

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 11, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees James F. Bocca, Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Peter Scarlatos, Diane Thiel, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent; Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney and residents (audience of approx. 25).

The President opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to enter executive session for contract negotiations and matters of personnel at 7:01 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Bocca seconded by Scarlatos made a motion to adjourn executive session at 7:25 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Board President Diane Thiel welcomed everyone and reminded them to silence their cell phones.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 25, 2014 - the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2014 and the Special Meeting of March 3, 2014

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

President Diane Thiel wished all a happy Saint Patty's Day.

Mr. Cacciola offered congratulations to the district's Robotics club for their recent competition in NYC at the Long Island Regionals held at NYU. He said the team performed extremely well and the administration as well as Mr. DeSimone are proud of the members of the team. He said that he and Mrs. Tona are working on arranging for the team and the robot to attend the first meeting in April.

Mrs. Thiel wished Mr. Cacciola an early happy last birthday as Superintendent.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

WBTA Representative Jen Autera spoke as both a taxpayer and a parent. She explained the GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustment) and said the WBTA is organizing its membership to ask the Governor to eliminate the GEA. She asked all to join forces in this effort and spread the word and flood the Governor with e-mails. Mr. Cacciola explained that at the last couple of Board meetings he has spoken about the GEA. He said the Suffolk County Superintendent's Association, of which he is the President Elect, usually has a multi tiered list of items to address and this year they have only one and that is the elimination of the GEA. He said that they will propose a two step process; eliminate the GEA and then recalculate foundation aide.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:

Mrs. Levy wished everyone a Happy Spring and congratulated Dr. Farrelly, on behalf of the WBAA for her upcoming appointment to Superintendent that appears on this evening's agenda.

Statement of CSEA Representative:

None

Statement of Student Association Representative:

None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

WBPTA Council President Jen Longo wished Mr. Cacciola a Happy Birthday and thanked the Board and Administration for the desserts at the last Council meeting in honor of PTA Recognition week.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to move the statement of residents on any topic to this portion of the meeting to allow students to present.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of Residents (agenda items):

Students Casey Sherwood and Camilla Lyczko thanked the Board of Education and central administrators for giving the OK for the AP Bio class to go to Brookhaven Lab for their field trip. They presented the trustees and administrators with a plaque in appreciation.

Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:

Trustee Villagran seconded by Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**.

Voting Yes: Trustees Bocca, Campasano, Gismervik, Klein, Kranz, Thiel, Villagran and Wandasiewicz
Voting No: Trustee Scarlatos

The motion was **CARRIED**

Mrs. Thiel explained that the Board of Education just appointed Dr. Farrelly to Superintendent effective January 10, 2015 upon Mr. Cacciola's retirement. Mrs. Thiel complimented Dr. Farrelly for her dedication to West Babylon. She said that she is sure the transition will be a smooth one as Dr. Farrelly and Mr. Cacciola have been working closely over the years.

Dr. Farrelly said that she is honored and grateful for this opportunity and thanked the Board of Education for placing their confidence in her. She called West Babylon her second home and said she will work tirelessly for the West Babylon community.

Mr. Cacciola said that Mrs. Thiel expressed his sentiment and added that this is a special night for him. He said that he had personal satisfaction in seeing Dr. Farrelly succeed him. He said his gift to this Board was that he wanted them to be the one to select the next Superintendent and added that Dr. Farrelly is a gift to West Babylon. He thanked the Board for a wise choice.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education adopts the proposed 2014-2015 School District Calendar, as attached.

#BE-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school district to provide health and special education services to parentally-placed West Babylon School District resident students, with disabilities, during the 2013-2014 school year:

Half Hollow Hills Central School District

#BE-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby nominates Mrs. Jeannette Santos and Mr. Peter Wunsch as candidates for re-election to the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES.

#BE-4

RESOLVED: that Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly is hereby appointed Superintendent of Schools for the West Babylon Union Free School District effective January 10, 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the President of the West Babylon Board of Education is authorized to sign an employment agreement with the Superintendent of Schools to cover the period January 10, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

PERSONNEL

#PE-1

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

13-P-16 Professional Personnel
13-C-16 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 13-P-16 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Selvaggi, Sally	Mathematics Tchr.	HS		1/30/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Hymowitz, Marissa	Special Ed. Tchr.	FA		2/6/14 -	Family Medical Leave

SCHEDULE 13-P-16 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Alberts, Susan	Reading Tchr.	TA		6/30/14	Resignation to Retire
Balducci, Laura	Foreign Language Tchr.	JH/HS		6/30/14	Resignation to Retire
Corda, Bernard	School Psychologist	HS		6/30/14	Resignation to Retire
Durkin, Kelly	Teaching Asst.	TA		2/27/14	Resignation from LOA [to remain in prob. elem. post]
Clubs & Advisors:		HS		2013-2014	
Cafiero, MaryAnn	Staging Director		\$3,086.		[stipend correction]
Scott, Matthew	Pit Conductor/Rehearsal Accomp.		\$1,961.		[repl. B. Kelly]
Student Teachers/Observers:				Spring, 2014	
Colloca, Jacqueline	English	HS			
Federico, Sabrina	Elementary	SB/FA			
McGann, Stacie	Elementary	SB			

SCHEDULE 13-C-16 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	SALARY	STEP/ APPT.	BEG/END COMMENTS
Jones, Alex	Custodial Wrkr. I	TA		1/16/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Fink, John	School Bus Driver	Trans.		1/24/14 -	Family Medical Leave
Simpson, Bruce	Custodial Wrkr. II	JH		6/30/14	Resignation to Retire
Orkwis, Barbara	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB	Step 1/ \$13.37/hr.	3/12/14	Probationary Appt.
Colligan, Christine	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	TA	Step 1/ \$13.37/hr.	3/12/14	Probationary Appt.
Caputo-Mallahan, Lisa	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA	Step 1/ \$13.37/hr.	3/12/14	Probationary Appt.

FINANCE

#FI-1
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation, in the amount of \$50.62, from OhioPyle Print. The donation will be deposited into the Senior High School's Trust and Agency account.

#FI-2
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation for the Spring District Fun Run and Wellness Fair:

\$250 from the WBTA

#FI-3
RESOLVED: that Bid OB-166-13, for obsolete equipment and books, as attached, be awarded to Mr. Steve Zanazzi of Traderewards, as recommended by Mrs. Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director of Finance & Operations for the 1995 Chevy at \$500. The bid for the 1994 Ford was below the minimum bid amount of \$700, therefore, Mr. Zanazzi will not be awarded the 1994 Ford.

FACILITIES

#FA-1
RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts the following donation from Laverne Perez, an affiliate of the West Babylon Main Street Organization:

Brand Name	Description	Color	Quantity
Behr	Gallon Can (opened)	Gold Blush, Mate	1
Behr	Gallon Can (opened)	Chocolate Cocoa, Mate	1
Benjamin Moore	Gallon Can (opened)	Permission, Eggshell	1
Benjamin Moore	Gallon Can (opened)	Rosemary Sprig, Eggshell	1
Benjamin Moore	Gallon Can (opened)	Bar Harbor Beige, Eggshell	1
Vasper	Gallon Can (opened)	White, Flat Ceiling	1
American Tradition	Gallon Can (opened)	Tidel Wave, Flat	1
Benjamin Moore	Quart Can (opened)	Harvest Moon, Eggshell	1
Benjamin Moore	Quart Can (opened)	HC 126, Semi Gloss	1
Benjamin Moore	Quart Can (opened)	Alpala, Flat	1
Benjamin Moore	Quart Can (opened)	Pink 1317, Flat	1
Benjamin Moore	Quart Can (opened)	Yellow, Eggshell	1
Valspar	Quart Can (opened)	Sag Harbor, Eggshell	1
American Tradition	Quart Can (opened)	Chalk Board	1
Valspar	7.2 oz. Can (opened)	Autumn Moon, Satin	1
Valspar	7.2 oz. Can (opened)	Café Blue, Satin	1
Valspar	7.2 oz. Can (opened)	Secluded Garden, Satin	1
	Spray Can	Pink, Satin	1
	Spray Can	Blossom White	2
	Rust-oleum	Black 1976, Flat	2

BOARD OF EDUCATION

POLICY:

The following policies are on the agenda for Second Time Discussion.

- 1120: School District Records (Second Time Discussion)
- 4526: Computer Use in Instruction (Second Time Discussion)
- 5695: Students and Personal Electronic Devices (Second Time Discussion)

Trustee Wandasiewicz Seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to move the policies to third time adoption.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

COMMITTEES: The Policy Subcommittee will submit its report at the March 25, 2014 Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS: Budget Draft #2 – A. Cacciola and J. Buscemi

Mr. Cacciola said that Mrs. Buscemi has been working on Budget Draft #3. Mrs. Buscemi said that she received concrete numbers from BOCES and is making adjustments accordingly. She said that Budget Draft #3 is higher than #2 and she is whittling away at the numbers any where she can. Mrs. Buscemi said that as new information comes in she makes the changes. Mrs. Thiel said that they will wait and see what April 1st brings before making any further decision. In response to Trustee Campasano’s question, Mrs. Buscemi said that it is difficult to tell when the district will run out of reserves because there are so many variables. She said that the unreserved may run out in as soon as two years. Mr. Cacciola said that the appropriation of 3 million dollars for the 2014 school year is of more concern. He said that the Board will have to discuss their order of priority for restoration at the March 25th meeting.

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS: Resident Lisa Granieri congratulated Dr. Farrelly for her appointment to Superintendent.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to executive session for contract negotiations at 8:30 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to adjourn at 10:18 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

District Clerk