

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, October 28, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, Raymond Downey, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Jennifer Longo, Peter Scarlatos, 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. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Executive Director for Finance and Operations; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney and residents

The President opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag

### **Board Recognition Evening and Reception**

Mr. Cacciola was pleased to see everyone present this evening to honor the trustees. He said that the Board is made up of 9 individuals who work tirelessly for no salary. He thanked the Board on behalf of the administration for all of their dedication and said it is his pleasure to be working with all of the trustees.

The following dignitaries were present and offered words of thanks and presented citations to the trustees; Joseph Saladino, Assemblyman; Phil Boyle, State Senator; Councilman Tom Donnelly; Councilman/Deputy Supervisor Antonio Martinez; and Babylon Town Supervisor Rich Schaffer.

WBTA President Patt Squicciarini thanked the Board for their dedication to the community and the children of West Babylon. She said that in addition to the flowers for the trustees, the WBTA will make a donation to the WBPTA Scholarship fund in their honor.

WBAA President Ellie Levy had to leave due to a family emergency. WBAA Vice President Shawn Hanley offered words of thanks to the trustees for all of their hard work, commitment to the community, and donating their time.

WBPTA Council Rep. Daienna Edmunds compared being on the Board to a game of poker, adding that the Board never knows the hand they are dealt. She said that she knows that their decisions aren't always easy. She thanked them and honored them for "coming to the table" even when they may not be dealt the perfect hand.

Mr. Cacciola said that he has BOCES certificates from the WS BOCES for each of the trustees.

Accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Kelly, Music Teacher, students Andrew Morrison and Alexa Lucchesse each performed beautifully for the trustees.

Mr. Cacciola thanked Donna McGrath, Grade 9-12 Music and Art Chairperson and William Doran Grades K-8 Music and Art Chairperson for coordinating the artwork that adorns the Board room. He also thanked the PTA for providing the food and desserts for the Board. HE thanked everyone for attending this evening.

Board President Lucy Campasano said that it is often remarked that being a Board member is a thankless job. She said that the students who share their talents in music, artwork and sports skills are what make being a Board member worthwhile. She thanked everyone for attending.

The Board took a recess for a Board photo and to enjoy some refreshments at 7:34 p.m.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Klein made a motion to enter executive session for contract negotiations and matters of personnel at 7:45 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:32 p.m.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Longo made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 14, 2014.  
Trustee Scarlatos was not in the room

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

### **Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:**

Mr. Cacciola said that the Capital Project presentations to inform the community about the plans for the project will be held on the following dates;  
Wednesday, November 5 — 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Bldg. during the PTA Council Meeting

Saturday, November 8 — Community Forum - 10:00 a.m. at the JHS

Thursday, November 13 — 7:30 p.m. during the JHS PTA meeting at the JHS and at 8:30 at Santapogue during their PTA meeting

Monday, November 17 — 7:00 p.m. during the HS PTSA meeting at the HS

Wednesday, November 19 — Community Forum — 7:00 p.m. at the JHS

Thursday, November 20 — 6:30 p.m. at South Bay for South Bay and JFK PTAs

Thursday, December 11 — 7:30 p.m. at Tooker Ave. for Forest Avenue and Tooker Ave. PTAs

Tuesday, January 6 — Community Forum — 7:00 p.m. at the JHS

Mr. Cacciola said that Syntax, the district's publicity firm toured the district buildings and took photos of areas in need of the capital project work. He said there will be a slide show and PowerPoint presentation, and there will also be a video prepared by Syntax on the website. He encouraged the trustees to attend as many of the presentations as possible.

Mr. Cacciola recommended that the Board meeting scheduled for January 13, 2015 be moved to January 14, 2015 due to the Capital Project Vote — the trustees unanimously agreed.

Mr. Cacciola reminded everyone that the homecoming parade is scheduled for 12:00 on Saturday, November 1, 2014; the game will begin at 2:00 p.m. He also reminded everyone that the Alumni Hall of Fame dinner will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Irish Coffee Pub in East Islip at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested in attending should call Mr. Cacciola's office. Recipients this year will be Vincent DiMartino — Class of '66; Harold Dieterle — Class of '95; Patrick Halpern — Class of '71; Shannon Smith — Class of '08; Russell D. Van Brunt former HS Principal and, in recognition of his contributions and service to West Babylon Schools a special Board of Directors' award will be presented to Mr. Phillip Ames (retired Superintendent and Principal).

**Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:**

WBTA President Patt Squicciarini said that the WBTA executive committee met on October 13 and has agreed to support the Capital Project Bond. She said they will be sending out mailings to inform the community. Mr. Cacciola and Board President Lucy Campasano thanked Mrs. Squicciarini and the WBTA. Mr. Cacciola said that the Labor Management Committee will meet on Thursday to discuss their strategies.

**Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:** **None**

**Statement of CSEA Representative:**

CSEA President Donna Rocchio said that it has been a pleasure working with the Board and the CSEA looks forward to working with them in the future. She added that she understands the challenges the trustees face as volunteers and that she appreciates all that the trustees and their families give of themselves to serve the community.

**Statement of Student Association Representative:** **None**

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:**

Daienna Edmunds thanked the trustees for their donation to the fundraisers and thanked all who attended Red Ribbon Week last week.

**Statement of Residents (Agenda Items)** **None**

**Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:** **None**

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda** with replacement pages 1 and 3 of the personnel schedule.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**#BE-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school district to provide special education services, to parentally-placed, West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2014-2015 school year:

Lindenhurst Union Free School District

**#BE-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following agency to provide special education services, to West Babylon School District resident students, with disabilities, during the 2014 summer session and the 2014-2015 school year:

Developmental Disabilities Institute

**#BE-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the Junior High School Drama Club is approved for the 2014-2015 school year:

Faculty Advisor:	Deborah Plezia
President:	Jenna Halversen
Treasurer:	Savannah Navas

**PERSONNEL**

**#PE-1**

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

<u>14-P-8</u>	Professional Personnel
<u>14-C-8</u>	Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 14-P-8 Professional Personnel Schedule**

**REPLACEMENT PAGE 1**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL/ AREA</b>	<b>STEP/ SALARY</b>	<b>BEG/END APPT.</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Sullivan, Mary	Special Ed. Tchr.	JH		10/20/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Daly, Adair	School Nurse Tchr.	JK	Step A-3-4/ \$60,949. (prorate)	9/1/14	Probationary Appt.
Daly, Adair	Registered Nurse	JK		9/1/14 - 9/1/15	Leave of Absence
<b>Salary Adjustment:</b>				<b>Retroactive to 9/1/14:</b>	
Seibert, Kaitlyn		FROM: Step A-1-2/\$50,953.		TO: Step A-3-2/\$56,073.	
<b>S.A.T Proctors:</b>			\$22.47/hr.	10/11/14	
Powers, Brian					4.5 hrs.
Shaffer, Donna					5 hrs.
Simone, Linda					5.5 hrs.
Amaya, Idalia					6 hrs.
Borgo, Danielle					6 hrs.
Doyno, Ian					6 hrs.
Goodwin, Deborah					6 hrs.
Heaton, Bryan					6 hrs.
Heaton, Elise					6 hrs.
Kelly, Barbara					6 hrs.
McArdle, Patrick					6 hrs.
Ruiz, Lawrence					6 hrs.
Selvaggi, Sally					6 hrs.
Tichy, Audrey					6 hrs.
Montalvo, Andrea					8 hrs.
Montalvo, Christina	Test Supervisor				9 hrs.
<b>FBA/BIP Training:</b>				11/4/14	
Kuncman, Lauren	Psychologist		\$272.95/day		[1 day]
<b>Additional Hours:</b>					
LaMantia, Joanne	Registered Nurse		\$36.37/hr.	Aug. - Sept., 2014	[25.5 hrs.]
<b>Nursing Coverage for Before/After School Programs:</b>				2014-2015	
Autera, Jennifer			\$95.54/hr.		
Clark, Julia			\$75.38/hr.		
Daly, Adair			\$32.79/hr.		
LaMantia, Joanne			\$36.37/hr.		
Lentricchia, Janet			\$42.77/hr.		
Raimondi, Theresa			\$42.23/hr.		
Senzamici, Donna			\$42.23/hr.		
<b>Intramural Advisors:</b>		\$28.21/hr.	2014-2015		
Koentje, Nicholas		JK			
Needham, Theresa		JH			
Richert, Danielle		JH			
Ward, Brian		JH			
McArdle, Patrick		HS			
Orsi, Joan		HS			
<b>Coach:</b>				Fall, 2014	
Matthews, Autumn	JHS Head	Cheerleading (1.0)	\$2,469.	9/3/14 - 10/14/14	Date Correction

(prorate)

**SCHEDULE 14-P-8 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<b>Student Teachers/Observers:</b>				Fall, 2014	
Aprile, Dana	Social Studies	JH			
Cavalone, Caroline	Math/Elementary	HS/JK			
Sumner, Kateri	Social Studies	HS			

**SCHEDULE 14-C-8 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

**REPLACEMENT PAGE 3**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Viverito, Donna	Sr. Clerk Typist	HS		11/17/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Ziegler, Susan	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB		10/22/14	Resignation
Familia, Eileen	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA		10/24/14	Resignation
Rocchio, Donna	Sr. Clerk Typist	SB	Step 9/ \$47,898. (prorate)	10/29/14	Probationary Appt. [C.S. List of Eligibles # 14-0022-184]
Rocchio, Donna	Clerk Typist	SB		10/29/14 - 1/29/15	Leave of Absence
Galan, Joseph	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$19.93/hr.	10/29/14	Probationary Appt.
<b>Additional Hours:</b>					
Martel-Nelli, Johanne	Clerk Typist		\$21.99/hr.	9/3, 9/4, 9/5/14	[4.5 hrs.]
<b>Per Diem Substitute:</b> DW					
Familia, Eileen		\$9./hr.		10/29/14 - 6/30/15	Paraprofessional

**POLICY COMMITTEES:**

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Villagran asked about the SAT prep and why she hasn't heard about any being offered before January. She said that parents and guidance were unaware that it was not being offered and therefore were unable to make alternate arrangements for the students. Mrs. Tona said that she will check with the HS administration about the rationale for waiting until January instead of having a prep course in the fall and will report back to the Board in News and Notes.

Trustee Scarlatos asked about the outcome for a parent's question at the last meeting about the selection classification for her child. Dr. Farrelly said that the information was in News and Notes on October 17.

Trustee Kranz said that he has a four page research article regarding turf fields that he will leave with Mrs. Jones for anyone interested in reading about them. He said that with the exception of being about 11 degrees warmer, there have been no injuries more than have occurred on grass. Mr. Cacciola said that he has a similar report from the district's physician, Dr. Geffken. Trustee Klein said that the Dept. of Health website also has the same information. Board President Lucy Campasano added that even if West Babylon doesn't have turf fields the students are already playing on turf fields in other districts.

**STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:**

Resident Christine Hancock thanked the Board for all of their hard work for the children of the district. She said that regarding her daughter's eligibility for selective classification, even though her daughter has asked that Mrs. Hancock not pursue the matter further, she wanted to stress that the information was not clearly conveyed to

everyone and policy had changed. Mrs. Hancock said that she is not looking for special consideration. She is asking for the same consideration that was afforded to others in the past.

Dr. Farrelly read the email that Mr. Spinelli sent, on September 10, to parents of students in both grades 7 & 8 in which he explained that the Board is considering a change to the policy that addresses selection classification and therefore, anyone in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade should let him know by the September 15<sup>th</sup> deadline if a student may be interested in trying out for selection classification.

After some discussion about the method in which the information was conveyed and the speed with which the policy was changed in one meeting instead of the usual three meetings;

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Kranz made a motion to allow Mrs. Hancock's daughter to selectively classify for cheerleading due to the confusion of the information, even though the deadline had been missed.

Voting Yes: Trustees Campasano, Downey, Gismervik, Kranz and Scarlatos

Voting No: Trustees Klein, Longo, Villagran and Wandasiewicz

The motion was **CARRIED**

Resident Jay McGraw said that he supports the turf fields 100%. He spoke about students tearing up the back parking lot in the afternoon. In response to his question about why custodians would be driving security vehicles during the day, Mr. Cacciola said that the Buildings and Grounds department uses all of the district vehicles in various capacities to maximize the use of the vehicles.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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District Clerk