

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 7, 2017, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, John Evola, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Peter Scarlatos and Jennifer Wandasiewicz. Trustee Raymond Downey, Trustee Cathy Gismervik and Trustee Jennifer Longo were absent.

Also present: Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mr. Scott Payne, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; Ms. Barbara A. Burrows, District Clerk; and residents. Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools, was absent.

The Board President opened the meeting at 6:03 pm and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Trustee Peter Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Jennifer Wandasiewicz made a motion to go into executive session at 6:04 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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

**The public portion began at 7:15 pm.**

Trustee Jennifer Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Peter Scarlatos made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 24, 2017.

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

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

Mr. Hanley shared that Dr. Farrelly was unable to attend the meeting as she had to care for her daughter, Taylor, who was sick with the flu. He wished Taylor a speedy recovery. Mr. Hanley mentioned the "Gang Awareness" presentation scheduled to take place on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the PAC. The presentation aims to provide all with the awareness required to protect our children and our community from the threat of gangs. Presenters will discuss gang activity in Suffolk County and share warning signs so that we, as parents and community members, can better understand and combat the threat of gangs. Informational flyers were available on the counter. Mr. Hanley invited all to review the district's January Points of Pride which highlights our students' wonderful accomplishments. Copies were available. Mr. Hanley stated that on February 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Special Board of Education meeting which will take place at the Junior High School. The topic of discussion will be the capital project.

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

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

**Statement of CSEA Representative:** None

**Statement of Student Association Representative:** None

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:** None

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

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

Mr. Hanley shared that Dr. Farrelly would like the Board to know that we are very excited to be venturing into the world of 1:1 laptop classroom environments. Dr. Farrelly feels strongly that many of our students do not have home access to instructional devices such as laptops. We want to be able to provide such access for our students on a daily basis. We are in the process of developing all the logistics such as timelines, costs analysis and establishing a committee with all stakeholders to help us coordinate the logistics, needs, curriculum integration, etc. We will start by using grant funds and eventually, also use budget funds. Board President Lucy Campasano made a great suggestion for us to explore a grant writer to research available grants for this initiative. We will certainly do so. This is a huge venture...that will take a number of years...but we are excited and eager to provide this for our students. More information to come. Dr. Farrelly also asked Mr. Hanley to convey, on her behalf, that we are so proud of our peer educators. They display great leadership on a daily basis at the High School and other environments. The students have been working with our Junior High School Bully Proof Club as well as with many other students from other school districts. Before Mr. Hanley turned the presentation over to Mr. Devane and Mrs. Prizzi, who will introduce the students and tonight's Board presentation, Dr. Farrelly asked him to thank Mrs. Prizzi for all her time and dedication to our students. It is very much appreciated.

**Senior High School Peer Educators Presentation: "Healthy Communication Skills"**

**Dr. Ellice Vassallo, Principal; Mr. Steven O'Leary, Assistant Principal; Mr. Michael Devane, Assistant Principal; Ms. Theresa Prizzi, Science Teacher and Faculty Advisor. The following Peer Educators/Students participated:**

**Anthony Antonetti, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Juan Arango, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Jason Arthur, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Kayla Low, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 AJ Mackay, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Sarah Murray, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Allison Musante, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Emily Rivera, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Niko Scarlatos, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Gianna Second, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Jake Upton, 11<sup>th</sup> Grade  
 Nikki Wieman, 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Mr. Michael Devane, Senior High School Assistant Principal, thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to present and thanked Mrs. Theresa Prizzi, the Faculty Advisor, and the students for participating. Mr. Devane said Mrs. Prizzi is a great leader and one of our "go to people" at the high school. He said through this program our students are becoming role models and good citizens in the West Babylon community. Mrs. Prizzi also thanked the Board of Education, Central Administrators as well as the High School Administrators for their support. The peer educators group has been in existence for four years. Some of their accomplishments are as follows: presented to all 9<sup>th</sup> grade gym classes; presented to all freshman orientation groups which includes parents and students; coordinated a program and presented at the high school "Acceptance Day" assembly; presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade "Transition" day as well as at the district SEAL night. Also, the group presented at the Suffolk County Dept. of Health teachers workshop. In addition, junior and senior members have attended the Suffolk County Department of Health Suicide Prevention Workshop which included presentations by Sandy Hook Promise and the Long Island Coalition Against Bullying to focus on bringing about healthy communication skills among our students. Mrs. Prizzi and the peer educators went on to conduct an interactive program which involved the participation of the Board of Education Trustees, the Central Administrators and the District Clerk. The interaction was enjoyable and a huge success. Mr. Hanley and Board President Lucy Campasano thanked the students and Mrs. Prizzi.

Trustee Peter Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Jennifer Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and Board of Education Addendum \*\*#BE-4.**

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

**Board of Education:**

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the Junior High School Drama Club faculty advisor be approved, as follows, for the 2016-2017 school year:

Faculty Advisor: Angela Halversen

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school district to provide health and welfare services, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2016-2017 school year:

Amityville Union Free School District

#BE-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school district to provide health and welfare services, to West Babylon School District resident students, during the 2016-2017 school year:

Uniondale Union Free School District

**Personnel:**

#PE-1

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

<u>16-P-13</u>	Professional Personnel
<u>16-C-13</u>	Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 16-P-13 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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DiStefano, Adrienne	Art Tchr.	HS		1/30/17 -	Family Medical Leave
DiStefano, Giovanni	Physical Ed. Tchr.	SA/TA		1/30/17 -	Family Medical Leave
Stuart, Patricia	Regular Substitute/ Reading Tchr.	SB	A-7-1/ \$63,631. (prorate)	Second Semester, 2016-17 or earlier at district's discretion	
Cardillo, Samantha	Regular Substitute/ Special Ed. Tchr.	JH	A-1-1/ \$48,759. (prorate)	2/8/17 - end of Second Sem., 2016-17 or earlier at district's discretion	[certs: SWD B-2 & 1-6, Ch. Ed. 1-6, pending SWD 6-12]

**Tutorials:**

Tichy, Audrey	\$37.14/session	February - June, 2017	611 IDEA Grant [10 sessions]
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**S.A.T. Proctors:**

	\$22.47/hr.	1/21/17	
Peraza, Rosemary			3 hrs.
Valensisi, Valerie			4 hrs.
Amaya, Idalia			5 hrs.
Jones, Taylor			5 hrs.
Neville, Patricia			5 hrs.
Ruiz, Lawrence			5.5 hrs.
Borgo, Danielle			6 hrs.
Iaquinto, Christine			6 hrs.
McArdle, Patrick			6 hrs.
Jones-Desiderio, Roberta			6 hrs.
Tichy, Audrey			6.5 hrs.
Montalvo, Andrea			9.5 hrs.
Montalvo, Christina Test Supervisor			9.5 hrs.

SCHEDULE 16-P-13 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<b>Coaches:</b>				Spring, 2016-2017	
Iannetta, April	Varsity Asst.	Lacrosse (G)	\$5,189.		[pending CPR/AED]
Ryan, Diana	JHS Asst.	Lacrosse (G)	\$4,436.		
Hartmann, Thomas	JV Head	Lacrosse (B)	\$5,189.		[resignation]
Carlock, Jordan	JV Head	Lacrosse (B)	\$5,189.		[repl. T. Hartmann-pending FA]
Horstmann, Thomas	JHS Asst.	Lacrosse (B)	\$4,436.		
Torres, Nicole	Varsity Head	Softball	\$6,484.		[resignation]
Adamkiewicz, Felix	Varsity Head	Softball	\$6,484.		[repl. N. Torres]
Muscara, Heather	JV Head	Softball	\$5,189.		[resignation]
Fischer, Theresa	JV Head	Softball	\$5,189.		[repl. H. Muscara-pending CPR/AED/FA/Concussion]
Celentano, Daniel	Varsity Head	Tennis (B)	\$5,189.		[pending CPR/AED/FA]
Darby, Nicholas	JHS Asst.	Track & Field (B/G)	\$4,170.		
Klein, Brendan	JHS Head	Track & Field (G)	\$4,436.		[resignation]
TBA	JHS Head	Track & Field (G)	\$4,436.		

**Volunteer:**

Smith, William	Varsity Asst.	Lacrosse (G)	\$-0.-		
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**Student Teachers/Observers/Interns:**

Ambrogio, Michael	Elementary	TA		2016-2017	Spring
Botte, Samantha	Science	HS			Spring
Cali, Anna Marie	Special Education	FA			Spring
D'Errico, Michelle	Special Education	JH			Spring

**Per Diem Substitute:**

Smith, Kerry		DW	\$88./day	2/8/17 -6/30/17	
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**Per Diem Substitute:**

Quinn, Stephen		DW	\$110./day	2016 - 2017	
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SCHEDULE 16-C-13 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL/ AREA</b>	<b>STEP/ SALARY</b>	<b>BEG/END APPT.</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Pifitto, Helen	Paraprofessional [pt/clerk typist]	HS		1/4/17 - 6/30/17	Leave of Absence [date correction]
Loverde, John	School Bus Driver	Trans.		1/26/17	Resignation
Orkwis, Barbara	Clerk Typist	TA	\$14.94/hr.	2/8/17 - 5/8/17	Temporary Assignment [per C.S. up to 90 days]
Jordan, Gabriela	Clerk Typist	HR/Athletics, Health & Phys. Ed.	Step 1/ \$30,839. (prorate)	3/17/17, or earlier	Probationary Appt. [C.S. List of Eligibles #16SR517]
*Kanakis, Andrea	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SA	Step 1/ \$13.78/hr.	2/8/17	Probationary Appt.
*Kelly, Kristine	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA	Step 1/ \$13.78/hr.	2/8/17	Probationary Appt.
<b><u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u></b>		DW	\$10./hr.	2016 - 2017	Custodian
*Connor, Kyle					
*Iannelli, Salvatore					

**FINANCE:**

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the claims auditor's reports and recommendations for the months of October, November and December, 2016.

\*Emergency Conditional Appointment

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following budget transfers:

<b>ACCOUNT CODE</b>	<b>ACCOUNT CODE DESCRIPTION &amp; TRANSFER EXPLANATION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
A1620.4770	Buildings & Grounds Electric	\$45,000.00	
A1620.4651	Buildings & Grounds Service Contracts		\$25,000.00
A1620.4500	Buildings & Grounds Materials and Supplies		\$20,000.00
A1620.4710	Buildings & Grounds Heating and Gas	\$30,000.00	
A1620.4650	Service of Cafeteria Equipment		\$10,000.00
A1620.4520	Buildings & Grounds Repair of Buildings		\$20,000.00
	<b>To cover outstanding invoices and expenditures for the balance of the school year.</b>		

**CURRICULUM:**

#CU-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following donation, for all third grade students, from the Babylon Rotary Club, as part of "The Dictionary Project":

- 288 Dictionaries
- 288 Thesauruses

The Dictionary Project is dedicated, in memory of Babylon Rotary Club Past President William E. DeLuca, Jr., in appreciation for his many years of service to the Babylon Rotary Club, and as an educator and long term school district administrator in the Town of Babylon.

**ADDENDUM:**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

#BE-4

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following agency to provide Assistive Technology Evaluation services, to West Babylon School District resident students, with disabilities, during the 2016-2017 school year:

Career & Employment Options, Inc.

**POLICY REVIEW:** None

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Board President Lucy Campasano made the following motion: To approve an exception to district policy to permit a child, due to medical reasons, to receive transportation within the 15 mile limit, to a specialized school to which this child was admitted this week, which transportation request thus could not be made within the April 1, 2016 cutoff date for transportation for non-public education. This exception will terminate on June 30, 2017.

Trustee Jennifer Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Peter Scarlatos made a motion to approve the aforementioned "exception to district policy" motion.

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

- A. **Discussion of Behavioral Specialist Position**  
**Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools**  
**Mr. Scott Payne, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction**

Mr. Payne stated he has conferred with Dr. Farrelly and Mr. Michael Mack, Director of Student Services, regarding the hiring of a full-time behavioral specialist. To do so, would benefit the district as far as cost savings and would also provide our children with increased services. The behavioral specialist would work district-wide, 5 days per week, with our students. The individual would have a "Board Certified Behavior Analysis-BCBA" degree. After a discussion, the Board agreed to proceed with this process.

- B. **Presentation of 2017-2018 Budget Draft #1**  
**Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Executive Director for Finance & Operations**

Mrs. Psarakis provided a general fund budget overview which is in the preliminary stages. The 2017-2018 budget goals are to continue all current programs; fund student field trips, reinstate four (4) additional assistant coaching positions; increase district-wide equipment budget line to address school building and athletic needs. In addition, one (1) level 2 ITS support staff would be added as well as staffing for the security command center and funding for an additional district-wide guard. The budget would include the hiring of two (2) additional custodians for the Senior High School. Also, to maintain the Transfer to Capital line to renovate/replace items listed in our Building Condition Survey which are not covered under the current Capital Project. Budget Draft #1 is available, for review, on the district website. Budget Draft #2 will be presented at the March 28<sup>th</sup> Board of Education meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the School Lunch Program and costs. Mrs. Psarakis shared that Mrs. Jeannette Frabizio, the School Lunch Manager, has initiated several new programs to generate an increase in sales and an increase in student/staff participation. One is the "Grab & Go" breakfast program and also, the "Teacher & Staff Appreciation Thursday" lunch program.

A discussion was held regarding possibly reviewing coaching salaries. This matter will be discussed further in executive session during the March 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:** None

Trustee Jennifer Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Dennis Kranz made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

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

Attested to: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk