

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, of the Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York was held on TUESDAY, May 7, 2013, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present:

Trustees James Bocca, Lucy Campasano, Wendy DeGaetano, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Diane Thiel, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Absent: Trustee Peter Scarlatos

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; and residents (audience of approx. 10).

The President opened the meeting at 7:01 pm and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:01 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

Executive session ended at 7:31 p.m.

The **Budget Hearing** began at 7:34 — Mrs. Jennifer Buscemi — Executive Director for Finance

Mr. Cacciola thanked all for attending and turned the meeting over to Mrs. Buscemi. Mrs. Buscemi did a review of the budget that will be presented to the residents to vote on at the May 21, 2013 budget vote and trustee election. The information is available on the district's website. All programs will be maintained. Mr. Cacciola pointed out that the drop in assessed value has a double edge because the district almost loses the revenue twice. There was a discussion about the tax levy and the effect on the tax rate. Mr. Cacciola said that in the past West Babylon would set a tax rate and if the rate was higher based on the tax levy, the difference in funds would be taken from the fund balance. West Babylon was one of the few districts to set the tax rate and keep the rate it set. However, the district can no longer afford this and it is virtually impossible to set an accurate tax rate. The levy cannot change.

The Regular meeting began at 8:05 pm.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2013

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola stated that Blue and Gold was wonderful and added that the event is always disappointing for half of the participants because there is always a winner. He said there are no losers, though. All of the performances were top notch.

Mr. Cacciola noted that this week is Teachers and Teaching Assistants recognition week. He said that the educator bashing that has been happening recently is sad. He thanked the faculty for all of their dedication and for all that they do throughout the year. Board president Diane Thiel wished Mrs. Squicciarini and the teaching staff a happy national teachers' day.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

WBTA President Patt Squicciarini thanked Mr. Cacciola and the Board of Education on behalf of over 400 members of the WBTA for their good wishes.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators Association:

WBAA President Ellie Levy noted that Mr. Payne could not be present because he was attending the JHS concert. She congratulated the WBTA and the West Babylon School District for the wonderful job they do every day. She also applauded the Board of Education and administration for enhancing

the security in the district. She said that "having an umbrella doesn't mean it's going to rain, but when it does, it's nice to have one".

Statement of CSEA Representative: None

Statement of Student Association Representative: None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

PTA Council VP Jennifer Longo thanked the teachers for all they do and noted that the PTAs are having staff recognition throughout the district. She said that the PTAs are all in support of the budget. She thanked the staff and administrators for attending "Meet the Candidates Night". She also thanked Mrs. Jones for typing the invitation letters to the candidates.

Statement of Residents: None

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Eagle Summer Camp Presentation: Christopher Haug, Physical Education Teacher

Mr. Cacciola explained that Mr. Haug was here to present the trustees with a concept of creating a sports recreation camp over the summer. He noted that Mr. Haug has seen successful sports camp models. Mr. Haug presented his proposal and explained that he would not interfere with the West Babylon Youth Center programs. Mr. Haug said that the program would be run in a similar fashion to the Adult Ed. program. He said that for the most part the program would be outdoors and when there is inclement weather it would move indoors. The district would not incur any overtime custodial fees because the program would be held when the staff is working during the week. Staffing was discussed and Mr. Haug explained that he would have three adult counselors and hire high school students 16 years old or older to assist the counselors. The fee at this point would be \$80 a week for the program. Trustee DeGaetano suggested a slightly increased fee to offset any cost to repair or refurbish fields if need be. After further discussion Mrs. Buscemi said that she wants to ensure that our insurance company will be ok with having 16 year olds working for the program. The trustees approved Mr. Haug moving forward provided the insurance company concern is addressed.

Trustee Klein seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following independent consultant to provide "Teacher of the Deaf" services, at a rate of \$115 per hour, during the summer of 2013, to West Babylon School District resident students:

Ms. Tammy Rogers

PERSONNEL

#PE-1

RESOLVED: that the following schedules, as attached, are approved:

12-P-18 Professional Personnel

12-C-18 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 12-P-18 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Craig, Diane	Elementary Tchr.	JH		4/9/13 -	Family Medical Leave
Kowalik, Jennifer	Science Tchr.	JH		4/24/13 -	Family Medical Leave
Hetherington, Adrienne	Family/Consumer Science Tchr.	HS		5/6/13 -	Family Medical Leave
Coppola, Kathleen	School Nurse Tchr.	HS/Elem.		First Semester, 2013-2014	Leave of Absence [last extension]

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Acocella, Patricia	Elementary Tchr.	JH		6/30/13	Resignation [to remain as Prob. Principal]
O'Leary, Stephen	Mathematics Tchr.	HS		6/30/13	Resignation [to remain as Prob. Asst. Principal]
Anselona Troisi, Donna	Elementary Tchr.			9/1/13	Returning from LOA
Antonelli, Gina	Physical Education Tchr.			9/1/13	Returning from LOA
MacKenzie, MaryEllen	Special Education Tchr.			9/1/13	Returning from LOA
Mostransky, Elissa	Reading Tchr.			9/1/13	Returning from LOA
Zuhlke-Perry, Lisa	Music Tchr.			9/1/13	Returning from LOA

The following Regular Substitutes are terminated effective June 30, 2013:

Craig, Amanda	Regular Substitute/Elementary	TA
Koentje, Nicholas	Regular Substitute/Elementary	JK
Seibert, Kaitlyn	Regular Substitute/Elementary	JK
Crapo, Kristin	Regular Substitute/Music	FA/SB
Shah, Krista	Regular Substitute/Reading	SB
DeRosa, Kellie	Regular Substitute/Special Education	JH/HS
Grawin, Regina	Regular Substitute/Teaching Asst.	TA

A.C.T. Proctors:

		\$22.13/hr.	4/13/13	
Dombo, Stephen				5.5 hrs.
Iaquinto, Christine				6 hrs.
McArdle, Patrick				6 hrs.
Ruiz, Lawrence				6 hrs.
Amaya-Valasquez, Idalia				6.5 hrs.
Powers, Brian				7.5 hrs.
Satriano, Paul				8 hrs.
Thomas, Stephanie	ACT Coordinator			8 hrs.

Mathematics Regents Review Sessions:

	HS	\$36.59/hr.	5/7/13 - 6/19/13	
Selvaggi, Sally	Algebra			Up to 2 hrs.
Speroni, Michael	"			Up to 2 hrs.
Valensisi, Valerie	"			Up to 2 hrs.
Mucaria, Donna	Geometry			Up to 4.5 hrs.
Owenburg, Kristina	"			Up to 4.5 hrs.
Quinn, Melissa	"			Up to 4.5 hrs.
Selvaggi, Sally	"			Up to 4.5 hrs.
Shinners, Walter	"			Up to 4.5 hrs.

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Spitzer, Andrew	"				Up to 4.5 hrs.
Doyno, Ian	Algebra 2/Trigonometry				Up to 12 hrs.
DeLany, Nicole	"				Up to 12 hrs.
Kunzig, Christopher	"				Up to 12 hrs.
Silvio, Kathryn	"				Up to 12 hrs.
Science Regents Review Sessions:		HS	\$36.59/hr.	5/7/13 - 6/19/13	
Baranek, Stephen	Earth Science				Up to 6 hrs.
McKenna, Theresa	"				Up to 6 hrs.
Mendoza, Aimee	"				Up to 6 hrs.
Rizzo, Laura	"				Up to 6 hrs.
Conte, Joseph	Living Environment				Up to 5 hrs.
Jones-Desiderio, Roberta	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Montalvo, Christina	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Kirby, Susan	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Galvin, Donna	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Prizzi, Theresa	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Hawson, Jacqueline	Chemistry				Up to 5 hrs.
Konopa, Kenneth	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Nettuno, Thomas	"				Up to 4 hrs.
Peraza, Rosemary	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Salerno, Loretta	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Anderson, Gordon	Physics				Up to 5 hrs.
Spitzer, Andrew	"				Up to 5 hrs.
Hansen, Kevin	"				Up to 5 hrs.

Grades 6-12 General Education Summer School Program: July 8 - August 14, 2013 (Mon.-Thurs.

Contingent, pending NYSED approval, sufficient enrollment and budget plus 4 days pre/post session)

McGrath, Donna	Principal	HS	\$7,458.		
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ESL Tech Camp: July 19 - August 2, 2013 (Monday - Friday/11 days)*

***Contingent upon sufficient enrollment** 7/19/13 - 8/1/13 ---- 3 hrs./day/10 days
8/2/13----- 6 hrs./day

			\$1,640.		Title III Grant
Shah, Krista	Camp Tchr.				
Schafer, Mary	"				
Yurraspe, Kris	"				

Wolkiewicz, Sharon	Camp Technologist		\$39.51/hr.		Title III Grant
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Psychology Intern: Spring, 2013

Karo, Sharon	Psychology	SB			
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Per Diem Substitute:

Saar, Wendy	Speech Therapist	DW	\$279.77/day	2012-2013	
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Forsythe, Erik		DW	\$90		Certification # SWD B-2, 1-6 Childhood Ed. B-2, 1-6
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SCHEDULE 12-C-18 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Campbell, Nancy	Paraprofessional [pt/clerk typist]	JK		5/6/13 - 6/30/13	Leave of Absence
Bradley, Kim	Paraprofessional [school monitor]	FA		4/26/13	Resignation
Russo, Mary	School Bus Driver	Trans.		6/22/13	Resignation to Retire
Cook, Donald	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$19.53/hr.	5/13/13	Probationary Appt.
Per Diem Substitutes:		DW	\$9./hr.	2012-2013	
Carlson, Kristen					Clerical
*Meyer, Danielle					Clerical/Paraprofessional
*Coyne, Michael		DW	\$10./hr.	2012-2013	Custodian

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

FINANCE

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves a resolution to participate with Eastern Suffolk BOCES in cooperative bids for the purchase of various supplies, materials and equipment for the 2013-2014 school year as provided by General Municipal Law Section 119-0.

FACILITIES

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation of six dozen Rawlings baseballs from the West Babylon Baseball League.

#FA-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following athletic uniforms obsolete:

Uniform	Quantity
Shorts	198
Pants	51
Tops	424
Skirt/Skort/Kilts	32
Warm Up Tops	40
Warm Up Pants	35
Singlets	34

Some of these uniforms are more than 30 years old and are no longer wearable.

Mrs. Tona presented an overview of the school report card (on file in the District Clerk's office). She said that the building principals will be

presenting at the June 25 Board meeting.

POLICY REVIEW

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Bocca made a motion to adopt the policies.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

- File: 0300** Accountability
- File: 5300.65** Visitors to the Schools
- File: 8130 School** Safety Plans and Teams
- File: 8210.10** Use of Surveillance Cameras on School Property
- File: 8630 Computer** Resources and Data Management

Trustee DeGaetano spoke about her concerns with large crowds attending events (referring to the Visitors to the Schools Policy). She said she was concerned with the security risk at these events. Mr. Cacciola said that if anything were to occur, 911 would be called.

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS: **NONE** — Board President Diane Thiel noted that there will be a Curriculum Committee Meeting on May 30 at 6:00 p.m. and a Facilities meeting in June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee DeGaetano said that she thought that the trustees no longer wanted the printout of the facilities use calendar. Mr. Cacciola said that he will eliminate the facilities calendar and only provide the cost out of the facilities use to the trustees.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Cacciola reminded the Board about the Special Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:

Resident Dan Joyce read a letter presented to the board in which he and other parents requested that retiring teacher Hans Haugen be permitted to continue to coach the La Crosse team. He said that there is no written policy and nothing in the contract stating that the coach must be a teacher. He said that parents are asking for consideration and that Dr. Vassallo and Mr. Spinelli agree that qualifications are of the utmost concern. Mr. Joyce said that the students' best interest should be the considered.

Mr. Cacciola thanked Mr. Joyce and noted that while it is not in policy or by contract, the coaching selection is done by past practice.

Resident Terrance McMahon requested that the Board review the selection classification policy and allow student athletes in 8th grad to tryout for JV sports. Mr. Joyce said he would also like the policy revisited. After some discussion the Board voted about whether or not to revisit the selection classification policy:

Trustees Thiel, Klein, Gismervik, Wandasiewicz and Villagran were in favor of revisiting the policy and Trustees Bocca, Campasano, and DeGaetano were opposed to revisiting the policy. Mrs. Jones will send a copy to the trustees, administrators and the athletic director to review. The policy will be discussed under New Business at the May 22 Board meeting. Board President Diane Thiel said that the policy review is a process that can take several Board meetings. She said that Mr. McMahon can check the agenda on the website.

Resident Debbie Zedeck asked what action, if any, has been taken regarding the petition she presented to bring the printed calendar back. Board President Diane Thiel said that no action had been taken and as explained at the last meeting, the district will not be printing the calendars because of the costs involved in printing them and the fact that the calendar events change, often making the printed calendar inaccurate. She suggested that Mrs. Zedeck could work with a community group, such as the PTA, to develop a calendar and use it as a fundraiser.

Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn at 10:02 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

Attested to: _____

District Clerk