

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 27, 2015, in the Board Room of the Administration Building.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, Ray Downey, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Peter Scarlatos, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Trustees Dennis Kranz and Jennifer Longo were absent

Also present: Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent; Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Executive Director for Human Resources; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; and residents

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

**Senior Thesis Presentation:** Principal Dr. Vassallo, Assistant Principals Mr. O'Leary and Mr. Colletti, School Media Specialist Dr. Neville, and Mrs. Kelly Connolly-Hickey, English Teacher

**Student Presenters:** Sage Chasen, My Viet Ngo, Michael Nicolosi, and Crystal Pascual, and Melissa Riback

Dr. Vassallo said that the senior thesis requirement was endorsed by the Board of Education as a requirement for graduation years ago. She said that NY State is now looking to making the same requirement. Dr. Neville said that she is proud to have been a West Babylon graduate and to be ahead of the state with the requirement. She said the process begins in the students' freshman year preparing them for what is to come. Dr. Neville said that Mrs. Connolly, and the other teachers in the English department, guide the students through the entire process. She added that the students presenting this evening are among West Babylon's finest.

Each of the students shared what the process was like for them. They were grateful for the support they received throughout the process and felt that it did prepare them for what is to come. The trustees and administrators thanked the students for their impressive presentation. Board President Lucy Campasano said she very impressed with the students' choices of topics.

Dr. Farrelly echoed Mrs. Campasano's compliment and added that the students spoke well and showed passion for their topics. She thanked Mrs. Connolly and noted that it takes just one teacher to have an impact on the life of a student. She thanked all of the teachers for supporting the students. Dr. Vassallo thanked all of the grade 12 English teachers for the time they all put into the thesis. She said it has evolved beautifully. In response to Trustee Villagran's question, Dr. Vassallo said that the students prepare their thesis during different semesters. They are not all doing them at the same time.

Trustee Klein seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to Executive Session for contract negotiations and personnel matters at 7:28 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion resumed at 8:07 p.m.

Trustee Gismervik seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2015. Trustee Scarlatos was out of the room.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:**

Dr. Farrelly offered congratulations to the Board of Education and the West Babylon community for the budget passing! She also thanked the community for supporting the budget. Dr. Farrelly congratulated Mrs. Campasano, Mrs. Wandasiewicz for their re-election to the Board of Education. She also congratulated Trustee Elect Mr. Evola. She said she looks forward to working with them in the years to come.

Dr. Farrelly shared a highlight in the Beacon - a surprise visit for a West Babylon Student. She said a South Bay student's brother (US Marine) returned home after a tour in Iraq. It was a wonderful reunion. She thanked District Clerk Amy Jones for updating the bulletin board in the back of the room.

Dr. Farrelly offered congratulations to our spring teams and coaches. It was an exciting season. She said she wanted to especially highlight the accomplishments of the baseball, lacrosse and track & field teams and the coaches.

**Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:**

WBTA President Patt Squicciarini also congratulated Mrs. Campasano, Mrs. Wandasiewicz for their re-election to the Board of Education and to Trustee Elect Mr. Evola. She also congratulated the Board for an outstanding budget. She said she respected what the Board did in order to keep programs and staff. Mrs. Squicciarini said that the WBTA contacted 950 members to vote and it was one of their highest turnouts.

**Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:** None

**Statement of CSEA Representative:**

CSEA Rep. Daienna Edmonds congratulated the trustees and trustee elect on their recent election.

**Statement of Student Association Representative:** None

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:** None

**Statement of Residents (Agenda Items)** None

**Superintendent's Report/Educational Presentation:**

**Program Evaluations – Math, Science, English and Social Studies grades K-12** – Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction; Mrs. Katherine Reilly-Johnson, Chairperson STEM 9-12, Science, Technology, Business, Family and Consumer Sciences and Math; Mr. Harry Theo, Chairperson Math and Science Grades 6-8; Mr. Charles Benvenuto, Chairperson English and Social Studies Grades 6-8 and Mrs. Donna McGrath, Chairperson Humanities 9-12, English, Social Studies, Art and Music

Mrs. Tona, Mrs. Reilly-Johnson, Mr. Theo, Mr. Benvenuto and Mrs. McGrath reviewed the program evaluations with the trustees and provided handouts (on file in the District Clerk's office) outlining the requirements for graduation. They shared their recommendations with the trustees which include the possible purchase of new text books to replace the very outdated ones currently in use; additional staff development. Mrs. Tona praised the staff for their hard work.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda with replacement page 2 of the personnel schedule.**

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**#BE-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon UFSD Board of Education accepts the tabulation of votes as certified by the inspectors of election and the District Clerk at the Budget Vote and Trustee Election Vote held on May 19, 2015, and the results of such tabulations were as follows:

**Proposition # 1: School District Budget**

**Yes: 1190      No: 508**

**Return of votes on School District Trustees:**

Three 3-year terms ending June 30, 2018:

<b>1a</b>	<b>John Evola</b>	<b>825</b>
<b>2a</b>	<b>Lucy Campasano</b>	<b>979</b>
<b>3a</b>	Raymond Cascio	784
<b>4a</b>	<b>Jennifer Wandasiewicz</b>	<b>865</b>
<b>5a</b>	Todd Sheets	776

**#BE-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the engagement letter/service proposal between the West Babylon School District and the following individual, to provide information technology services valued up to \$1800, at \$75 per hour:

Ms. Judith Proscia

This engagement will begin on May 25, 2015 and will be completed by June 30, 2015.

**#BE-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to sign the Collaborative Agreement, pursuant to Public Health Law Section 300b, between the West Babylon School District and Dr. Jack Geffken, School Physician.

**#BE-4**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby authorizes the signing of the contract between the West Babylon School District and School Construction Consultants, Inc., the capital project construction management firm, for the period beginning May 28, 2015 through the completion of all capital projects.

**PERSONNEL**

**#PE-1**

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

<u>14-A-7</u>	Board of Education
<u>14-P-21</u>	Professional Personnel
<u>14-C-21</u>	Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 14-A-7, BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE**

**I. BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTMENTS**

**2014-2015**

**Election Inspectors:** \$10./hr. 5/19/15  
 Struckman, Barbara  
 Wilbert, Louise

**SCHEDULE 14-P-21 Professional Personnel Schedule**

**REPLACEMENT PAGE 2**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Shah, Krista	Elementary Tchr.	FA		5/13/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Homan, Meghan	Elementary Tchr.	SA		6/9/15 - 6/30/15	Leave of Absence
Tweeddale, Kristine	PT/Mathematics Tchr.	HS	Step A-1-1/ \$48,759. (prorate @ 80%)	4/23/15 - 6/30/15	[certs: Math 5-9, Math 7-12] (.8)
Travaglia, Jennifer	ESL Tchr.	JH	Step A-5-1/ \$58,511.	9/1/15	Probationary Appt. [certs: ELA 7-12, ESL]
Mauro, Kathryn	ESL Tchr.	HS	Step A-1-1/ \$48,759.	9/1/15	Probationary Appt. [certs: ELA 5-6, ELA 7-12, pending ESL certification]
<b>A.C.T. Proctors:</b>			\$22.47/hr.	4/18/15	
Satriano, Paul					3.5 hrs.
Dombo, Stephen					5 hrs.
McGrath, Steven					5 hrs.
Iaquinto, Christine					5.5 hrs.
McArdle, Patrick					5.5 hrs.
McGrath, Donna					5.5 hrs.
Ruiz, Lawrence					5.5 hrs.
Amaya, Idalia					6 hrs.
Baker, Melanie					6 hrs.
Shaffer, Donna					7.5 hrs.
Thomas, Stephanie	Test Supervisor				7.5 hrs.
<b>ESL Tutorials:</b>			\$37.14/hr.	5/1/15 - 6/25/15	Title III Grant
Bedford, Paula					3 hrs.
Pino, Louise					3 hrs.
Ramo, Kristine					3 hrs.
Squicciarini, Patricia					3 hrs.
Dunn, Kathleen					4 hrs.
Granieri, Lisa					4 hrs.
Fazio, Hillary					5 hrs.
Febbraro, Nancy					5 hrs.
Fischer, Melinda					5 hrs.
LoSardo, Deborah					5 hrs.
Borgo, Danielle					10 hrs.
Caffey, Patricia					10 hrs.
Alexander-Kinnear, Toni					10 hrs.
Themelis, Souzanna					10 hrs.
Jacobson, Ruth					20 hrs.
Tarasov, Lyubov					20 hrs.
Yurraspe, Kris					20 hrs.

**SCHEDULE 14-P-21 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<b>Tutorials:</b>					
Hoppe, Lisa	Special Ed. Tchr.		\$37.14/session	May - June, 2015	611 IDEA Grant [up to 10 sessions]
<b>Additional Hours:</b>					
Knudsen, Robert	Sr. Technologist		\$39.79/hr.	4/28/15	2 hrs.

**SCHEDULE 14-C-21 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Dupuis, Linda	Food Service Wrkr. 'B'	HS		6/30/15	Resignation to Retire
*Peterson, Frances	Clerk Typist (10 month)	HS	Step 1/ \$25,194. (prorate)	6/1/15	Probationary Appt. C.S. List of Eligibles #13-0021-023
Neilson, Brian	Custodial Wrkr. I	JH	Step 2/ \$42,149. (prorate)	1/1/15	Prior Service Credit [experience verified]

\*Emergency Conditional Appointment

**FINANCE**

**#FI-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the **TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE ("TAN")** dated May 27, 2015, authorizing the issuance not to exceed \$30,000,000 Tax Anticipation Notes of the West Babylon Union Free School District, in the Town of Babylon, County of Suffolk, State of New York, in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016.

**#FI-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves a resolution to participate with Eastern Suffolk BOCES in cooperative bids for the purchase of various supplies, materials and equipment for the 2015-2016 school year as provided by General Municipal Law Section 119-o and Education Law Section 1950.

**#FI-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby authorizes transfers of 2014-2015 fund balance into and between any of the properly established reserves not to exceed:

Reserves	Transfers Not To Exceed
Workers Compensation	\$ 250,000.00
Unemployment	\$ 250,000.00
Compensated Absences	\$ 250,000.00
Employees' Retirement	\$ 250,000.00
Total Reserves	\$1,000,000.00

**#FI-4**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Universal Testing and Inspection, as the lowest responsible bidder, to provide a borings and geotechnical report for the John F. Kennedy Elementary School VAT and pavement replacement.

**#FI-5**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Universal Testing and Inspection, as the lowest responsible bidder, to provide a borings and geotechnical report for the Junior High School turf field and VAT replacement.

**#FI-6**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves L. K. McLean Associates, P.C., as the lowest responsible bidder, to provide the survey work for the Junior High School turf field and VAT replacement.

**#FI-7**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Barrett, Bonacci and VanWeele, P.C., as the lowest responsible bidder, to provide the survey work for the John F. Kennedy Elementary School VAT and pavement replacement.

**#FI-8**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves D. Adams, PE Consulting Engineer, as the lowest responsible bidder, to provide Stormwater Construction General Permit ("SWPPP" - Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan) and Inspections for the Junior High School synthetic turf field.

**#FI-9**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2015.

**CURRICULUM**

**#CU-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education gratefully accepts a donation from the West Babylon Public Library. The books are extra copies of books from past school summer reading collections. These books will be made available to South Bay School students in the school library and in grade level classrooms.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Board President Campasano said she has been receiving requests to go back to having a printed calendar and she would like to look into the possibility of printing just for parents. Mrs. Tona explained that the calendar is in constant change and that a printed calendar may not be as accurate. After further discussion Dr. Farrelly said she will look into the costs involved and whether it would have to be printed and delivered to the community or if it can be provided to parents, and then available to the community upon request.

Trustee Wandasiewicz shared a concern about the bussing situation when BOCES is cancelled. She said students are dropped off at the closest elementary school to their home which can necessitate them having to cross a busy road to get home. Dr. Farrelly said she will check into the concern with Mr. Bianco and report back to the Board.

**POLICY: NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:**

**STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:**

Resident Stephen Donnelly said he had recently mailed a letter to the district and expressed concern about the ability for emergency medical personnel to get onto the field if someone is injured during a game on school property. Dr. Farrelly said that the administrators and trustees have received his letter and are looking to coordinate with the West Babylon Fire Department, and the Suffolk County Police Department to address the matter. She thanked him for his input.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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District Clerk