

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, March 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, Peter Scarlatos, Diane Thiel, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

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. 80).

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

Presentation: Christopher Haug, Director (Phys. Ed. Teacher) – Eagle Recreation Camp Presentation

Mr. Haug shared a PowerPoint presentation of the first summer of the Eagle Recreation Camp. He was very pleased with the first year of the program. He said all expectations have been passed. Mr. Haug said the program hired 13 West Babylon student counselors and 6 volunteers. The program also raised \$3000 to be used for scholarships. He said that he would like to extend the program this summer. Mr. Haug is very thankful for the support of the Board of Education and administration. He said students are enthusiastic about returning to the program this summer. Mr. Cacciola thanked Mr. Haug and added that the program was well received and well organized.

Mrs. Thiel noted the large turnout and apologized that the Board would be entering executive session and would return at 8:00 for the public portion of the meeting. She also noted that if the crowd was any larger, the Board would be moving the meeting to the PAC.

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to enter executive session for contract negotiations and matters of personnel at 7:08 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Villagran made a motion to adjourn executive session at 7:42 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

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

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 11, 2014

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to move the Statements of Residents (agenda items) to this portion of the meeting.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Bocca made a motion to move the Statements of Residents (other topics) to this portion of the meeting.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS (All Topics)

Residents and student residents spoke about their displeasure with the possible cuts to the Bowling team, the swim team, and gymnastics. The students expressed their passion for these teams and the impact of losing the team. In response to a resident question Mr. Cacciola said that the district can look into merging with another district's swim team and gymnastics team. He said that the other district would have to be willing to take on another team; adding that Lindenhurst and Deer Park are not willing to take on another team. Mrs. Thiel said that this is not what the Board wants to happen, either. She said that the Board is awaiting word from the State regarding the budget and urged the students and parents to contact their legislators with these concerns, as well. In response to why these sports are cut first, Mr. Cacciola said that off site sports produce the highest costs. Mrs. Thiel encouraged everyone to attend the April 1st meeting.

Resident Nancy Walsh-Smolenski said that she understands that the Board is feeling "crunched" and needs to determine what the community wants. She said that little things add up and perhaps the Board can consider small cuts here and there. Mrs. Walsh-Smolenski said that the Board and administration work hard and

SCHEDULE 13-P-17 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Montalvo, Andrea					9 hrs.
Montalvo, Christina	Test Supervisor				9 hrs.
Coaches:				Spring, 2014	
Heaton, Bryan	JHS Head	Baseball	\$4,139.		Resignation
Ward, Brian	JHS Head	Baseball	\$4,139.		[repl. B. Heaton]
Volunteer Coaches:				Spring, 2014	
Richert, Danielle		Softball	\$-0.-		
Taylor, Kevin		Lacrosse (B)	\$-0.-		
Per Diem Substitute Teachers:		DW	\$90./day	2013-2014	
Agnello, Carissa					[certs: Ch. Ed. 1-6, SWD 1-6]
Caparso, Michael					[certs: SWD 7-12, SWD Soc. St. 7-12, Soc. St. 7-12]
Mitnick, Todd					[cert: Ch. Ed. 1-6]
O'Brien, Vanessa					[cert: Ch. Ed. 1-6]

SCHEDULE 13-C-17 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	SALARY	STEP/ APPT.	BEG/END COMMENTS
Brower, Kevin	Custodial Wrkr. I	FA		3/18/14 - 6/30/14	Leave of Absence
Cali, Maria	Paraprofessional (hall monitor)	HS		3/18/14 - 6/30/14	Leave of Absence
Rappa, Rosaria	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	FA		3/18/14 - 6/30/14	Leave of Absence
Hurrell, Bruce	Auto Mechanic IV	Trans.		6/28/14	Resignation to Retire
Duffy, Thomas	Custodial Wrkr. I	JH		12/25/13	Resignation from LOA [to remain in prob. head post]
Evans, Eileen	Food Service Wrkr. 'B'	JK	Step 1/ \$11.49/hr.	3/26/14	Probationary Appt.
Per Diem Substitute: DW			\$9./hr.	2013-2014	
Glennon, Josephine					

CURRICULUM

#CU-1

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

- “Catch 22” by Joseph Heller - 15 copies
- “The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner” by Alan Sillitoe - 12 copies

Per Ms. Donna McGrath, Senior High School English/Social Studies Departments Chairperson, the books are worn and outdated.

#CU-2

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

- “Discovery Works” textbooks by Silver Burdett Ginn, Copyright 1996 - ISBN #0-382-33383-7 - 53 copies

Per Ms. JoAnn Scott, Principal, South Bay School, the textbooks are no longer part of the elementary science curriculum.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY:

The following policy is on the agenda for first time reading.

5280: Interscholastic Athletics (First Time Reading)

Trustee Bocca Seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to waive reading the policy and move it to second time discussion.

Trustee Scarlatos was not in the room at this time.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The following policies are on the agenda for Third Time Adoption.

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

Trustee Bocca Seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adopt the policies.

Trustee Scarlatos was not in the room at this time.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

COMMITTEES: The Policy Subcommittee — Trustee Villagran read the minutes of the Policy subcommittee meeting — on file in the district clerk’s office

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Budget Draft #3 – A. Cacciola and J. Buscemi

Mrs. Buscemi presented Budget Draft #3 and shared the state information to date. She said that West Babylon has been using as much fund balance as possible. She said that all budget drafts will be available on line on the website tomorrow. Mrs. Buscemi noted that the district has available \$180,000 more than expected and the Board will have to decide how to allocate those funds. In response to Trustee Villagran’s question, Mrs. Buscemi said that if this money is restored to the budget, the cap at the current budget would still be pierced. Trustee Scarlatos suggested piercing the cap by 5.46% and then lowering it if it does not pass the first time. There were discussions about risking piercing the cap by 5.46%; Trustee Kranz wanted to consider using \$68,000 of the \$180,000 for restoring the varsity sports; and Trustee Thiel suggested waiting until the state aid package is known before making any further budgetary decisions. After further discussion on all of the topics:

Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Bocca made a motion to wait until April 1, 2014 for the state aid information before making further budgetary decisions.

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

Voting No: Trustee Scarlatos

Abstained: Trustee Kranz

The motion was **CARRIED**

The Board unanimously agreed that they would meet again before the next meeting if additional funds become available.

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:

Resident and PTA Council President said that the survey will go to the JHS. She added that parents discuss the budget at every PTA meeting and she believes if the JHS parents wanted to pierce the cap for the sports, they would be at this meeting.

Resident Joe DeGaetano asked about the effects of the cuts and the effects on the classrooms. He also pointed out that music is an academic program as opposed to sports which is extra-curricular. He requested that they not be pitted against each other as the same type of program

In response to resident Dawn Conboy’s question, Mr. Cacciola said that 6 districts on Long Island will be piercing their budget caps and none of the districts in Western Suffolk BOCES will be piercing their caps. Mrs. Conboy said that she is opposed to the 5.46% cap piercing in this economic climate. Mrs. Buscemi said that she has seen an increase in bounced checks from the lunch department and that amount of students receiving free and reduced lunch has gone up 40%.

Resident Rob Larsen said he agrees with Trustee Scarlatos that the district should give the piercing by 5.46% a shot. He also suggested closing a building to save money.

In response to Daienna Edmunds question Mrs. Buscemi said that the funds from the Trust and Agency accounts do not become part of the budget. However, their numbers are published in the financial statements available on the website.

Several more parents spoke in support of the keeping the bowling and swim teams. In response to their question about fundraising to keep the teams, Mr. Morrell explained that the fundraising would have to apply to all teams. Parents cannot fundraise to retain some teams and not for others.

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present