

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, February 25, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees James F. Bocca, Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Diane Thiel, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Trustee Peter Scarlatos was absent.

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent; 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. 8).

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

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to enter executive session for contract negotiations and matters of personnel at 7:02 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Board President Diane Thiel welcomed everyone and reminded them to silence their cell phones.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 11, 2014.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola said that the Board meeting scheduled for April 22, 2014 will have to be rescheduled to April 24, 2014 due to the BOCES Budget Vote.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

WBTA Rep., Patti Neville thanked the PTAs for all of their work on the Founder's Day preparations.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association: None

Statement of CSEA Representative: None

Statement of Student Association Representative: None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

Daienna Edmunds invited all to attend tomorrow evening's Founder's Day celebration.

Statement of Residents (agenda items): None

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Annual Risk Assessment – RS Abrams Ms. Lisa Thomas-Hart and Ms. Alexandria Battaglia

Ms. Thomas-Hart and Ms. Battaglia shared their report with the trustees (on file in the District Clerk's Office). The employee life insurance was the only high risk item found, recommendations have been implemented. Moderate risk was inventory tracking. Two of the five recommendations were implemented. Mrs. Buscemi said that she will prepare the corrective action plan for items of risk.

Trustee Campasano seconded by 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 school districts to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students during the 2013-2014 school year:

East Islip Union Free School District
Half Hollow Hills Central School District

PERSONNEL

#PE-1

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

13-P-15 Professional Personnel

13-C-15 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 13-P-15 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Lynch, Jaclyn	Elementary Tchr.	FA		1/24/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Shay, Meghan	Reading Tchr.	JK		2/10/14 -	Family Medical Leave
A.C.T. Proctor: Powers, Brian			\$22.30/hr.	2/8/14	6 hrs.
Coach: Adamkiewicz, Felix	JV Head	Softball	\$5,150.	Spring, 2014	
Student Teacher/Observer: D'Errico, Michelle	English	JH		Spring, 2014	
Guidance Intern: Hammond, Heather	Guidance Dept.	HS		Spring, 2014	
Per Diem Substitute Teacher: Seccafico, Sue Ann		DW	\$90./day	2013-2014	[cert: Mathematics 7-12]

SCHEDULE 13-C-15 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Hausler, Judith	Paraprofessional (hall monitor)	HS		3/4/14 - 6/30/14	Leave of Absence
Biscardi, Lena	School Bus Monitor	Trans.		6/30/14	Resignation to Retire
Adams, Rosette	Food Service Wrkr. 'B'	JH	Step 1/ \$11.49/hr.	2/26/14	Probationary Appt.
Per Diem Substitute: Serediuk, Roman		DW	\$10./hr.	2013-2014	Custodian

FINANCE

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the annual Risk Assessment Report and Internal Audit Report on Life Insurance Benefits which were presented to the Audit Committee by Lisa Thomas-Hart and Alexandria Battaglia from R. S. Abrams & Co., LLC.

#FI-2

WHEREAS, New York Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a was amended to provide eligible veterans with a real property tax exemption from school taxes so long as the School District in which the real property is located, after public hearing, adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, hereby authorizes the application of the Veteran Tax Exemption as contained in New York Real Property Tax Law Section 458-a, as amended, and such exemption shall be applicable to school taxes up to the Basic State Maximums.

#FI-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the September, October, November, December 2013 and January 2014 claims auditor's reports and recommendations.

FACILITIES

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following equipment, located at the Junior High School, obsolete:

Description	Model No.	Serial No.	WB Invoice No.	Location
ALTSPOT 1000w Quartz Follow Spotlight	803C/30501	1000q	N/A	JHS Stage
Capital Stage Lighting Follow Spotlight	901	N/A	N/A	JHS Stage
Capital Stage Lighting Follow Spotlight	901	N/A	N/A	JHS Stage
Vintage Roland Synthesizer, c. 1973	SH-1000	235045	N/A	JHS Room 116
Vintage 1960s Baldwin Upright Piano	Hamilton	171211	N/A	JHS Band Room
Vintage 1960s Baldwin Upright Piano	Hamilton	176343	N/A	JHS Band Room
Vintage Weber Baby Grand Piano	N/A	80573	80573/005223	JHS Stage
Vintage Winter Company Spinet Upright Piano	N/A	N/A	N/A	JHS Music Room
Vintage 1970s Wurlitzer Organ	Orbit II	1079496	000060	JHS Music Room
Upright Bass Mathias Thoma	90P	5986	10248	JHS Room 116
Vintage Tenor Saxophone, c. 1970s	King	331193	No. 1	JHS Room 116 JHS Nurse's Office
GE Refrigerator	TBX21C1ZBRWW	LS-529126	N/A	

The equipment is outdated and it is not feasible to repair these items.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY:

The following policies are on the agenda for First Time Reading.

- 1120: School District Records (First Time Reading)
- 4526: Computer Use in Instruction (First Time Reading)
- 5695: Students and Personal Electronic Devices (First Time Reading)

Trustee Wandasiewicz Seconded by Trustee Villagran made a motion to waive reading the policies and moved them to second time discussion.
The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The following regulations and exhibits were reviewed by the Board of Education and accepted.

- 1120-R: School District Records – Regulation (Revision)
- 1120-E: School District Records – Exhibit (Review)
- 4526-R: Computer Use in Instruction - Regulation (Review/Revision)

COMMITTEES: Administration is working on a date to meet to discuss Policy 5280 – Interscholastic Athletics. Mrs. Jones will e-mail dates to the trustees on the sub-committee.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Budget Draft #2 – A. Cacciola and J. Buscemi

Mr. Cacciola and Mrs. Buscemi shared the second draft of the 2014-2015 budget. Budget to budget there is a \$2.7 million dollar increase. Mr. Cacciola said that there is nothing that can be cut without effecting programs. There was also a discussion about the possibility of the district piercing the cap and if so, by which percentage? Mrs. Buscemi shared various scenarios of making all cuts that would be necessary to not pierce the cap; piercing the cap by 2% and making the cuts to bring the budget in line with these numbers; or piercing the cap by enough to cover all of the costs that would be necessary to keep all current programs/staff. There were discussions about ways to reduce costs. Trustees discussed waiting to make the decision about piercing the cap until after the March 4, 2014 budget presentation or making the decision now and sharing the changes with the public. Mrs. Buscemi explained that she must let New York State know by March 1, 2014 if the district is intending to pierce the cap. However, the amount can change up until April 24, 2014. After further discussion the following motion was made:

Trustee Villagran seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to pierce the cap by 2% as the starting point.

Voting Yes: Trustees Campasano, Gismervik, Klein, Kranz, Thiel, Villagran and Wandasiewicz

Voting No: Trustee Bocca

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The Trustees endorsed the administrative recommendations in Budget Draft #2 to present at the March 4, 2014 Budget Presentation to be held in the Board Room of the Administration Bldg.

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS: None

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to adjourn at 9:42 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

District Clerk