH

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA	STEP/SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS
Federico	Antonina	Office Assistant	JH		10/21/24-1/21/25	Leave of Absence
Federico	Antonina	Senior Office Assistant	JH	Step 4/ \$47,373. (prorate)	10/21/24	Probationary Appointment [Promo. from Office Assistant] [C.S. List of Eligibles #24SR483]

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
Messler	Harry	Custodial Worker I	HS	Step 1/ \$47,478. (prorate)	10/28/24	Probationary Appointment [emerg. cond. appt.]

Action (Consent): E. Temporary Appointment - Transportation Bus Driver

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

Sluka	William	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 4/ \$29.93/hr.	10/24/24-5/30/25	[temporary appointment]
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Action (Consent): F. Temporary Appointment - Head Bus Driver 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
Canales	Jaris	Head Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$51,356. (prorate)	10/15/24 - 4/1/25	Temporary Appt. Pending Civil Service approval

Action (Consent): G. 2024-2025 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.	2024-2025	
Nichols	Daniel					Custodian
Pelaez Melo	Debora					"
Strammiello	Sam					"
Tirado	Jason					"

Action (Consent): H. 2024-2025 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:					2024-2025	
Nolan	Timothy	Guard/SRO	DW	\$33.29/hr.	9/3/24-6/30/25	

10. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Parent Transportation Contract

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the attached Parent Transportation Contract to provide transportation reimbursement for a West Babylon resident student during the 2024-2025 school year.

Information: B. Schedule of Bills - September 13, 2024 Accounts Payable Check Run

Information: C. Schedule of Bills - September 26, 2024 Accounts Payable Check Run

Action (Consent): D. Acceptance of New York State Comptroller's Office Report - Claims Audit Examination (2024M-62)

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the Claims Audit Examination Report (2024M-62) as conducted by the New York State Comptroller's Office for the period of July 1, 2021-May 31, 2023 and the District's Corrective Action Plan in response to the findings.

Action (Consent): E. Approval of Transportation Contracts with Suffolk Transportation Services, Inc.

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the following transportation contracts with Suffolk Transportation Services, Inc. in accordance with previously awarded Request for Proposal:

Summer Emergency Contract

Home to School

Field Trips

Action (Consent): F. Approval of Treasurer's Report - August 2024

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

Action (Consent): G. Acceptance of Corrective Action Plan - Year Ended June 30, 2024

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the Corrective Action Plan ("CAP") in response to the year ended June 30, 2024 Financial Statement Audit.

11. CURRICULUM

None

12. FACILITIES

None

13. POLICY REVIEW

Action: A. Second Time Reading and Adoption: Revised Policy 2350 Board Of Education Meetings; Types, Agendas, Procedures and Minutes

Motion to waive Second Time Reading of Policy 2350 and Adopt as Revised.

Motion by Stephan Maucere, second by Anthony Raccomandato.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere

14. OLD BUSINESS

None

15. NEW BUSINESS

None

16. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:21pm.

Motion by Patti Neville, second by Stephan Maucere.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, Roseann Geiger, Cathy Gismervik, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Stephan Maucere