

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, April 27, 2010, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present:

Trustees; Lucy Campasano, Wendy DeGaetano - arrived 8:00, Patrick M. Farrell left at 7:20 returned at 9:35, Carmine Galletta, Kathleen Jennings, Diane Klein, Jerry Nocera and Diane Thiel

Trustee Joseph Romano was absent

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

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

President Pat Farrell apologized for having to leave due to a work emergency and turned the meeting over to Mr. Cacciola and Dr. Vassallo for this evening's presentation.

Presentation: West Babylon High School Presentation - Students' Review of Career and Financial Planning

Dr. Ellice Vassallo, Principal; Ms. Katherine Reilly-Johnson, Business Department Chairperson; and Business Teachers Mr. Drew Kane and Ms. Colleen Schmidt

Dr. Vassallo said that the addition of the ninth period enabled the high school to offer the program "Career and Financial Planning." She introduced Ms. Reilly-Johnson, Mr. Kane and Ms. Schmidt. The students offered a PowerPoint presentation which explained the course and what they have gained from being in the course such as; the risks of credit card misuse, the effect of having bad credit scores, etc. In response to Dr. Palma's question, the students all agreed that this course should be a requirement for students before the 11th grade to enable them to be prepared for college, job interviews and financial responsibilities. The trustees and administrators thanked the presenters and a photo was taken.

Trustee Campasano seconded by trustee Klein made a motion to go into executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion began at 8:32 pm and was presided over by Trustee DeGaetano.

Trustee Nocera seconded by trustee Campasano made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of April 6, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2010.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola said that at the last meeting he stated that the cost to the district of the state's retirement incentive would be .9% - approximately \$400,000. He has since learned that the cost would be .09% - approximately \$40,000 which is a much better scenario for the district.

Mr. Cacciola noted that he attended Blue & Gold on Friday and the decorations, etc were fantastic. He commended everyone for their efforts.

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 Diana Doerbecker's question Mr. Cacciola said that it is 99.9% definite that South Bay students will remain at Our Lady of Grace for the next school year. He explained some of the needs requested by staff and he is working on doing as much as possible to make things more comfortable for next year including having a playground area for the children. In addition, South Bay PTA fundraisers may have to be held in one of our other buildings. Mr. Cacciola said that he would try to accommodate a photo day in the fall to enable the PTA to begin work on the

yearbook. Mr. Cacciola added that on May 4 the Board will meet with the insurance adjuster and then sometime after this meeting there will be a public meeting to share the progress of the reconstruction of South Bay School.

In response to resident William Hill's question, Mr. Cacciola said that the district has not received the Fire Marshall's report. He explained that the Fire Marshall has been out on sick leave and the report has not been released.

In response to resident Ray Cody's accusation that a donation item on the agenda this evening does not belong to the donor, the Board requested that Mr. Cody provide any documentation he has that substantiates this serious accusation. In response to Mr. Cody's inquiry about the Regents scores trustee DeGaetano explained that the Board will be having a presentation at the Board meeting on May 11, 2010 to address this issue. Mr. Cody wished Mr. Flower well in his new position.

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Dr. Ellice Vassallo - High School Nine Period Day Update

Dr. Vassallo thanked Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hanley and the Department Chairpeople for being present this evening to share in the presentation. Dr. Vassallo said that the Board of Education gave the students and staff of West Babylon Schools a gift of a nine period day. She reviewed the many benefits realized because of the addition of the ninth period including; more flexibility in scheduling for students, more elective course options, AP Science and Math Labs, additional instruction time all across the board and children no longer choosing between having a lunch period or having an elective. In addition, there has been an elimination of food being consumed in classrooms and on buses, increased teacher collaboration, increased database instruction, less hallway traffic and noise, a reduction in the numbers of students taking study hall and an overall improvement in the school's climate. In response to Trustee Campasano's questions, Dr. Vassallo stated that the district offers an SAT prep in the evening. In response to Trustee DeGaetano's question Mr. Barone said that the music department has been helped tremendously by the ninth period. Trustee Klein said that she is happy to see that the addition of the ninth period has been successful. Dr. Vassallo and her staff thanked the trustees for their "gift".

Energy Performance Contract Presentation Mr. Richard Kohrs, Senior Account Executive - AMERESCO

Mr. Flower explained that for the past year to year and a half Mr. Graziano, Plant Facilities Administrator has been working closely with representatives from AMERESCO to determine the best course of action for West Babylon's Energy Performance savings. Mr. Kohrs and representatives from AMERESCO offered a presentation of the locations scheduled for changes/upgrades which include; transportation department heating, more even heating in classrooms, lighting replacement in many locations throughout the district. The guarantee is that the energy saved through the contract will be more than the cost of the contract. Mr. Kohrs explained that if the trustees approve the contract this evening, it will be approximately eight weeks from the "go ahead" to the submission to the State Education Department. He added that the biggest unknown is the length of time before the approvals are returned by the State Education Department, perhaps by February or March with the hope of a June 2011 start date.

Trustee Nocera seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and addenda #PE-2, #FI-4 and #FA-7**

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

#BE-1

RESOLVED: Pending approval by the district's counsel, the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President to enter into an agreement with MSG Varsity for the 2010-2011 school year.

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the following independent consultant is approved to provide services to one student, for the summer of 2010, for one hour sessions at a rate of \$115 per hour, per the student's IEP (Individualized Education Plan):

Sue Hammer

#PE-1

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

- 09-P-19 Professional Personnel
- 09-C-18 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 09-P-19 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Gimberlein,Nicholas	Music Tchr.	JH		4/5/10-4/9/10	Family Medical Leave
Kerr,Cara	Elementary Tchr.	SA		4/15/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Mostransky,Elissa	Reading Tchr.	SB		4/19/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Kelskey,Christina	Elementary Tchr.	SA		4/20/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Dougherty,Janice	Art Tchr.	JK/FA		4/26/10 -	Family Medical Leave
Flower,Mark	Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations	BO		6/30/10 or sooner	Resignation
Pino,Louise	Elementary Tchr.	TA		2/10/10	Probationary Appt. [from regular substitute]

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional personnel who have successfully completed their annual reviews are appointed to tenure as listed below:

Alexander-Kinnear, Toni	ESL			9/1/10	Tenure
Caffey,Patricia	Elementary			9/1/10	Tenure
Carbonaro,Cristina	Special Education			9/1/10	Tenure
DeCarlo,Kelly	Special Education			9/1/10	Tenure
DeGennaro,Lisa	Elementary			9/1/10	Tenure
Galletta,Thomas	Special Education			9/1/10	Tenure
Heaton,Elise	Mathematics			9/1/10	Tenure
Kearon,Kimberly	Science			9/1/10	Tenure
Levenson,Marc	Music			9/1/10	Tenure
Lynch,Jaelyn	Elementary			9/1/10	Tenure
Pastore,Jennifer	Elementary			9/1/10	Tenure
Petter,Rebecca	Reading			9/1/10	Tenure
Phillips,Deanna	Teaching Assistant			9/1/10	Tenure
Powers,Joseph	Special Education			9/1/10	Tenure
Vogel,Jamie	Special Education			9/1/10	Tenure
Satriano,Paul	School Counselor			9/11/10	Tenure

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<u>A.C.T. Proctors:</u>		HS	\$21.06/hr.	4/10/10	
Sanchelli,Joy					6.5 hrs.
Kinlan,Patricia					6 hrs.

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
A.C.T. Proctors (cont'd):			HS	\$21.06/hr.	4/10/10
McArdle,Patrick					5.5 hrs.
Iaquinto,Christine					4.5 hrs.
Satriano,Paul	ACT Coordinator				8 hrs.
Thomas,Stephanie	"				8 hrs.

Grades K-8 Summer School Program - July 6-August 16, 2010(5.5 hrs/34 days)*

***Contingent, pending NYSED approval and sufficient enrollment**

Cunningham,Gregg	Principal	TBD	\$8,919.00 (prorate)		
Student Teachers/Observers:					Spring, 2010
Auer,Erin	English	JH			
Young,Peter	Art	SA			

Per Diem Substitute:		DW	\$90./day	2009-2010	
Toth,Joseph					

SCHEDULE 09-C-18 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Holm,Marie	Senior Clerk Typist	Adm.	10% differential (per CSEA contract)	4/15/10 -	[until the return of P. DiMartino]
Per Diem Substitutes:		DW	\$9./hr.	2009-2010	
Bensen,Colleen					Food Service
*Coletta,Dawn					"
*Esposito,Theresa					"
Zureick,Catherine					"
"					Paraprofessional

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

#FI-1

JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM RESOLUTION (A)

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the West Babylon School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter "Eastern Suffolk BOCES") Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, awarding the bids, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in *Newsday*, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law § 119-o.2.j.; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the following appropriation transfers are approved:

TRANSFER EXPLANATION	ACCOUNT CODE	DESCRIPTION	OUT	IN
Replacement of testing materials and textbooks lost in South Bay fire.				
	A 1240.4751	SUPT'S CONTINGENCY	\$50,000	
	A 1915.4800	SOUTH BAY FIRE TEXTBOOKS		\$50,000

#FI-3

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District desires to embark upon capital improvements at each of the district's facilities in connection with an energy performance project (the "project"); and

WHEREAS, said improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

WHEREAS, the *replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes* is classified as a Type II Action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQRA Regulations (Section 6 N.Y.C.R.R. 617.5(c)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the SEQRA Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the project and has determined, based upon the recommendation from ECG Engineering, LLC., in connection with its review and examination of the project, that the energy performance project is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(2) of the SEQRA Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares itself as the lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that the energy performance project is a Type II Action, which requires no further review under SEQRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the project from the New York State Education Department.

#CU-1

RESOLVED: Commencing with the 2010-2011 school year, the following changes are made to the West Babylon High School's course offerings:

Credit Change

Keyboarding	½ year course	.5 credit
Forensics	½ year course	.5 credit

New Courses

Conversation Spanish 5 – for non A.P. students

Theatre Technology II – for those who would like to pursue this further

Art Majors – these courses will become full year to work on portfolio prep: **Cartooning**
Fashion Design
Sculpture and Ceramics

Course Name Changes

<u>New Course Name</u>	<u>Former Course Name</u>
Foundations of Euclidean Geometry	Foundations of Geometry
Foundations of Integrated Algebra/Trigonometry	Foundations of Adv. Math (was prep for Math B)
Introduction to College Mathematics	College Prep
Pre World History A.P. (Honors)-1 credit	World History I
World History A.P.-1 credit	World History II

#CU-2

RESOLVED: West Babylon High School students are encouraged to complete a comprehensive offering of high school science courses (inclusive of chemistry and physics). A student may take Advance Placement science courses at any time deemed appropriate by the high school principal based upon the student's ability, interest and acquisition of prerequisite knowledge.

#BC-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education will cast one vote for each of the three vacancies on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education:

- One vote for: Mrs. Mildred Browne
- One vote for: Mrs. Ilene Herz
- One vote for: Mrs. Maryann Zumpano

#BC-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Western Suffolk BOCES 2010-2011 Administrative and Capital Budget in the amount of **\$318,772**.

#FA-1

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District publicly requested proposals for the district-wide implementation of energy conservation measures on a performance contracting basis on July 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the school district received proposals in response to the request for proposals, which were opened by the school district on September 10, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the school district administrators reviewed and evaluated the proposals and accompanying energy audits submitted by the energy performance contracting firms in connection with the Project; and

WHEREAS, based upon said review and evaluation of the proposals and accompanying audits, the school district administrators recommend that the Board of Education appoint Ameresco, Inc., as the school district's energy performance contractor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District herewith appoints Ameresco as the school district's energy performance contract for the purpose of improving the efficiency of the school district's energy systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said appointment is subject to the negotiation of a mutually agreeable formal written agreement to be approved by district counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute such agreement between the Board of Education and Ameresco.

#FA-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation from Mrs. Kristina Grimes, South Bay School parent:

Cascio Key Board & Stand

The items will be utilized by the South Bay School music department.

FA-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the construction of a wood pergola in the Junior High School courtyard. Zach Kohler, from Boy Scout Troop 104, will construct the item as part of his Eagle Scout project.

#FA-4

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following auditory trainer equipment obsolete:

- Phonic Ear Sprite BTE serial #0327525
- FM Sprite PE300TS 1351C130515

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Phonak Microvox transmitter 039C09937N
Phonak Microvox charger
Phonak MircoLink CI microphone 53975
Phonak MLX receiver audio shoe 003C49814 N09
Sonovation Logic M serial #L0211589 and AVR RX20M
Sonovation Logic M TX 20 serial #02 13242

#FA-5

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following bus obsolete:

Bus #	YEAR	MAKE	Plate #	VIN CO#
16	1995	IH	K50795	1HVBBAAN7SH202741

The bus requires expensive repair work and based on its overall condition, it is not feasible to have the work done.

#FA-6

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following item located in Room 211, at the Junior High School, obsolete:

Description	Model No.	Serial No.
Adler-Royale Electronic Typewriter	AE-800	Unknown

The typewriter no longer works and is beyond repair.

ADDENDA:

#PE-2

RESOLVED: that the attached personnel schedule is approved:

09-P-19A(a) Professional Personnel

#PE-2

SCHEDULE 09 -P-19A, Professional Personnel Schedule

ADDENDUM (a)

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
West Babylon Eagles-Walk Bicycle (Safe Routes to School Program)			\$60./hr	4/28/10	Federally Funded Grant Project

Project Coordinators:

[max. 150 hrs. combined for both positions]

Howard,Louis Elementary Coordinator
Serigano,Joseph Junior High School Coordinator

Club & Advisor:

HS 2009-2010

Dunlop,Robert Kyle Robotics Asst. Advisor \$1,580. [repl. V. Valensisi]

FINANCE

#FI-4

RESOLVED: the West Babylon School District requests that Western Suffolk BOCES provide multi-year financing for a period of five (5) years for project 2009-1586. This project, under COSER A502, is for desktop and laptop computers to be used in renovated libraries and high school computer labs.

FACILITIES

#FA-7

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donations from the West Babylon Sports League with the cooperation of the Board of the West Babylon Baseball League:

For the Junior High School: a complete batting cage system to include the following:

- Atec Power Streak Baseball/Softball Machine complete with Feeder
- Major League Batting Tunnel Nets
- Indoor Suspension Kit

For the Elementary Schools: clay to be placed on the schools' baseball/softball fields

POLICY REVIEW - No Review this evening

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

STATUS REPORT NEW WEBSITE:

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT(S):

The next strategic planning meeting is going to be held on May 27, 2010 at 10:00 am.

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:

In response to resident William Hill's question, Mr. Cacciola explained that as shared at the last meeting, the reports of gas leaks in the high school have been addressed and it is believed that the problem was more of an operational problem than a mechanical problem.

In response to resident Diana Edmunds questions Mr. Cacciola said that the district is working with the architect regarding the reconstruction of South Bay and that the meeting on May 4 will be opened in public session as required by law and then the Board will be in executive session to discuss legalities and contracts. He noted that there will be no public business conducted that evening and that the Board will hold a special meeting in the near future to discuss South Bay's reconstruction.

Mr. Cacciola also noted that due to the levels of asbestos in the building all removals of items have been stopped. However, if there is something that is of sentimental value there is hope that it may be able to be salvaged such as the time capsule, or anything of historical nature. He said that he was pleased that the tickets for the field trip to see the play "Wicked" were safe.

Mr. Flower said that he will share the amount collected in the South Bay trust and agency account at the next meeting.

Ms. Edmunds also inquired about the budget information and was informed that the budget to budget increase is 2.08% and the increase to the tax rate is 7.13%.

Resident Lillian McMahon said it is important for the community to know that the tax rate will go up even with a contingency budget, a fact of which many are not aware. She asked Mr. Flower to explain that the proposed budget would increase the tax rate 7.13% and a contingency budget would increase the tax rate by 4.45%. The difference in tax rate increase between the two budgets is 2.68%.

Mr. Cacciola said that he does not have the final total for the funds raised by the Fab Faux concert as he is awaiting a final bill that needs to be paid. However, he believes the total will be in excess of \$20,000.

Trustee Farrell seconded by Trustee Thiel made a motion to adjourn to executive session for negotiation matters at 10:22pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Klein seconded by Trustee Nocera made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Attested to: _____

District Clerk