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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, March 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 and Diane Thiel
Trustee: Joseph Romano was absent.

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

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

Trustee Jennings seconded by trustee Klein 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 8:40 pm.

Trustee Campasano seconded by trustee Nocera made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meetings of February 19 and March 2, 2010

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Galletta seconded by trustee Thiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2010

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola reminded everyone interested to attend the "stress and children" workshop being offered by Pederson Craig tomorrow evening 7:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria.

Mr. Cacciola said that he visited the new South Bay site and everyone seemed pleased with the new turf field. In addition, it appears that most everyone is settling in nicely. He expressed thanks for all of the assistance the district has received from staff and volunteers over the past two weeks. He noted that last Saturday a portion of the basement was cleared out for storage of the many supply donations for South Bay School.

Mr. Cacciola encouraged participation in a letter writing campaign to our legislators asking them to implore the governor to give Long Island's schools a fair share of State Aid. He asked that the letters, which are available in the Board room and need only be addressed and signed, be returned to any main office in the district by March 15, 2010 after which they will be brought to Western Suffolk BOCES on March 17, 2010 and then hand delivered in Albany on March 24, 2010. Mr. Cacciola said that this campaign is not intended to disparage our legislators it is to provide them with needed ammunition to aid them in staying the course.

In response to Trustee DeGaetano's question Mr. Flower said that there are twenty five portable Smart Boards expected, hopefully next week. The boards will be on height adjustable stands with a projector mounted directly to the board. Once the new building is ready, the boards will then be mounted directly to the walls.

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 Diane Doerbecker's inquiry, Mr. Farrell said that there is no new information to report for South Bay. Mr. Cacciola thanked Ms. Doerbecker for her offer to assist and said that assistance could be used on Saturday to move the supplies from the High School to South Bay School. Again, Mr. Cacciola thanked the many volunteers.

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In response to resident Dawn Conboy's question, Mr. Cacciola said that even parents of preschoolers signing waivers releasing the district and or PTAs of liability won't protect them from being held liable. He said that the PTAs have been advised by Suffolk Regional PTA that the preschool program is not covered by their insurance and the PTA President can be held personally liable. Mr. Cacciola added that it is unfortunate that nothing can be done to change this situation.

In response to resident Nancy Walsh-Smolenski's question Mr. Cacciola said that there will in some instances be more than one Smart Board per classroom and insurance is paying for the replacements.

In response to Resident Lisa DeGeloromo's question, Mr. Cacciola said that the district has not made a definitive decision about September, yet.

Trustee Camposano seconded by Trustee Romano made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and Addendum #FI-2**

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

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the annual school election of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, shall be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010, from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. in the two designated election districts in said school district for the purposes set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Notice of Annual Meeting be published four times during the seven weeks preceding and beginning 45 days prior to the meeting in the *Babylon Beacon* and *South Bay Newspaper*, two newspapers having general circulation in the district.

RESOLVED: that Patrick Farrell is designated as permanent chairperson of election in accordance with Section 2026 of the Education Law.

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RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby nominates Mrs. Mildred Browne, Mrs. Ilene Herz, and Mrs. Maryann Zumpano as candidates for re-election to the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES.

#PE-1

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

09-P-16 Professional Personnel

09-C-15 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 09-P-16 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Mackenzie, MaryEllen	Special Ed. Tchr.	JH		3/16/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Ochs, Lisa	ESL Tchr.	SB/JK		3/22/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Brown, Adam	Presenter	HS	\$300.	3/15/10	NCAA Workshop
Coaches:				Spring, 2010	
Schilt, Brianne	7/8 Gr. Head	Track/Field(G)	\$4,159.		[resignation]
Dahl, Robert	7/8 Gr. Head	Track/Field(G)	\$4,159.		[repl. B. Schilt]

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Student Teachers/Observers:

Spring, 2010

Cody, William	Mathematics	JH
Daulton, Robert	Social Studies	HS
Held, Frank	Elementary	JK
LaMorte, Teresa	School Media	JH
Sancho, Ronald	Social Studies	HS
Topor, Anna	Elementary	TA
Weaver, Jayme	Mathematics	HS

SCHEDULE 09-C-15 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Martz, Kimberly	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA	Step 1/ \$12.82/hr.	3/10/10	Probationary Appt.
<u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u>		DW		2009-2010	
Pfister, Ann			\$9.00/hr.		Clerical
*Mulford, Sheila			\$9.00/hr.		Paraprofessional
*Dominguez, Thomas			\$15.00/hr.		Guard

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

Emergency Conditional Appointment Extensions:

Ahmad, Sahar

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RESOLVED: that the following appropriation transfers are approved:

TRANSFER EXPLANATION	ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	OUT	IN
Adjust salary codes for balance of school year				
	A 2110.1400	SUBSTITUTE TCHRS.	\$60,000	
	A 2110.1401	AS DAILY SUBSTITUTES		\$60,000
	A 2110.1410	HOME TEACHING	\$6,000	
	A 2331.1500	INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES		\$6,000
	A 5510.1630	BUS DRIVER SALARIES	\$9,000	
	A 5510.1601	SUBSTITUTE TRANSPORTATION		\$9,000

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

Overhead Projectors

3M Model 66AG	Serial #013453
3M Model 66AG	Serial #44717
Apollo Model 3651	Serial # unknown
3M Model 213	Serial #468581
3M Model 9200	Serial #1265701

Record Players

Audiotronics Model 336V Serial #2003200

ADDENDUM

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the following appropriation transfers are approved:

TRANSFER EXPLANATION	ACCOUNT CODE	Description	OUT	IN
Additional Funds for equipment purchases for South Bay @OLOG				
	A1240.4751	Supt's Contingency	\$75,000	
	A1915.2000	South Bay Fire Relief Equipment		\$75,000

POLICY REVIEW

None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Budget Draft #3 Review: Mark Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance

Mr. Flower offered the latest budget report in which there is a decrease from Budget Draft #2. He said that comparing budget to budget, draft #2 reflected a 2.14% increase and draft #3 now reflects a 1.93% increase. He explained that the changes are due to the BOCES commitment numbers being firmed up and knowing the actual costs for services. In addition, the district is purchasing two 12 passenger buses instead of three. Mr. Flower offered a PowerPoint presentation showing the possible scenarios based on the Governor's possible budgets. He said that the best case scenario at this point would be for State Aid to remain flat.

Committee Report

Trustee Thiel suggested that the committees begin to reschedule their meetings which have been on hold since the fire at South Bay.

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STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:

In response to resident Nancy Walsh-Smolenski's question, Mr. Cacciola said that the possible cuts in the event of a defeated budget are undetermined at this point. He said that the trustees and administrators will work on determining what would need to be cut if the budget is defeated to enable residents to make an informed decision. Trustee DeGaetano clarified that the cuts reflected in the 7th grade sports portion of the current budget draft are the same as what is in place this year. She said that in the last proposal there was a hope to increase the 7th grade sports budget line.

Resident Renee Elder requested the line by line budget currently on the website be changed to landscape to enable easier reading and printing.

In response to resident Camille Turner's question, Mr. Cacciola said that the trustees and administrators do listen to the community. He added that they must listen to all members of the community and make their decisions accordingly. There was a discussion about past practices which are now reflected in contracts.

In response to Nancy Walsh-Smolenski's question, Mr. Cacciola said that as of right now South Bay will remain at Our Lady of Grace for September unless the district feels that there is a better place for the students.

In response to resident Renee Alder's question, Mr. Cacciola said that Dr. Palma can send her information regarding where this district stands compared to similar districts in education.

In response to resident William Hill's statement that the trustees familiarize themselves with the district's standings in relation to other districts, Mr. Cacciola said that the trustees and administrators do have the information but not at their fingertips at this moment. It was also suggested that the district's scores should be placed on the website.

Trustee Camposano seconded by Trustee Jennings made a motion to adjourn to executive session for legal and personnel matters at 9:55 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