

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 13, 2009, 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, Kathleen Jennings, Diane Klein, Jerry Nocera, Joseph Romano and Diane Thiel

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Dominick Palma, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Student Services; Mr. Michael J. Rizzo, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mr. Mark A. Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; and residents.

The president opened the meeting at 7:15 pm and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENTATION: New York State School Board Recognition Week

Mr. Cacciola explained that over the next couple of weeks School Boards all over New York State are being honored for their dedication and service to their communities. Mr. Cacciola noted that Board members dedicate countless hours throughout the year to district work. He added that outstanding Boards make outstanding districts. Senator Owen Johnson presented the trustees with proclamations for their commitment to their work. Mr. Cacciola said that Senator Johnson will be among the first honored on October 24th at the first annual Alumni Hall of Fame Induction ceremony being held at the Blue Lagoon Restaurant. Ms. Jackie Gordon presented a proclamation to the trustees on behalf of Supervisor Bellone and the Babylon Town Council, with warm thanks for all they do for the students and community. Mr. Cacciola read a proclamation from Suffolk County Legislator Wayne Horsley who could not be present this evening. In addition, certificates were presented on behalf of Western Suffolk BOCES.

Thanks and congratulations were also offered by the West Babylon Student Association, Mr. Lynch, President of The West Babylon Administrators Association, and Ms. Lori Pascucci, Vice President of the West Babylon Teachers Association.

Musical presentations offered by students (earning standing ovations) were; Fast - Bob Mintzer played by William McShane on the Baritone Saxophone and Sin Tu Amor - Sandoval performed by Christopher Nolan, Tenor and HS Music Teacher Mrs. Barbara Kelly, Accompanist.

Mr. Cacciola thanked Mr. Bryan and the art department for the beautiful student artwork that adorned the Board room, Mr. Barone, Mrs. Kelly and the music department for the evening's performances, Mrs. Squicciarini and the WBTA for the corsages and boutonnieres and PTA Council President Mrs. Donna DiMuro and the PTAs for the refreshments for the evening. The Board Photo was taken and all enjoyed refreshments.

Trustee Campasano seconded by trustee Jennings made a motion to go into executive session at 7:52 PM to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion began at 8:45 PM.

Trustee DeGaetano seconded by trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2009 and the Special Meetings of September 25 and September 29, 2009.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola congratulated the trustees in honor of Board recognition week and thanked them for their dedication to the district. Mr. Cacciola congratulated Mrs. Donna Briody for her award as an educator of excellence from the New York State English Council. In addition, the Reading Fun Day earned an award as a program of excellence.

Mr. Cacciola reminded everyone of the first annual alumni hall of fame dinner to be held at the Blue Lagoon Restaurant on October 24, 2009. The cost for the dinner is \$50.00 per person. He added that the homecoming parade, homecoming game and the healthy choices fun run will be held on October 24, as well.

Mr. Cacciola encouraged attendance at the Newsday Marching Band Festival at Hofstra University on October 20, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

WBTA President Patt Squicciarini congratulated the trustees in honor of Board Recognition. She thanked them for the improved communications with the staff and community.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:

None

Statement of CSEA Representative:

None

Statement of Student Association Representative:

None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

PTA Council Representative Leslie Salanitri thanked the trustees for all they do for the students and community. She also reminded everyone about the Red Ribbon Day ceremonies to be held at the elementary buildings on October 19 during school hours. Ms. Salanitri said that the PTA Fashion Show is going to be held on

November 10, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the Stuart Thomas Manor in Farmingdale.

Statement of Residents:

Resident Cheryl Slatky noted that in a recent review of the West Babylon calendar the first day of Passover is listed as a possible unused snow day. She expressed concern and disappointment about the possibility of school being in session on this religious observance day. She added that West Babylon is the only district in New York that is not closed on this day. Mr. Cacciola said that he shared Mrs. Slatky's letter with the trustees and they sincerely apologize. However, the district is not closed for many religious observance days. He said that if all snow days are used, absences on this day are excused and students are not charged with the day. Mr. Cacciola added that the trustees and administrators will look into the matter for next year.

Resident Leslie Cozzi's daughter Jessica, spoke regarding the proposed changes to the Wellness Policy and the pleasure students receive by making cupcakes to bring to school for their classmates.

Superintendent's Report/Report of the Board of Education: Nothing further.

Trustee DeGaetano seconded by Trustee Jennings made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and addenda #BE-5 and #BE-6**

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the President of the West Babylon Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are authorized to sign an employment agreement with the Transportation Supervisor to cover the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the President of the West Babylon Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools are authorized to sign an employment agreement with the Secretary to the Superintendent to cover the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012.

#BE-3

RESOLVED: that the following school district is approved to provide Special Education programs and services to parentally-placed West Babylon District resident students with disabilities for the 2009-2010 school year:

Levittown UFSD

#BE-4

RESOLVED: that the following agency is approved to provide Applied Behavior Analysis and/or related services to the West Babylon District for the 2009-2010 school year:

Adults and Children With Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.

#PE-1

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

- 09-P-7 Professional Personnel
- 09-C-6 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 09-P-7 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Fulton, James	Art Tchr.	HS		9/23/09 -	Family Medical Leave
Mack, Michael	Special Ed. Tchr.	HS		9/30/09 -	Family Medical Leave
Losito, Christopher	Social Studies Tchr.	HS		10/16/09 -	Family Medical Leave
Daidone Hansen, Bianca	For. Lang. Tchr.	HS		9/23/09	Resignation

SCHEDULE 09-P-7 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Palazzo,Samantha	Teaching Assistant	JH	Step TA-3-1/ \$30,169. (prorate)	10/14/09	Probationary Appt.
Mensch,Cassandra	Social Worker	JH	\$1,804. (stipend)	2009-2010	
Clubs & Advisors:				2009-2010	
Read Feryo,Michele	Dramatics Asst.	JH	\$1,088.		[repl. K. Farrice]
Ackermann,Dana	Music Director	"	\$1,223.		[repl. J. DiPreta]
Greenspan,Joshua	D.E.C.A.	HS	\$544.		[repl. K. Reilly-Johnson]
Schmidt,Colleen	"	"	\$544.		"
Ludwig,Cristina	Color Guard/Kickline	"	\$1,162.		
Torres,Nicole	"	"	\$1,162.		
Shelby,Elizabeth	Leo	"	\$1,088.		[repl. J. Powers]
Cafiero,MaryAnn	Show/Jazz Choir	"	\$1,088.		[repl. J. Barone]
Prizzi,Theresa	G.S.A.	"	\$544.		
Young,Melanie	"	"	\$544.		
Jonasson,Christopher	Social Science Research	"	\$2,166.	2009-2010	
Waldeck,Kristina	"	"	\$2,166.		
Intramural Advisors:			\$26.44/hr.	2009-2010	
Christie,Diane		FA			
DeLapi,Nicholas		"			
Hilbert,Edward		"			
Rayola,Michael		"			
Riviezzo,Francis		"			
DiStefano,Giovanni		SA			
Homan,Meghan		"			
Morris,Megan		"			
Nemeth,Gary		"			
Langella,Ronald		SB			
Schneider,Kenneth		"			
Russo,Michael		"			
Bellacosa,Michael		TA			
Howard,Louis		"			
Dahl,Robert		JH			
Needham,Theresa		"			
Richert,Danielle		"			
Ward,Brian		"			
Antonelli,Gina		HS			
Dorsey,Katie		"			
McArdle,Patrick		"			
Orsi,Joan		"			
Torres,Nicole		"			
ABA After School Program:		TA	\$55.66/hr.	2009-2010	[2 days/wk @ 1 hr./day]
Carbonaro,Cristina					
Christiansen,Debra					

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ABA After School Program (cont'd): TA \$55.66/hr. 2009-2010 [2 days/wk @ 1 hr./day]
 Erb,Brienne
 Grawin,Regina
 McMullen,Brook
 McPhail,Meredith
 Mele,Elizabeth
 Phillips,Deanna
 Robson,Kristine
 Sabshon,Eileen

Diabetes Training Session: \$20./hr. 9/8/09 [rate correction]
 Renzulli,Christine Registered Nurse
 Trial,Laurie "

Alternative Evening High School: \$33.17/hr. 2009-2010 [repl. J. Snyder]
 Axelson,Gregory Phys. Ed./Health
 Esposito,Lisa English

Coaches: Fall, 2009 [repl. T. Horstmann]
 Ackermann,Dana 7/8 Gr. Head Soccer (B) \$3,909.

Enriquez,Jon Volunteer Asst. Soccer -0- 2009-2010
 " " Asst. Baseball -0- "

Student Teachers/Observers: Fall, 2009

Bocca,James English JH
 Brown,Robert English HS
 Coffey,Caitlyn Science HS
 Cooper,Jamie Science JH
 Dossous,Cassandre Science HS/JH
 Earley,Jamie Mathematics HS
 Elfast,Kevin Social Studies HS
 Leonbruno,Heather Art JH
 Melzer,Kasey Mathematics JH
 Moy,Megan Foreign Language HS
 Piroll,Heather Elementary TA
 Portella,Krista Elementary/Health SA
 Renderos,Nubia Foreign Language JH
 Sceppa,John Physical Education HS
 Valdner,Gregory Science HS
 Wright,Katie Elementary JK

Per Diem Substitutes: DW \$90./day 2009-2010
 Butts,Melanie
 Flood,Tara
 Maguire,David
 Mazur,Donna
 Salerno,Kristina

SCHEDULE 09-C-6 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Konop,Theresa	Paraprofessional (clerk typist)	JH		9/18/09-12/18/09	Leave of Absence
Geraghty,Allison	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	FA		10/7/09-5/28/10	Leave of Absence
Jones,Alex	Custodial Worker I	JH		11/2/09-2/2/10	Leave of Absence [date change]
Watt,Karen	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK		10/1/09	Resignation [from LOA]
Peran,Natalie	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA		10/14/09	Termination
Grafhofke,Nicole	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	TA	Step 1/ \$12.82/hr.	10/14/09	Probationary Appt.
Leddy,Toby	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SB	Step 1/ \$12.82/hr.	10/14/09	Probationary Appt.
Graziano,Anthony	Custodial Worker I	HS	Step 3/ \$38,701. (prorate)	1/1/09	Prior Service Credit [experience verified]
<u>Student Printers:</u>		HS	\$7.25/hr.	2009-2010	
Marino,Jeremy					
Menke,Matthew					
<u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u>		DW	\$9./hr.	2009-2010	
Bliss,Stephanie					Paraprofessional
*Fauci,Carolyn					"
Fucci,Beatrice					Clerical/Paraprofessional
*Rhatigan,Marion					"

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

Emergency Conditional Appointment Extensions:

DeGaetano,Daria
Gieck,Allan
Kozar,Douglas

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the amount to be raised by tax levy for the West Babylon Union Free School District be fixed at the sum of **\$56,086,680** (\$48,597,031 Town of Babylon share, \$7,489,649 STAR share) for the 2009-2010 school year.

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the amount to be raised by tax levy for the West Babylon Public Library be fixed at the sum of **\$2,972,937** for the 2009-2010 school year, as presented by Mrs. Ann Marie Dolan, Director, West Babylon Public Library.

#FI-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation from Target, in the amount of \$139.49, to be deposited into Forest Avenue School's Trust and Agency account.

#FI-4

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation from Target, in the amount of \$394.57, to be deposited into the Senior High School's Trust and Agency account.

#FI-5

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation from Target, in the amount of \$196.37, to be deposited into Santapogue School's Trust and Agency account.

#CU-1

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

Health for Life - grade 5 by Julius Richmond, Scott Foresman, 1990
ISBN# 0-673-29728-4 20 copies

Beginning Dictionary by Houghton Mifflin, 1979
ISBN# 0-395-27400-1 10 copies

Ride the Sunrise (basal readers) by Theodore Clymer, Ginn & Co., 1985
ISBN# 0-663-39087-7 20 copies

In Other Words - a junior thesaurus by Andrew Schiller, Scott Foresman, 1982
ISBN# 0-673-12433-9 19 copies

Health Mathematics Connections - grade 5 by Edward Manfil, 1996
ISBN# 0-669-38859-9 28 copies

#CU-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following books, located at the Junior High School, obsolete:

Academic American Encyclopedias, 1992 Volumes 1 - 12

#CU-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following books, located at John F. Kennedy School, Santapogue School and South Bay School, obsolete:

Health for Life - by Julius B. Richmond, Elenore T. Pounds, and Charles B. Corbin, Scott Foresman, 1990
ISBN# 0-673-29584-2 492 copies

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following equipment, located at Forest Avenue School, obsolete:

One Upright Frigidaire Ultra Freezer, Model No. FFU2067EW2, Serial No. WB53716817

The freezer is no longer functional and cannot be repaired.

#FA-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following equipment, located at South Bay School, obsolete:

One Hobart Slicer, Model No. 1512, Serial No. 1214385

The slicer is no longer operational and cannot be repaired.

ADDENDA

#BE-5

RESOLVED: that the following clubs are approved for the 2009/2010 School Year:**Senior High School**

CLUB	ADVISOR	STUDENT PRESIDENT	STUDENT TREASURER/SEC.
Art	Paul Bryan	Deborah Matus	Brittany Thiel
Bands (concert & symphonic)	Dana Meadows	Amy Watt	Catherine Erdelyi
Boys' Track	Joseph Rossi	Cody Amergud	Tim Lee
Broadcasters'	Joseph Barone	Giovanni Morine	Michael Prinz
Catering	Danielle Bellemore	Shanna Green	Hollie DiMuro
Chess	Walter Shinnors	*Club Officers To Be Determined	
Class of 2010	Meredith Casoria	Nicole Guerrera	Shanna Green
Class of 2013	Scott Snyder	Angela Necco	Taylor Ciancotta
Concert Choir	Mary Ann Cafiero	Amanda Quiles	Christopher Nolan
DECA	Colleen Schmidt Joshua Greenspan	Khrystyna Semenchuk	Elif Bodur
Drama	Mary Ann Cafiero	Christopher Nolan	Candice Holmes
Forensics	Margaret Intreglia	Emily Toner	Amanda Quiles
Girls' Basketball	Katie Dorsey	Alyssa Murray	Nicole Lyman
Girls' Bowling	Gina Antonelli	Kimberlee Weston	Hollie DiMuro
Girls' Soccer	Henry Bianco	Meghan Nash Hollie DiMuro Bethany Bianco	Hollie DiMuro
Girls' Softball	Nicole Torres	Renee Caifa	Brianna Scotto
Girls' Varsity Cross Country	Meredith Casoria	Amanda Whittaker	Nicole Avitabile
Girls' Varsity Volleyball	Erin Ryner	Jocelyn Dawson	Samantha Rush
Gay/Straight Alliance	Melanie Young	Kyla Sweet	Christopher Nolan
Musical	Joseph Barone	Christopher Nolan	Candice Holmes
Jazz Choir/ Glee Club	Mary Ann Cafiero	Briana Roshur	Christopher Nolan
Kickline	Cristina Ludwig	Kayla Clark	Bianca Rodriguez
Leaders'	Margaret Ehrensperger	*Elections to be held this month	
Mock Trail	Margaret Intreglia	Amanda Quiles	Matthew Leonard
National Honor Society	Michele Gladysz	Sade Famakinwa	Victoria Mallo
Newspaper	Hans Haugen	Katie McGuire	Lili Chasen
Orchestra	Jamie Buchwald	Sade Famakinwa	Alexis Ernst
Robotics	Gerard DeSimone	Mark Gernauge	Zachary Reisman
SADD	Dana Meadows	Joseph Tusa	To Be Determined
Science Olympiad	Andrea Montalvo	Joseph Serigano	Michelle Jang
Scope	Lynette Jabour	Sade Famakinwa	Diana Ellefsen
SEA	Audrey Llobell	Emily Bianco	Kathryn Del Prete
Student Association	Donna McGrath	Alex Hennessy	Elif Bodur
Student Senate -10 Grade	Donna Shaffer	Paige O'Connor	Kymerly Pafundi
Tempo/Creative Writing	Cristina Ludwig	Katie Doty-Mason	To Be Determined
Tri-M	Barbara Kelly	Megan McShane	Michelle George
Varsity Club	Gina Antonelli	Alyssa Murray	Kimberlee Weston
Varsity Cheerleading	Brianne Schilt	Kristin McGrin	Alexis Ernst
Varsity Field Hockey	Andrea Montalvo	Courtney Baranek	Joanna Tritto

Webtech/Web Design	Scott Bauer	Talha Tahir	Katelyn Doty-Mason
Yearbook	Christine Iaquinto	Brittney Oswald	Brittany Thiel

Junior High School

CLUB	ADVISOR	STUDENT PRESIDENT	STUDENT TREASURER/SEC.
Cheerleading	Nicole Delaney	Megan Krisawaty	Vincenza Bartolillo
International Club	Laura Balducci	Leslie Martucci	Gabrielle Rivera
School Store	Roselyn Cipparulo	Arianna Lisante	Nicole Cecchi
Student Council	Eileen Moran	Sarah Doyle	Ronald Bolason
Tri M Music Honor Society	William Doran	Amber Voz	Julie Barrett
Yearbook	Jennifer Tomeo	Anna Pacult	Anna Conrad

#BE-6

RESOLVED: that the following agency is approved to provide behavioral consultations within the district faculty, staff and students:
Behavioral Solutions Resources, LLC

POLICY REVIEW

File: IGAF (also EFF) West Babylon School District's Wellness Policy (Third Time Adoption)

Trustee Jennings seconded by trustee DeGaetano made a **motion to** open the tabled policy for action.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Camposano seconded by trustee Klein made a motion to adopt the policy as amended.

The trustees discussed the policy further. Mr. Nocera expressed his opposition to the changes, as did Mr. Romano who said that the new changes are a move in the right direction, but not far enough. Mr. Galletta expressed his support of the policy, but with a heavy heart. Trustee Klein noted that school projects would not be affected by the policy, provided proper handling procedures are followed. Trustee Camposano said that the Board has worked tirelessly on the policy this decision was a difficult one. In response to some confusion about the content of the policy, Trustee DeGaetano noted that allergies are not addressed in this policy, the allergy policy is referenced and allergies are covered in that policy. It was also explained that Adrienne Goldenbaum is drafting guidelines for the policy to address topics such as food handling.

Vote:

YES: Trustees Camposano, DeGaetano, Farrell, Galletta, Jennings, Klein, and Thiel

NO: Trustees Nocera and Romano

ABSTAINED: None

The motion was **CARRIED**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2008 - 2009 External Audit Report

Nawrocki Smith, LLP - Mr. Michael Nawrocki

Mr. Nawrocki gave a copy of the Fiscal 2009 Audit to the Board of Education and the administrators and thanked them for retaining his office as the district's external auditor. He explained the content of the report which will be posted on the district's website. It will also be available in the District Clerk's office. He congratulated the district for an excellent report.

B. Budget Planning

Mr. Mark A. Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Mr. Flower thanked his staff in the business office for an outstanding job. He presented this year's timeline for the budget process which will be posted on the website. In addition, Mr. Cacciola said that the Board will hold a budget meeting at which the community can observe the budget process in action.

C. Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Mark A. Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

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Mr. Flower offered a PowerPoint presentation explaining the strategic plans and the development of intense and/or high level goals, initiatives or strategies. He reviewed the intents and high level goals of the seven task forces. He said the community and staff will make the presentation to the Board on January 29. Mr. Cacciola said that November 8th the Board will be presented with the next update of the process.

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:

Resident Carol Stoehrer said she was pleased to see some of the revisions to the Wellness Policy. She added that although she is still in opposition, she will comply. She congratulated all of the schools and Dr. Palma for the recent healthy initiative awards.

Mrs. Stoehrer also requested that if future changes are planned to eliminate food fundraisers, the district please survey the parents for their input.

Resident Noreen Wood commended the Board for the Wellness Policy. She said that she believes parties should be held at home in the interest of fairness to students whose birthdays fall during holidays or summer vacation, and students whose religious observances exclude them from participating.

In response to resident Mrs. Cuzzo, Mr. Cacciola said that the implementation of the policy would take effect beginning Monday, October 19, 2009.

In response to other questions from residents, Dr. Palma said that the food served must be in clearly labeled original packaging. Other residents who enquired about the policy implementation included; Mrs. Freedman, Mrs. Digelorumo, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Mallahan and Mrs. Grimes.

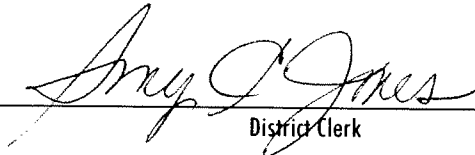
Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee DeGaetano made a motion to executive session at 10:03 pm

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Jennings seconded by Trustee Klein made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Attested to:


District Clerk