

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 9, 2010, 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. Mark A. Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance; Mrs. Yiendhy Farrelly, Executive Director for Human Resources; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; and residents.

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

PRESENTATIONS:

Trustee Thiel seconded by trustee Jennings made a motion to go into executive session at 7:16 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion began at 8:35 pm.

Trustee Jennings seconded by trustee Thiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 19, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of January 26, 2010

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola said that he had the pleasure of attending the High School musical performance of "Footloose" over the past weekend. He congratulated Mr. Barone, Music Chairperson and Music Teacher Ms. Cafiero, the students and faculty for an excellent job.

Mr. Cacciola announced that due to the impending snow storm, school will be closed tomorrow.

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:

In response to resident Raymond Cody's question, Mr. Cacciola stated that as per school policy BCE the Board President may establish or terminate committees as deemed necessary.

Resident Dawn Conboy expressed her disappointment regarding the cancellation of the PTA preschool program. A discussion ensued regarding possible options. Dr. Palma explained that the principals are considering some type of orientation program for students preparing for kindergarten. Resident Mrs. Morra agreed with Mrs. Conboy about the importance of a preschool program to help alleviate anxiety in the youngsters.

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

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

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the following school district is approved to provide Health and Welfare services to West Babylon District resident students for the 2009-2010 school year:

Farmingdale Public Schools

#PE-1

RESOLVED: that the following schedules, as attached, are approved:09-P-14 Professional Personnel09-C-13 Civil Service Personnel**SCHEDULE 09-P-14 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Tomeo, Jennifer	Art Tchr	JH		2/1/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Scott, Matthew	Music Tchr.	JK		2/8/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Russo, Michael	Physical Ed. Tchr.	SB		2/9/10 -	Family Medical Leave
<u>S.A.T. Proctors:</u>		HS	\$21.06/hr.	1/23/10	
Sanchelli, Joy					[6 hrs.]
McArdle, Patrick					[7 hrs.]
Shaffer, Donna					[8.5 hrs.]
<u>Guidance Intern:</u>		HS		Spring, 2010	
*Hicks, Jessica					
<u>Student Teachers/Observers:</u>				Spring, 2010	
Cutrone, Cristina	Social Studies	HS			
Keil, Stephanie	Social Studies	JH/HS			
Laucella, Andrea	Speech	SB			
Leonbruno, Heather	Art	SB			
Loos, Samantha	Elementary	FA			
Prosa, Nicole	Special Ed./Elem.	TA			
Quappe, Courtney	Health	JH			
Quinones, Jacqueline	Elementary	SA			
Rodrigues, Danielle	Science	HS			
Sceppa, John	Phys. Ed./Health	JH			
<u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u>		DW	\$90./day	2009-2010	
Ceccarelli, Christina					
Crapo, Kristin					
Matheos, Eleni					

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

SCHEDULE 09-C-13 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Trees, Barbara	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	TA		2/1/10	Resignation from LOA
Hackett, Thomas	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$18.96/hr.	2/10/10	Probationary Appt.
Matarese, MaryAnn	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	HS	Step 1/ \$12.82/hr.	2/10/10	Probationary Appt.
Mastandrea, Cecilia	S.A.T. Proctor	HS	\$21.06/hr.	1/23/10	[7.5 hrs.]
<u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u>					
Pizzirusso, Lori		DW	\$9./hr.	2009-2010	Paraprofessional
*Palazzolo, Frank		DW	\$15./hr.	2009-2010	Guard

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

Emergency Conditional Appointment Extensions:

Ahmad, Sahar
Giordano, Frances

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a Suffolk's Edge Teacher Center mini-grant in the amount of \$600. The title of the grant is "Differentiated Instruction & Concept Based Teaching".

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a Suffolk's Edge Teacher Center mini-grant in the amount of \$1,500. The title of the grant is "Ssh! We are Learning About the Constitution".

#SS-1

RESOLVED: that the Recommendations of the Committee on Special Education are approved.

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation from the West Babylon Wellness Organization:

rubber mat flooring and one piece of nebular fitness equipment

These items are to be donated to the Tooker Avenue School Fitness Center.

ADDENDUM:

#PE-1

RESOLVED: that the following schedules, as attached, are approved:09-P-14A Professional Personnel09-C-13A Civil Service Personnel**SCHEDULE 09 -P-14A, Professional Personnel Schedule****ADDENDUM (a)**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Klecak,Elizabeth	Elementary Tchr.	TA		10/2/09	Retirement [disability]

SCHEDULE 09 -C-13A, Civil Service Personnel Schedule**ADDENDUM (a)**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
DiLello,Lillian	Senior Stenographer	Adm.		4/16/10	Resignation to Retire

POLICY REVIEW**File: EDCB - Use of Fitness Center (Third Time Adoption)**

Trustee Nocera seconded by Trustee Thiel made a motion for Third Time Adoption.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:****Committee Report**

Trustee Klein read from the minutes of the Policy committee meeting of January 26, 2010 (on file in the District Clerk's office). The next policy committee meeting will be held on February 23.

Guidance Department Grades 7-12 Program Evaluation:

Ms. Stephanie Thomas, High School Guidance Chairperson

Dr. Palma explained that Mrs. Gibbs, JHS Guidance Chairperson was not able to attend this evening because she just had her baby. Dr. Palma explained that a big update is that the JHS used a portion of the stimulus funds for a school social worker which has been a big help. Ms. Thomas discussed some of the highlights and findings at the high school level which included; nine period day providing more flexibility for students and teachers; in 2010 and 2011 offering six SAT dates and four ACT dates; offering onsite college application days; student scheduling begins in January and completion by March enabling final completed schedules to go home in June. In addition, the guidance department is collaborating with the Saint John's University College Advantage Program. In response to trustee Campasano's question, Ms. Thomas said that the students wishing to earn credits pay \$250 to Saint John's per course. Ms. Thomas also noted areas of concern which included adding one full time clerk typist position; upgrading computers for three secretarial stations and creating a central registration for incoming students, rather than each building registering their own students. Residency issues and procedures for registration were also discussed. In response to trustee DeGaetano's question, Ms. Thomas said that a college evening in which parents could attend with the students is something that can be explored. The trustees and central administrators thanked Ms. Thomas for her presentation.

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Budget Draft #2 Review: Mark Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance

Mr. Flower offered a review of budget draft number two which included a \$2.7 million dollar reduction from draft number one. He also noted that the appropriated fund balance was increased by \$1 million dollars which has a significant effect on the tax levy. Mr. Flower discussed the cuts that reduced the budget from the first draft.

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:

In response to resident Lisa DiGeloromo's question, Mr. Flower said that the budget is not yet on the website, however he will have it on in the near future.

In response to resident Raymond Cody's question, Mr. Flower said that the stimulus money was rolled into the Governor's Gap Elimination Program and because of that it is difficult to know the exact number.

In response to Mr. Cody's inquiry Mrs. Jones said that minutes are available within two weeks of a meeting (as required by law) and can be picked up in her office with "draft" stamped on them. Minutes appear on the website once approved by the trustees.

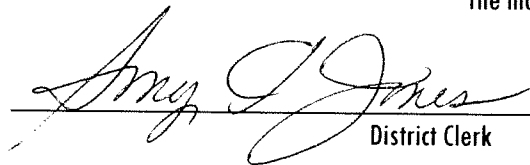
Trustee Romano seconded by Trustee DeGaetano made a motion to adjourn to executive session for legal and personnel matters at 9:40 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Nocera seconded by Trustee DeGaetano made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Attested to:


District Clerk