

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 12, 2015, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, Ray Downey, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Jennifer Longo, Peter Scarlatos, and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Trustee Stacy Villagran was absent

Also present: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent; Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Executive Director for Human Resources; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; and residents

The President opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

BUDGET HEARING — Michele Psarakis — Presented the Budget Hearing (Available on the district’s website) and encouraged everyone to come out to vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to Executive Session for contract negotiations and personnel matters at 7:17 p.m. Trustee Scarlatos was out of the room.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion resumed at 8:20 p.m.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Klein made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2015.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

Dr. Farrelly noted that the district’s Fun Run and Wellness Fair will be held on May 18, 2015. She thanked Mrs. Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction and the PTA for coordinating the event.

Dr. Farrelly asked that everyone please review her “Superintendent’s Points of Pride” for the month. She added that the district has many items of which we can be proud. She included these highlights on the webpage. She took a moment to congratulate the following students and staff; Lucas Chang from South Bay Elementary School for being the first place winner in the Covanta Energy 9th annual Recycling Poster Contest; the JHS Mock Trial team and their advisors Charles Benvenuto and Thomas Horstmann for their 9th consecutive year as undefeated in the tournament at Dowling College; Natalie Nunez, her family and the high school art department. Natalie’s photograph “Blue Fire” was on display at the Heckscher Museum of Art in Huntington.

Dr. Farrelly noted that the auditors will be at the June 9<sup>th</sup>, Board meeting at the 7:00 portion to meet with the BOE.

Regarding the Capital Project, Dr. Farrelly noted that in the last few weeks, some trustees and administrators conducted two visits - One to Islip and one to Mepham HS in Bellmore/Merrick. She requested direction from the Board regarding lining the field, turf material and construction timeline. She stated that the district is looking to send the bids out on Monday. How many teams would the Board like to line the field with? What turf material should be used? When should construction begin? After some discussion, the general consensus of the Board was that the infield will be designed as the majority of other districts’ using crumb rubber; shading of the grass could be a possible add alternate; a sand catcher with covers is pretty standard and should be included; include netting as an add alternate; and small WB in center of field with a possible add alternate for small eagles. Timeline is anywhere from 8-12 weeks for completion and could take the full season depending on the weather.

**Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:** None

**Statement of West Babylon Administrators’ Association:**

**Statement of CSEA Representative:** None

**Statement of Student Association Representative:** None

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:** None

**Statement of Residents (Agenda Items)**

Resident John Evola asked about whether or not the new and remodeled fields will be available for the public to use, and how that will be controlled. Board President Lucy Campasano said that the district’s sport teams will take precedence, as always. She added that the district is looking into hiring additional security. Dr. Farrelly said that organized teams would continue to need permits for field use. She said that the monitoring of the fields will need to be worked out.

**Superintendent’s Report/Educational Presentation:**

**Special Education Presentation — Mr. Michael Mack — Director of Student Services**

Mr. Mack discussed the makeup and information about the district's special education program through a PowerPoint presentation. Highlights included; the current number of students in the program and the placements of the students, whether in house or out of district; the current staffing; building breakdowns; and special education programs in each school. Mr. Mack also highlighted some of the new programs implemented in the 2014-2015 school year which included; a high school life skills program with a vocational portion in which students learn skills at actual job sites, the program is expected to be expanded next year. Students who are 18-21 will receive a full day vocational counseling program. Mr. Mack explained that work based learning is a requirement for some of the new pathways to graduation; an 8:1:1 kindergarten program in district instead of sending the students to BOCES saving the district approximately \$180,000.00; using iPads with some of the district's visually impaired and speech and language impaired students. Mr. Mack shared new staff and program changes for 2015-2016 which included adding 2.8 teachers at the JHS and .2 teacher at the HS; an addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade special class at Forest Avenue School and an addition of a 4<sup>th</sup> grade integrated section at Santapogue School (of two current third grade integrated sections at JFK, one will move to Santapogue).

Trustee Scarlatos 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 consultant agency to provide support and professional development related to claiming state aid for students with disabilities, non-resident billings and tuition rates for approved summer special education programs in accordance with state reporting requirements. The agreement with the agency shall be in effect from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016:

Edgewater Consulting, Inc.

**#BE-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the following updated Senior High School clubs list information is approved for the spring 2014-2015 school year:

**Club                                      Advisor                                      President                                      Treasurer**

Baseball	Michael Rayola	Tim Kranz	Nick Gilley
Boys Lacrosse	Chris Kunzig	John Salamone	Dylan Ott
Boys Soccer	Frank Ging	Matthew Esposito	Peter Agostinello
Boys Track	Rob Dahl	Ryan Wade	Justin Leeb
Girls Golf	Dan Homan	Stephanie Scagnelli	Anna Fleury
Girls Softball	Nicole Torres	Nicole Magioncalda	Allison Gernavage
Girls Track	Melissa Quinn	Melissa Riback	Victoria Nash
Jazz Choir	Joseph Barone	Alexa Lucchesse	Andrew Morrison

**PERSONNEL**

**#PE-1**

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

14-P-20                      Professional Personnel  
14-C-20                      Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 14-P-20 Professional Personnel Schedule**

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL/ AREA</b>	<b>STEP/ SALARY</b>	<b>BEG/END APPT.</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Hetherington, Adrienne	FACS Tchr.	HS		4/30/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Valdemira, Kimberly	Special Ed. Tchr.	JH		4/30/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Dewhirst, Melissa	Special Ed. Tchr.	JK		5/4/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Tully, Idamarie	Teaching Asst.	TA		6/30/15	Resignation to Retire

**SCHEDULE 14-P-20 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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**The following part-time appointments are terminated effective June 30, 2015:**

Ludwig-Worgul, Cristina	PT/English (.5)				[returning to PEL]
Rosiello, Jenna	PT/FACS (.3)				
Marino, Leslie	PT/Foreign Language (.6)			[returning to PEL]	
Tarasov, Lyubov	PT/Foreign Language (.2)				
	PT/ESL (.6)				
Liardi, Christine	PT/Music (.6)				[returning to PEL]
Kuncman, Lauren	PT/School Psychologist (.8)				
Clark, Kathryn	PT/Social Studies (.4)				[returning to PEL]
Powers, Daniel	PT/Special Education (.8)				

**The following Regular Substitute appointments are terminated effective June 30, 2015:**

Craig, Amanda	Regular Substitute/Elementary
Matthews, Autumn	Regular Substitute/Special Education
McNamara, Stephanie	Regular Substitute/Special Education
Romeo, Kirsten	Regular Substitute/Art
Stuart, Patricia	Regular Substitute/Reading

**S.A.T. Proctors:**

	\$22.47/hr.	5/2/15	
Heaton, Elise			5 hrs.
Amaya, Idalia			6 hrs.
Borgo, Danielle			6 hrs.
Cahill, Jessica			6 hrs.
Goodwin, Deborah			6 hrs.
Heaton, Bryan			6 hrs.
Iaquinto, Christine			6 hrs.
Kelly, Barbara			6 hrs.
McArdle, Patrick			6 hrs.
McGrath, Donna			6 hrs.
Mucaria, Donna			6 hrs.
Romeo, Marta			6 hrs.
Ruiz, Lawrence			6 hrs.
Shaffer, Donna			6 hrs.
Tichy, Audrey			6 hrs.
Powers, Brian			6.5 hrs.
Powers, Daniel			8 hrs.
Montalvo, Andrea			9 hrs.
Montalvo, Christina	Test Supervisor		9 hrs.

**2015 Summer 9-12 Regents Prep. Coordinator: July 29 – August 13, 2015:**

\*Contingent, pending NYSED approval and sufficient enrollment and budget

McGrath, Donna	Coordinator	HS	\$3,804.
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**2015 K-8 Special Education Summer School Principal: July 6 – August 14, 2015:**

\*Contingent, pending NYSED approval and sufficient enrollment and budget

Cunningham, Gregg	Principal	TA	\$9,235.
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**SCHEDULE 14-C-20 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Holm, Marie	Personnel Assistant	Admin.		5/5/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Tullo, Doreen	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JH		4/20/15 - 6/30/15	Leave of Absence
Franco, Marcelina	Food Service Wrkr. "B"	JH		4/23/15 - 6/30/15	Leave of Absence
Russo, Marie	Paraprofessional (hall monitor)	HS		5/5/15 - 6/30/15	Leave of Absence
Adams, Rosette	Food Service Wrkr. "B"	JH		4/16/15	Returned from LOA
Vinetti, Laura	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA		4/21/15	Returned from LOA
Errante, Joseph	Custodial Wrkr. I	SB		5/14/15	Resignation from LOA [to remain in prob. post]
Gaudioso, Kerri	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	SA		5/1/15	Resignation

**The following part-time appointments are terminated effective June 30, 2015:**

Foster, Christine PT/Physical Therapist (.6)  
Waterman, Diana PT/Physical Therapist (.4)

\*Ciuzio, Pamela Paraprofessional FA Step 1/ 5/15/15 Probationary Appt.  
(school monitor) \$13.50/hr.

**Per Diem Substitute:** DW \$10./hr. 5/13/15 - 6/30/15 Custodian  
Powers, Kenneth

\*Emergency Conditional Appointment

**FINANCE**

**#FI-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves a resolution to participate with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding of RFP #12-01P for tutorial and special education services for students, Western Suffolk BOCES and component school districts, for the third extension of the contract: July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, pursuant to General Municipal Law Section 119-o and Education Law Section 1950.

**#FI-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes an appropriation and transfer of funds in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund, to be used for the cash payment of the monetary value of accumulated or accrued and unused sick leave and/or vacation leave due to employees who retire from the District during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. This reserve was previously authorized in accordance with New York General Municipal Law Section 6-p.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes these funds to be added to the current 2014-2015 Budget by increasing the appropriation to the A2020.1661 (Non-Instructional Vacation/Sick Pay) and A2110.1560 (Instructional Retiree Sick Pay) for a total not to exceed \$500,000 from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Fund.

**#FI-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2015.

**#FI-4**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts an amendment to the approved resolution of May 28, 2014 for the cost of extensive emergency repairs to the Junior High School steam heating system. The resolution approved amending the 2013-2014 Budget; however, repairs were completed in the 2014-2015 school year. Therefore the 2014-2015 budget should be amended.

**CURRICULUM**

**#CU-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation, from the Bonnie Plant Company, to South Bay School:

a shipment of cabbage for each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student

As part of the "Bonnie Cabbage Program" teacher guides were also included with specific directions to enable students to learn about gardening. Students will also be enrolled in a contest to win an award certificate. Additional information can be found at the following website: [bonniecabbageprogram.com](http://bonniecabbageprogram.com)

**#CU-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation, from the Bonnie Plant Company, to Santapogue School:

a shipment of cabbage for each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student

As part of the "Bonnie Cabbage Program" teacher guides were also included with specific directions to enable students to learn about gardening. Students will also be enrolled in a contest to win an award certificate. Additional information can be found at the following website: [bonniecabbageprogram.com](http://bonniecabbageprogram.com)

**POLICY: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Longo said that she was very impressed with her visit to see the BOCES programs. She asked if there could be some kind of presentation to students and their parents in 9<sup>th</sup> grade to show them the program and what it has to offer. Mrs. Tona said that there could be some type of presentation along with one of the other presentations that are scheduled. She noted that the BOCES program has a limited number of available seats.

Trustee Wandasiewicz asked for clarification about some misconceptions about the SCOPE pre-k program that were brought up at the recent PTA Meet the Candidates night. Mrs. Tona explained that there are currently 15 students registered for the program for the fall and SCOPE is looking to run two a.m. classes. She said that SCOPE's pre-k program, which is a self-functioning program with no cost to the district, will be running additional advertisements to make community members aware of the program. Trustee Scarlatos added that the facility fees were waived by the Board to save the pre-k parents money, which would have been passed on to the parents had the district charged the facility fees. Board President Campasano noted that SCOPE solicited the district to bring the program to the district.

**STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:**

Resident Matt Senator expressed concern about the safety of the lacrosse team members with only one coach and no assistants. He said the coach is doing an excellent job. However, at a recent game he had to assist an injured player because there was no one else available. Dr. Farrelly said that there are and should be chaperones to assist the coach. She asked Mr. Senator to get in touch with the Mr. Spinelli, director of athletics or Mr. Hanley, Executive Director for HR and share the information about the date of the game to which he is referring. Dr. Farrelly thanked Mr. Senator for bringing this concerning information to the Board's and administrators' attention.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to executive session at 9:20 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present