

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 10, 2011, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, Wendy DeGaetano, Patrick M. Farrell, Carmine Galletta, Kathy Jennings, Diane Klein, Jerry Nocera, Peter Scarlatos and Diane Thiel.

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent, Dr. Dominick R. Palma, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Student Services; Mrs. Yiendhy Farrelly, Executive Director for Human Resources; Mr. Arthur Williams, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. David Desmond, Attorney; and residents.

The President opened the meeting at 7:03 p.m. and led those present in the salute to the flag.

2011-2012 Budget Hearing

Mr. Williams and Mr. Cacciola did a final review of the proposed budget. Questions about changes and cuts to various budget lines were addressed. In response to resident Carolyn Lilly's question Dr. Palma explained the effects of the changes to staff in music and art. Mr. Cacciola said that the information presented this evening is available on the district's website.

Trustee DeGaetano seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for personnel and legal matters.

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

The public portion began at 8:33 p.m.

Trustee Nocera seconded by Trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 28, 2011.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola congratulated high school student April Davila for recently winning the Astoria Teen Photo Contest. April received \$250 and the photography class received \$100.

Mr. Cacciola congratulated the Drama Club for receiving 9 nominations for the Babylon Citizen Council on the Arts TOBY awards. The TOBY awards ceremony will be held May 26 in Lindenhurst.

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:

Resident Diana Doerbecker thanked the trustees for all of their hard work during these difficult times. She added that often residents only come to Board meetings at budget time and don't realize the work of the Board. She told the trustees that they didn't deserve this evening's abuse by an unidentified resident.

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Summer Reading Program - Carol Varsalona

Ms. Varsalona shared the proposed changes being recommended for the summer reading program. She said she has worked with a district-wide committee and West Babylon Public Library Librarians. After her presentation Trustee Thiel commented that she liked many components of the program. However, she was concerned with the grade for the program counting as a test grade. She said she believes that it should count as no more than a quiz grade. She also requested that the second of the two required readings be an open choice for the students. After some discussion it was determined that, due to the late date of implementing the change, parent approval for the second book would be sufficient. Ms. Varsalona said that in an effort to "go green" the assignments will be placed on the district's website with hard copies available upon request. Mr. Cacciola recapped for Mrs. Varsalona the requests the trustees made to bring back to the staff that included; changing the assessment from test grade to quiz grade; students be allowed to read a book of choice for the second reading selection; parents sign off on the student's reading selection. Mrs. Varsalona said that she would e-mail the staff for input and have the information to the trustees by the May 23, 2011 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Nocera made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and addendum #FA-2**

Mr. Cacciola explained that the addendum refers to the donation of a steel sculpture entitled "Teacher" from alumnus Laura O'Gara. Ms. O'Gara created the sculpture in honor of her friend, Mary Beth Fessenden, a Kindergarten teacher.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

#BE-1

BE IT RESOLVED, that due to budgetary and fiscal constraints, resulting from a loss in state aid, the West Babylon Board of Education is hereby abolishing the following positions, effective July 1, 2011:

<u>Teaching Positions</u>	<u>32</u>
(7) Teaching Assistants	
(2) Music	
(2) Art	
(5) Elementary	
(3) English	
(3) Foreign Language	
(6) Special Education	
(1) Social Studies	
(2) Math	
(1) Science	
<u>Clerical Positions</u>	<u>3</u>
(2) Clerk Typists	
(1) Senior Clerk Typist	
<u>Paraprofessionals</u>	<u>10</u>
(10) Paraprofessionals	
<u>Custodial</u>	<u>3</u>
(3) Custodians	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the least senior person(s), in such teaching position(s), shall be excessed, effective July 1, 2011, to the extent necessary to effectuate the abolitions as set forth above, and such person(s) shall be placed on a preferred eligibility list in accordance with Section 2510 of the New York Education Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the least senior person(s), in such non-instructional position(s), shall be excessed, subject to bumping rights under New York State Civil Service Law, effective July 1, 2011 and placed on a preferred eligibility list and/or priority list in accordance with law and/or contract.

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the ES BOCES Xerox multi-year project and authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign the ES BOCES Xerox Project Multi-Year Service Agreement.

#PE-1

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

- 10-P-19 Professional Personnel
- 10-C-19 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 10-P-19, Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Allcot, Thomas	Sr. Technologist	DW		4/4/11 - 4/8/11	Family Medical Leave
Mercorella, Jennifer	Elementary Tchr.	SA		4/27/11 -	Family Medical Leave
Jano, Lauren	English Tchr.	JH		5/9/11 -	Family Medical Leave

The following Regular Substitutes are terminated effective 6/30/11:

Earley, Debbra	Regular Substitute/Elementary		FA		
Muggeo, Michelle	Regular Substitute/Elementary		TA		
Triolo, Donna	Regular Substitute/Elementary		TA		
Agosta, Meighan	Regular Substitute/English			HS	
Scalogna, Danielle	Regular Substitute/Reading	SB			
Daly, Adair	Regular Substitute/Registered Nurse		JK		
Boring, Gayle	Regular Substitute/Science			JH	
Safara, Elizabeth	Regular Substitute/Teaching Assistant		JK		
Smith, Marissa	Regular Substitute/Teaching Assistant		JH		
Koentje, Nicholas	Regular Substitute/Teaching Assistant		JH		
Theo, Harry	Regular Substitute/Coord. of K-12 Student Data & Instructional Technology		DW		[returning to elementary post]

The following part-time appointments are terminated effective 6/30/11:

Dewhirst, James	PT/Elementary (.4)			JH	
Doherty, Daniel	PT/Social Studies (.6)			JH	
Kronenbitter, Raymond	PT/Technology (.6)			JH	
Kunzig, William	PT/Health (.4)			JH	
Palazzo, Samantha	PT/Special Ed. (.6)			JH	[returning to teaching asst. post]

The following is being re-appointed to a part-time position for the 2011-2012 school year:

Mocniak-Field, Uta	PT/Psychologist (.6)			TA	
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Student Teacher/Observer:

Oberlin, Ryan	Music	FA/TA		Spring, 2011	
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SCHEDULE 10-C-19, Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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The following are being re-appointed to part-time positions for the 2011-2012 school year:

Chamberlain, Karen	PT/Physical Therapist (.4)				
Foster, Christine	PT/Physical Therapist (.6)				

**#FI-1
RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$1,129.00, from the Babylon Rotary Foundation and the Suffolk County National Bank. Rotarians Frank Seibert and Joanne Goodman were instrumental in coordinating this donation which is to be used to purchase four listening stations for South Bay Elementary School.

**#CU-1
RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the revised district program evaluation for the 2011-2012 school year.

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following items, located at Santapogue Elementary School, obsolete:

Sony Digital Mavica Camera
Digital Still Camera 19149

The items are broken and beyond repair.

ADDENDUM:

#FA-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following donation from Ms. Laura O'Gara, Class of 1971: a steel sculpture titled "Teacher"

Ms. O'Gara created the original sculpture for the West Babylon Public Library in honor of her friend, Mary Beth Fessenden, a Kindergarten teacher. The actual sculpture being donated to South Bay School is a duplicate.

POLICY REVIEW:

None

COMMITTEES:

None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Cacciola said that Dr. Palma and he met with PTA Council to discuss the possibility of "going green" with the school district calendar. He said for those without a computer a printout would be provided. A bulk mail postcard would be mailed to residents to notify them of the change.

Trustees Lucy Campasano, Wendy DeGaetano, Patrick M. Farrell, Carmine Galletta, Kathy Jennings, Diane Klein, Peter Scarlatos and Diane Thiel supported the decision.

Trustee Nocera did not.

Mr. Cacciola provided a follow-up to last meeting's discussion about holding Board meetings at each of the buildings. He said that he shared the topic with members of the SMT and each building will host one meeting and he suggested using the second meeting of each month (not to include December). In response to Dr. Palma's concern about a Board meeting being the same night as parent/teacher conferences, the trustees suggested changing the Board meeting to either Wednesday or Thursday for that meeting.

Mr. Cacciola suggested and the trustees agreed that the hour long 21st Century Learning presentation be done at the July re-organization meeting.

Trustee Thiel suggested beginning the Board meetings at 8:00 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m. to make it more convenient for residents to attend. After some discussion, it was determined that the Agenda Format policy be placed on the May 23 meeting for first time reading.

In response to Trustee Galletta's question Mr. Cacciola said that the district doesn't have a recycling process. Trustee Galletta explained that there is a process that is used in North Babylon Schools in which the recyclables are purchased from schools. After further discussion it was decided that the facilities committee could meet with the company to see if this would be of interest to West Babylon.

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS

Thomas Leonbruno said that on behalf of the WBTA he wished to thank his colleagues who are losing their jobs. He said that the students will remember them.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by trustee DeGaetano made a motion to executive session at 9:39 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Nocera seconded by trustee Campasano made a motion to adjourn at 10:59 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Attested to: _____

District Clerk