

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, May 13, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School and in the PAC in the High School.

Those present: Trustees James F. Bocca, Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Peter Scarlatos (arrived 7:10 p.m.), Diane Thiel, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent; 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. 18 for the 8:00 meeting).

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

BUDGET HEARING — Mrs. Buscemi reviewed the final budget through a PowerPoint presentation (will be on the district's website tomorrow). In response to resident Jenn Longo's question, Mrs. Buscemi said that PTAs would only be charged for use if the district is on a contingency budget.

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to enter executive session for contract negotiations and matters of personnel at 7:25 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Scarlatos seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn executive session at 7:41 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2014. (Trustee Scarlatos was not in the room).

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

Mr. Cacciola noted that this is teacher and teacher assistants appreciation week. He thanked all of the teachers and teaching assistants for all they do throughout the year. He said he wanted to thank Ms. Montalvo for again holding a study session with students at Panera Bread during her own time. He said she is one of many fine teachers in the district. Mr. Cacciola said that next week is transportation appreciation week. He said that this district has one of the finest transportation departments. He added that he still remembers his first bus driver and thanked the staff of the transportation department for all that they do each day.

Board President Diane Thiel thanked the teachers, teacher assistants and the transportation department; adding that they are all appreciated.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

WBTA rep Patti Neville thanked all for their kind words and wished everyone the best on May 20, 2014.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:

WBAA President Ellie Levy wished everyone a belated happy mothers' day. She also noted that she attended the transportation breakfast and enjoyed hearing the staff share how they love the interaction with the students. She commended them for their work through this difficult winter.

Statement of CSEA Representative:

None

Statement of Student Association Representative:

None

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

PTA Council President Jenn Longo reminded everyone about the May 21st fun run and the May 22nd Comedy Night at Governors.

Trustee Bocca said that the Board failed to recognize Jennifer Carere for her tenure appointment at the last meeting. He and the Board congratulated her for a job well done. Mrs. Levy said she will share their congratulations with Mrs. Carere.

Trustee Bocca asked if the Board will be discussing the Open Lunch Policy. Board President Diane Thiel said that the policy is scheduled for the May 28, 2014 Board meeting. After some further discussion about the policy, students who were present were permitted to speak about the Board's decision to close campus for lunch.

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS (Agenda Items)

Several students were present to speak about their displeasure with the Board's decision to close the campus for lunch. They shared their feelings about their

SCHEDULE 13-P-20 Professional Personnel Schedule

| NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/ AREA | STEP/ SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | COMMENTS |
|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|
| McMahon, Jessica | Elementary Tchr. | | | 9/1/14 | Returning from LOA |
| Schad, Melanie | Mathematics Tchr. | | | 9/1/14 | Returning from LOA |

The following part-time appointments are terminated effective June 30, 2014:

| | | | | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|
| Ceccarelli, Christina | PT/Art (.5) | | | | |
| White, Nicole | PT/Elementary (.6) | | | | |
| Staller-Brophy, Leslie | PT/FACS (.4) | | | | |
| Tarasov, Lyubov | PT/Foreign Language (.2) | | | | |
| | PT/ESL (.6) | | | | |
| Foster, Christine | PT/Physical Therapist (.6) | | | | |
| LaRosa, Nicole | PT/Social Studies (.4) | | | | |
| Bellino, Charles | PT/Technology (.7) | | | | |
| Heaton, Bryan | PT/Music (.4) | | | | [returning to PEL] |

The following Regular Substitute appointments are terminated effective June 30, 2014:

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|----------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------------|
| Craig, Amanda | Regular Substitute/Elementary | | | | |
| Stuart, Patricia | Regular Substitute/Elementary | | | | |
| Nauronis, Melissa | Regular Substitute/Mathematics | | | | |
| Finocchio, Dominique | Regular Substitute/Music | | | | [returning to PEL] |

S.A.T. Proctors:

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|---------------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| | \$22.30/hr. | 5/3/14 | |
| Powers, Brian | | | 5 hrs. |
| Shaffer, Donna | | | 5.5 hrs. |
| Amaya, Idalia | | | 6 hrs. |
| Borgo, Danielle | | | 6 hrs. |
| Carson, Jeffrey | | | 6 hrs. |
| Goodwin, Deborah | | | 6 hrs. |
| Heaton, Bryan | | | 6 hrs. |
| Heaton, Elise | | | 6 hrs. |
| Iaquinto, Christine | | | 6 hrs. |
| McArdle, Patrick | | | 6 hrs. |
| Mucaria, Donna | | | 6 hrs. |
| Romeo, Marta | | | 6 hrs. |
| Ruiz, Lawrence | | | 6 hrs. |
| Simone, Linda | | | 6 hrs. |
| Tichy, Audrey | | | 6 hrs. |
| Weis, Danielle | | | 6 hrs. |
| Powers, Daniel | | | 7.5 hrs. |
| Montalvo, Andrea | | | 9 hrs. |
| Montalvo, Christina | | | 9 hrs. |

Per Diem Registered Nurse:

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|-------------------|----|------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| | DW | \$120./day | 2013-2014 | |
| *Henshaw, Maureen | | | | [Registered Nurse License] |

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

SCHEDULE 13-C-20 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

| NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/ AREA | STEP/ SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | COMMENTS |
|------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Harten, Jeanine | Occupational Therapist | SA/DW | | 4/7/14 - | Family Medical Leave |
| Bryson, Carolyn | School Bus Driver | Trans. | | 6/27/14 | Resignation to Retire |
| Simpson, Bruce | Custodial Wrkr. II | JH | | 6/29/14 | Resignation to Retire [date change per ERS] |
| Weckerle, Denise | Paraprofessional (special ed. aide) | FA | | 5/13/14 | Termination |

FINANCE

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the refunding of certain outstanding serial bonds of said District, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$10,200,000, therefore, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$10,200,000, refunding serial bonds of the District to finance said appropriation, and making certain other determinations all relative thereto.

#FI-2

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes an appropriation and transfer of funds, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.00, from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund, to be used for payment of the 2013-2014 New York State and Local Employees Retirement System expenditures. This reserve was previously authorized in accordance with New York General Municipal Law §6-r.

#FI-3

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the 2014-2015 State Education Department Property Tax Report Card as required by the State Education Department.

#FI-4

RESOLVED: that the Request for Proposal #09-14 for Internal Auditing Services is awarded to Cerini & Associates, LLP, as recommended by Mrs. Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance and Operations.

#FI-5

RESOLVED: that the Request for Proposal #10-14 for External Auditing Services is awarded to Cullen & Danowski, LLP, as recommended by Mrs. Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance and Operations.

FACILITIES

#FA-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following piece of equipment, located in the Business Office, obsolete:

Sharp ZX-420 Typewriter
Serial No.: 981481105
WB Tag No.: 000013

The equipment is outdated and no longer functional.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Policy — Mrs. Thiel said that Mrs. Jones e-mailed policy to the trustees which will be on the next agenda.

COMMITTEES: Mrs. Thiel read the minutes of the May 6, 2014 Curriculum Committee Meeting — on file in the District Clerk’s office.

At Mrs. Buscemi’s request the Audit Committee meeting was moved to May 28, 2014 at the 7:00 portion of the meeting. Mr. Rodriguez of Cullen and Danowski will be present. Mr. Cacciola explained that the firm has been with the district since 1981 as our accountants. As the district now has an accountant in house, Cullen and Danowski were appointed as the district’s auditors through an RFP process. He added that they are a wonderful firm.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:

Resident Dawn Conboy said that she believes students should be permitted to leave. She added that there are many liabilities in the district.

Resident Maryann Gamba spoke about the terrible condition of the parking lot at the JHS and the liability the district faces because of it. Mr. Cacciola said that the district is aware of the condition and is considering a bond vote to address the repairs.

Students again voiced their opinions about closing campus for lunch. Mrs. Tona said that tragedies have happened on Long Island and the districts change after the tragedy. She said this is preventative for the safety of the students.

In response to resident Daienna Edmunds question, Mrs. Buscemi explained that teachers leaving the building do not hold the same liability for the district as students leaving the building.

Resident Rob Lucchesse said that he feels bad that the students present this evening do not realize that they don't have a chance of changing the Board's decision. He said that he will be giving written permission for his daughter to leave the building. President Diane Thiel said that parents can come and sign their children out and back in. She said that the Board did explain to the students that they could go back to the HS administrators to find other lunch arrangements that could be an enjoyable alternative to leaving for lunch. The Board did not suggest to the students that there was hope of the decision being changed.

In response to a student's question, Mr. Cacciola said that West Babylon will not be in the minority of schools that have closed campus for lunch.

Resident Dawn Conboy said that she believes the voices of residents at times fall on deaf ears.

Resident Liz Breiner said that she believes the Board has listened to the community and changed its mind in the past. In response to her question about open lunch being offered to only 18 year old students, it would be difficult to enforce.

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

District Clerk