

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, September 24, 2013, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees James F. Bocca (left at 9:00 p.m.), Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Peter Scarlatos, Diane Thiel, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools; 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. 20).

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

**PRESENTATION** — High School Music Department: E. Vassallo, Principal; B. Kelly, Chairperson Art & Music 9-12; J. Barone, Music Teacher  
Students: Abigail Carberry, Sarah Buturia, Matthew DiGeloromo, Samantha Kross, and Alexa Lucchesse

Board President Diane Thiel welcomed and thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Cacciola said that the district has never had a student achieve All National before and he congratulated all of the students for their achievements. Sarah Buturia and Matthew DiGeloromo each sang a solo. Mrs. Kelly said that the other three students will be singing for Board Recognition evening in November. Mrs. Tona noted that Sarah was a former Forest Avenue student and said that her voice always stood out during the singing of God Bless America and the staff knew she would be a success. Mrs. Kelly thanked the Board for inviting them this evening. The Board President presented each student with a certificate and a photo was taken.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to enter executive session for matters of contract negotiations and personnel at 7:15 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 12, 2013.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

Board President Diane Thiel thanked everyone for attending the 8:00 p.m. portion of the meeting.

Superintendent Anthony Cacciola noted that there were two flyers on the table for residents; one regarding "NY Rising" — which will hold an open house workshop for an initiative by the state for revitalization of communities damaged by storms. It will be held on September 26 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Grove Street. Ideas are welcome. The other flyer pertained to the 2014 STAR reimbursement. Mr. Cacciola said that residents must apply for the STAR reimbursement by December 31, 2013 or they will not receive the reimbursement.

Mr. Cacciola informed the Board that the annual photo will be taken at the next meeting on October 8, 2013. Also, the Board will have an audit presentation by Mr. Nawrocki at the next meeting and the JHS Principals will present.

**Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:**

WBTA Secondary V. President Patti Neville said that the school year is off to a great start. Board President Diane Thiel noted that WBTA President Patt Squicciarini was not present today because it is her birthday.

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

WBAA Rep. Scott Payne welcomed everyone back and thanked everyone for a terrific school opening.

**Statement of CSEA Representative:**

None

**Statement of Student Association Representative:**

None

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:**

Daienna Edmunds welcomed everyone back to a great year.

**Statement of Residents:**

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Villagran **made a motion** to move the residents' statements other than agenda items be moved to this portion of the meeting.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Resident Camilla Turner, speaking on her own behalf and other parents present this evening, expressed concern about the lack of transportation for students participating in after school activities. She asked that the Trustees and Administrators to please find a way to transport students home following after school activities. Mr. Cacciola said that for the last 4-5 years the district has reduced transportation after 4:00 p.m. He said that for football players, students leave school at 2:00 p.m. and can relax for a few hours before returning for the game. He added that Mr. Spinelli has purchased garment bags for the athletes to put their uniforms in after a game. Coaches will then collect them and then staff will return the uniforms to the high school to eliminate the need for parents/athletes

to transport these items back to the high school after a game. After further discussion with the Board, Mr. Cacciola said that he will ask Mr. Bianco to provide the Board with the cost to have transportation for later events.

### Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

#### Method Test Prep - Mr. Tom Ehlers

Mr. Cacciola welcomed Mr. Ehlers, the President of Method Test Prep and noted that he is the son of two former West Babylon teachers.

Mr. Ehlers thanked the Board and Administrators for inviting him and noted that his company has worked with over 800 schools around the world. He said that many colleges are offering merit based financial aid rather than need based aid. Mr. Ehlers noted that all West Babylon students have access to the web based program which also allows students to do the program in 15 minute intervals, instead of having to work on the program for hours at a time. He said students who take advantage of four (4) fifteen minute intervals will score higher than those who do not do the practice. In addition, there are free parent webinars. He informed everyone that the January and May SATs offer the question and answer services for an additional \$18. fee, enabling students to not only know their scores, they will also learn which questions were not correct. He said it would be beneficial for students to begin taking the prep in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. In response to trustees' questions, Dr. Vassallo said that guidance counselors will receive professional development from Mr. Ehlers to assist them in presenting the program to students without scaring them away from doing the preps.

A resident complimented the Johns Hopkins Program at the JHS.

#### High School Principals - Academic Presentation

Dr. Vassallo, Mr. Hanley and Mr. O'Leary along with department chairpeople (Ms. Coleman, Ms. Kelly, Ms. McGrath, Ms. Neville, Ms. Reilly-Johnson, Ms. Richert and Ms. Thiel) offered a PowerPoint presentation with the High School's test scores and graduation rates (of file in the District Clerk's office). It was noted that the graduation rate has increased from 89% in 2009 to 93% in 2012. It is anticipated that the 2013 rate will also be 93%. However, the district must wait for the state report. The presenters shared ideas to improve future academic achievement. In response to Trustee Campasano's question, Dr. Vassallo said that she is exploring the possibility of an internal diploma program for students to earn a GED in district, instead of achieving the GED through the external diploma program. The trustees requested a break down of scores comparing Regents results with class results. After further discussion, Mr. Cacciola and Mrs. Thiel thanked the presenters for their work on the Master Schedule. Mr. Hanley noted that the chairpeople working together made it all work. Mrs. Thiel said that the Board would like to help the staff by getting more parent involvement. Dr. Vassallo said that the change to the website should enable them to keep the website current to enable parents to know what is going on with their children and the district. In response to questions regarding extra help, Mr. Hanley said that there is extra help for students every single day. Students can attend any extra help offered; they do not need to attend extra help with their own teacher. A suggestion was made that chairpeople list the extra help schedule for easier access by students.

Resident Camilla Turner thanked the Board and presenters, adding that this presentation is exactly the information she needs to assist her child.

Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

#BE-1 WHEREAS, the following employees have served the West Babylon School District admirably, and

WHEREAS, the following West Babylon School District employees are dedicated to the health and well-being of our District's children.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District does hereby proclaim recognition of its employees as follows:

**October 14-18, 2013**  
**November 18-22, 2013**  
**January 6-10, 2014**  
**January 20-24, 2014**  
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**January 27-31, 2014**  
**April 21-25, 2014**  
**May 5-9, 2014**  
**May 12-16, 2014**

**School Lunch Personnel**  
**Supervisors & Administrators**  
**Paraprofessional Personnel**  
**School Nurses**  
**Occupational Therapists**  
**Physical Therapists**  
**Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants**  
**Buildings & Grounds and Security Personnel**  
**Administrative Professionals**  
**Teachers and Teaching Assistants**  
**Transportation Personnel**

**#BE-2****RESOLVED:**

that in accordance with National School Board Recognition Week, the West Babylon Schools Board of Education declares the week of **October 28-November 1, 2013, School Board Recognition Week**, to celebrate the public service of school board trustees. Recognition will take place at the Board of Education meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2013.

**#BE-3**

WHEREAS, the West Babylon Schools Parent Teacher Associations have served our District admirably, and  
WHEREAS, the West Babylon Schools Parent Teacher Associations are dedicated to the health and well-being of our District's children.

**NOW, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District does hereby proclaim the week of **February 10-14, 2014 Parent Teacher Associations Recognition Week**.

**#BE-4**

WHEREAS, the District (District) and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (BOCES), desire, pursuant to § 109 and § 119 of the General Municipal Law, Section 1950(4)(aa) of the Education Law and Comptroller's Opinion #79-557, to undertake an Administrative LAN/WAN Technology Project consisting of the acquisition of electronic security equipment and installation services.

WHEREAS, the cost of the Project #WB-WBAB-68-082013-2013-2018 Electronic Security Project is \$208,554.50 for equipment and services, \$31,118.23 for project coordination fees, and an estimated \$11,234.12 in interest fees, for a total of \$250,906.85. Equipment and software costs are to be paid in equal installments over a five-year period.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the District as follows:

The President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to execute and deliver the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement; the execution thereof by the President of the Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval.

The officers, employees and agents of the District are hereby authorized and directed, for and in the name and on behalf of the District, to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions on the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, including all acts and things necessary to ensure the payments due there-under, and deliver all additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officers, employee or agent, acting desirable and proper to effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the District with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Multi-Year Service Agreement, binding upon the District.

**#BE-5****RESOLVED:**

that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby waives the facilities use fees and requirements for the following organizations:

**SCOPE (Suffolk County Organization for the Promotion of Education)**

Various educational events which take place during the 2013-2014 school year

**SAFE (School Afternoon Fun and Education Program)**

Located at Santapogue Elementary School, after school hours, during the 2013-2014 school year

**Suffolk's Edge Teacher's Center (BOCES)**

Various educational events which take place during the 2013-2014 school year

**Town of Babylon Handicap Services**

Recreation for individuals with developmental disabilities

**Long Island Blood Services**

District-wide blood drives

**West Babylon Alumni Foundation**

2013-2014 monthly meetings

**West Babylon Main Street Organization**

2013-2014 meetings

**West Babylon Teachers Basketball League**

Weekly use of gym for basketball games — no spectators

#BE-6

WHEREAS, §30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents requires certification of lead evaluators for purposes of conducting evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements under §3012-c of the Education Law, respecting Annual Professional Performance Reviews;

WHEREAS, the individuals named below have successfully completed a training course that meets the requirements prescribed in §30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Superintendent of Schools certifies the following individuals as lead evaluators:

- Yiendhy Farrelly, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
- Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum
- Eleanor Levy, Principal
- Gregg Cunningham, Principal
- JoAnn Scott, Principal
- Charles Germano, Principal
- Patricia Acocella, Principal
- Scott Payne, Principal
- Jen Carere, Assistant Principal
- Ellice Vassallo, Principal
- Shawn Hanley, Assistant Principal
- Steve O'Leary, Assistant Principal
- Michael Mack, Director of Student Services
- Stephanie Nocerino, Coordinator of K – 12 Data & Instructional Technology

**PERSONNEL**

#PE-1

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

- 13-P-6 Professional Personnel
- 13-C-6 Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 13-P-6 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<b><u>Integrated Algebra Regents Review Sessions:</u></b>					
Cammarano, Bradley		JH	\$36.59/hr.	6/5/13	2 hrs/session 1 session
Mandriota, Jennifer				6/3/13,6/5/13	2 sessions
<b><u>Student Teachers/Observers:</u></b>					
Agnello, Carissa	Special Education	TA		Fall, 2013	
Carbonette, Christina	Elementary	SA			
D'Errico, Michelle	Art/Special Education	HS/JH			
Herbst, Gina	English	HS			
Johnson, Jaclyn	Elementary	TA			
Leonard, Matthew	Social Studies	JH/HS			
Mannino, Michele	Special Education	TA			
Mazzoli, Will	English	JH			
Ovadia, Megan	Special Education	FA			
Parrington, Sandra	ESL	JH			
Rivera, Kimberly	Mathematics	HS			
Vogelsang, Jordan	Social Studies	HS			
<b><u>Psychology Intern:</u></b>					
Gorenstein, Jason	Psychology	TA		2013-2014	

**SCHEDULE 13-P-6 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<b>Per Diem Substitutes:</b>		DW	\$90./day	2013-2014	
Dewhirst, Andrew					
Powers, Daniel	Per Diem Substitute (.8)	JH	\$72./day	9/1/13 – 6/30/14	[3 days/week]

**SCHEDULE 13-C-6 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Agostinho, Lisa	Sr. Clerk Typist	SB		9/12/13 -	Family Medical Leave
Esposito, Christine	Paraprofessional (clerk typist)	JH	8/30/13	Resignation	
Giuliano, Graziella	Food Service Wrkr. 'B'	HS		9/9/13	Resignation
<b>Salary Adjustment:</b>					
Apra, Kenneth	Custodial Wrkr. I	JH	Step 1/ \$38,891.00 (prorate)	8/14/13	[night custodian]
<b>Per Diem Substitute:</b> DW			\$16./hr.	2013-2014	Guard

\*Randazzo, Joseph  
\*Emergency Conditional Appointment

**FINANCE**

- #FI-1**  
**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$421.54, from Target's "Take Charge of Education" program. The donation will be deposited into the Junior High School's Trust and Agency account.
- #FI-2**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Assistant Superintendent and Executive Directors are authorized to file application under the Educational Consolidation and Improvement Act, Title I, Part A, in the approximate amount of \$222,614, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- #FI-3**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Assistant Superintendent and Executive Directors are authorized to file application under the No Child Left Behind Act for Title II, Part A, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting funds in the approximate amount of \$118,780, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- #FI-4**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Assistant Superintendent and Executive Directors are authorized to file application under the No Child Left Behind Act for Title III, Part A, LEP (Limited English Proficient) in the approximate amount of \$23,139, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- #FI-5**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Supplemental Physical Education Bid, as attached, be awarded to the following lowest responsible bidders, as recommended by Educational Data:

- Gopher Sports
- Nasco
- PC Richard & Sons
- Passon/BSN Sport
- S & S Worldwide
- School Specialty

**#FI-6**  
**RESOLVED:** that the Healthy Vending Machines Bid T-470, as attached, is awarded to Dover Gourmet Corporation, as the highest (revenue) bidder, as recommended by Jeannette Frabizio, School Lunch Manager.

**POLICY:**

The following policies were reviewed by the Board and remain unchanged.

- 1130:** News Media Relations (Review)
- 1230:** Public Participation at Board Meetings (Review)
- 1400:** Public Complaints (Review)
- 1420:** Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Materials (Review)
- 1420-R:** Complaints about Curricula or Instructional Materials — Regulation (Review)
- 1741:** Home Schooled Students (Review)

**1530:** Comprehensive Tobacco Policy (First Time Reading)  
Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to waive reading the policy and move it to second time discussion.  
The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**2160:** School Board Officer and Employee Code of Ethics (Second Time Discussion)  
Trustee Klein seconded by trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to move the policy to 3<sup>rd</sup> time adoption  
The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**4773:** Diploma Options for Students with Disabilities (Third Time Adoption)  
Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to move the policy to third time adoption  
The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**9350:** Staff Requests for Accommodations under the American with Disability Act as Amended -ADAAA (Third Time Adoption)  
Trustee Scarlatos seconded by trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adopt the policy.  
The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEES:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** In response to Trustee Wandasiewicz question regarding perfect attendance, Mr. Cacciola said that it is true that any student being dismissed early in the day for doctor or any other reason will not earn perfect attendance, even without any other absence. He said students with no absences who have had an early dismissal may earn "exemplary" attendance.

**STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:** None

Trustee Scarlatos s seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to adjourn at 10:35 p.m.  
The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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District Clerk