

WEST BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
WEST BABYLON, NEW YORK
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD ROOM - ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 13, 2015
AGENDA

The order of business at all regular meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order by presiding officer
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

[6:00 P.M. - Meeting Convenes Followed by Student Presentation
and/or Executive Session]

[7:00 P.M. - Public Session Resumes Beginning with Item #3]
3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting(s): Regular Meeting: September 21, 2015
4. Statement of the Board and/or Superintendent
5. Statement of West Babylon Teachers' Association Representatives
6. Statement of School Administrators' Association Representatives
7. Statement of C.S.E.A. Representatives
8. Statement of Student Association Representatives
9. Statement of PTA Council Representatives
10. Statement of Residents re: agenda items [15 minutes-limited to 3 minutes per speaker]*
11. Report of the Superintendent and/or Educational Presentation:
 - A. **2014-2015 End of Year Summary & 2015-2016 Continuous Improvement Report**
Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction
Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Executive Director for Finance & Operations
Mr. Shawn Hanley, Executive Director for Human Resources
12. Business Agenda [****Consent Agenda Items**]
 - A. **BOARD OF EDUCATION**
 - ** (R) Approval of the Junior High School School Store for the 2015-2016 School Year (Res. #BE-1)
 - ** (R) Approval of the Junior High School Yearbook Club for the 2015-2016 School Year (Res. #BE-2)

Continued

- ** (R) Approval of the Junior High School Drama Club for the 2015-2016 School Year (Res. #BE-3)
- ** (R) Approval, Retroactively, for the Syosset Central School District to provide Health and Special Education Services, to Parentally-Placed West Babylon School District Resident Students, with Disabilities, for the period March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 (Res. #BE-4)
- ** (R) Approval of the Amended Special Education Services Agreement, with Cleary School for the Deaf, for the 2015-2016 School Year (Res. #BE-5)
- ** (R) Approval of Professional Development Contract, with the Mathematics Education Consultant, for the 2015-2016 School Year (Res. #BE-6)
- ** (R) Authorization of Correction to Board of Education Resolution **BE-20 (on the July 28, 2015 Board of Education Agenda) regarding the Continuation of Retirees Insurance Policies (Res. #BE-7)
- ** (R) Waiver of Use of Facilities Fees (Res. #BE-8)
- ** (R) Authorization for the Board of Education President and the Superintendent of Schools to Sign an Employment Agreement with the Independent Lead Evaluator (Res. #BE-9)
- ** (R) APPR-Certification of Lead Evaluators (Res. #BE-10)

B. PERSONNEL

- ** (R) 15-P-6 Professional Personnel
- ** (R) 15-C-6 Civil Service Personnel (Res. #PE-1)

C. FINANCE

- ** (R) Approval of Change Order #1 – Junior High School (Res. #FI-1)
- ** (R) Approval of Change Order #1 – John F. Kennedy School (Res. #FI-2)
- ** (R) Approval of Transportation Contract (Res. #FI-3)

D. CURRICULUM

- ** (R) Declaration of Obsolete Junior High School Foreign Language Textbooks (Res. #CU-1)

E. FACILITIES

- ** (R) Adoption of 2015-2016 District-Wide & Building Level Safety Emergency Response Plan (Res. #FA-1)

- 13. Policy Review:
 - A. Board Review-Community Relations Goals (Third Time Adoption) (File:1000)
 - B. Board Review-Donations, Gifts and Grants to the District (Third Time Adoption) (File:1800)
- 14. Board of Education Committee Reports
- 15. Old Business
- 16. New Business
- 17. Follow-Up to Residents' Statements
- 18. Statements of Residents re: other district items [15 minutes-limited to 3 minutes per speaker]*
- 19. Adjournment [This should take place by 10:00 P.M.]

*Per Board Policy 1230: The Board of Education encourages participation of residents at open Board meetings. The President of the Board shall ask for brief statements from residents and set a time limit (three minutes per resident) on such statements. To allow for public participation, a period not to exceed 15 minutes shall be set aside during the first and last part of each Board meeting. The President shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the time to be allowed for public discussion and the appropriateness of the subject being presented. The President shall have the right to discontinue any presentation which violates this policy. Residents wishing to speak should identify themselves, their address, any organization they may be representing at the meeting, and the topic they wish to discuss. Statements during the first part of the meeting will relate to agenda items. Statements during the second part of the meeting will relate to other district matters.

Follow-Up to Residents' Unanswered Questions

Date	Residents' Questions	Responses
September 21, 2105	-----	-----
September 8, 2015	-----	-----
August 25, 2015	-----	-----
July 7, 2015	-----	-----
June 23, 2015	-----	-----

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RESOLUTIONS

BOARD OF EDUCATION

****#BE-1**

RESOLVED: that the Junior High School School Store is approved for the 2015-2016 school year:

Faculty Advisor:	RoseLyn Cipparulo
President:	Ellie Downey
Treasurer:	Daniella Copeland

****#BE-2**

RESOLVED: that the Junior High School Yearbook Club is approved for the 2015-2016 school year:

Faculty Advisor:	Greg Hartranft
President:	Hannah McHugh
Treasurer:	Julissa Salas

****#BE-3**

RESOLVED: that the Junior High School Drama Club is approved for the 2015-2016 school year:

Faculty Advisor:	Deborah Plezia
President:	Jenna Halversen
Treasurer:	Ryan Lewis

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****#BE-4**

RESOLVED that the West Babylon Board of Education approves, retroactively, for the following school district, to provide health and special education services, to parentally-placed West Babylon School District resident students, with disabilities, for the period March 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015:

Syosset Central School District

****#BE-5**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the amended Service Agreement, reflecting a rate adjustment, with the following agency to provide special education services, to West Babylon School District resident students, with hearing impairments, for the 2015-2016 school year:

Cleary School for the Deaf

****#BE-6**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the signing of the professional development contract, with Ms. Diana Kolhoff, Mathematics Education Consultant, for the 2015-2016 school year.

****#BE-7**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby authorizes the correction of Board of Education Resolution ****#BE-20**, which appeared on the July 28, 2015 agenda, as follows:

Resolution ****#BE-20** – Approved on July 28, 2015:

Dr. Robert Manley:
MassMutual – Whole Life Policy
MassMutual – **Term** Life Policy
AIG – Term Life Group Policy

Corrected Resolution ****#BE-7** – to be approved on October 13, 2015:

Dr. Robert Manley:
MassMutual – Whole Life Policy
MassMutual – **Whole** Life Policy
AIG – Term Life Group Policy

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****#BE-8**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby waives the facilities use fees and requirements, for the evening of Wednesday, October 14, 2015, for the following organization:

The Long Island Top Guns Travel Girls Lacrosse Program

The group will be using Café B in the Junior High School to hold a parent workshop from 7:00-9:00 PM.

****#BE-9**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement, with Ms. Mary Castiglie, Independent Lead Evaluator, for the period October 14, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

****#BE-10**

WHEREAS, §30-2.9 of the Rules of the Board of Regents requires certification of lead evaluators for purposes of conducting evaluations of teachers and principals in accordance with the requirements under §3012-c of the Education Law, respecting Annual Professional Performance Reviews;

WHEREAS, the individuals named below have successfully completed a training course that meets the requirements prescribed in §30-2.9(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools certifies the following individuals as lead evaluators:

- Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction
- Shawn Hanley, Executive Director for Human Resources
- Eleanor Levy, Principal
- Gregg Cunningham, Principal
- JoAnn Scott, Principal
- Charles Germano, Principal
- Patricia Acocella, Principal
- Scott Payne, Principal
- Jen Carere, Assistant Principal
- Ellice Vassallo, Principal
- Steve O'Leary, Assistant Principal
- Michael Devane, Assistant Principal
- Michael Mack, Director of Student Services
- Jennifer Hoffman, Curriculum Specialist
- Stephanie Nocerino, Coordinator of K – 12 Data & Instructional Technology
- Anthony Spinelli, Director of Health & Physical Education
- Mary Castiglie, Independent Lead Evaluator
- Thomas Colletti, Independent Lead Evaluator

PERSONNEL

****#PE-1**

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

15-P-6

Professional Personnel

15-C-6

Civil Service Personnel

FINANCE

****#FI-1**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Change Order #1, in the increase amount of (\$35,000.00), to remove and dispose of existing buried debris and place compact and grade select fill, to proposed subgrade, for the Synthetic Turf Field construction as part of the Capital Project, at the Junior High School (SED. No. 58-01-02-03-0-002-025) with Laser Industries, Inc. The new contract sum, including this change, will be \$1,559,310.00.

****#FI-2**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves Change Order #1, in the deduct amount of (\$19,352.43), for VAT flooring replacement/site reconstruction, as part of the Capital Project, at John F. Kennedy Elementary School (SED. No. 58-01-02-03-0-008-022) with Rosmar Construction, Inc. The new contract sum, including this change, will be \$389,397.57.

****#FI-3**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Transportation Contract, dated October 13, 2015, with parent(s) of a child attending James Wilson Young Middle School in Bayport, New York, for the 2015-2016 school year. The West Babylon Union Free School District ("District") is duly empowered, by Education Law, to enter into a contract for the purpose of providing transportation for a resident child of said District for the period September 2, 2015 and, is anticipated to be in effect, through June 24, 2016. The District agrees to reimburse the parent(s) listed in the Transportation Contract, for mileage at the IRS standard mileage rate in effect for the dates of travel.

CURRICULUM

**#CU-1

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following foreign language textbooks, located in the Junior High School, obsolete:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Publisher/Copyright</u>	<u>ISBN #</u>	<u>Number of Copies</u>
“Russian Face to Face Level 1”	National Textbook Company, 1996	0-8442-4300-0	54
“Russian Face to Face Level 2”	National Textbook Company, 1996	0-8442-4310-8	20
“When in Russia”	McGraw Hill, 1996	0-07-038917-9	29
“Buen Viaje Red Level 1”	Glencoe McGraw Hill, 2005	978-0-784-6570-2	196
“Discovering French Level 1”	McDougal Littell, 2007	978-0-618-65651-6	22
“Buen Viaje Student Works Plus Textbook CD”	Glencoe McGraw Hill	0-07-868622-9	250

FACILITIES

****FA-1**

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education adopts the 2015-2016 District-wide & Building Level (including building specific emergency plans) Safety Emergency Response Plan. Upon adoption, the plan will be submitted to the local and State police departments.

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PERSONNEL

(R) Schedules: 15-P-6 Professional Personnel
 15-C-6 Civil Service Personnel (**#PE-1)

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PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL SCHEDULE

I. Professional Personnel Schedule 15-P-6

- A. Family Medical Leaves
- B. Leave of Absence
- C. Resignation to Retire
- D. Probationary Start Date
- E. Salary Adjustments
- F. 2015-2016 AEHS Appointments
- G. S.A.T. Proctors
- H. Fall, 2015 Intramural Advisors
- I. Winter, 2015-2016 Coaching
- J. 2015-2016 Student Teachers/Observers/Interns
- K. 2015-2016 Per Diem Substitutes

CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL SCHEDULE

II. Civil Service Personnel Schedule 15-C-6

- A. Family Medical Leave
- B. Resignation
- C. Probationary Appointments
- D. 2015-2016 Student Printer
- E. 2015-2016 Per Diem Substitutes

SCHEDULE 15-P-6 Professional Personnel Schedule

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Augustine, Janine	Social Studies Tchr.	JH		9/1/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Iaquinto, Christine	Art Tchr.	HS		9/17/15 -	Family Medical Leave
McVicker, Krissi	Elementary Tchr.	JH		9/28/15 - end of 1st Sem., 2015-2016 Second Semester, 2015-2016	Leave of Absence Granted by BOE
Limone, Jacquelyn	Special Ed. Tchr.	HS		1/29/15	Resignation to Retire
Mattson, Alexandra	Mathematics Tchr.	HS		10/6/15	[actual start date]

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2015-2016 SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

RETROACTIVE TO SEPT 1, 2015

NAME	From	Salary	To	Salary
Allar, Amanda (.8)	A1-1	\$48,759	A5-1	\$58,511 prorate @ 80%
Angelon, Jennifer	A7-19	\$106,801	A8-19	\$111,313
Asher, Samantha	A5-1	\$58,511	A8-1	\$66,313
Belina, Michelle	A1-1	\$48,759	A7-1	\$63,631
Campbell, Lindsey	A1-1	\$48,759	A6-1	\$61,071
Cody, Nora	A1-1	\$48,759	A7-1	\$63,631
DeCarlo, Kelly	A7-8	\$81,551	A9-8	\$87,769
DeLuca, Jill	A8-15	\$103,861	A9-15	\$106,543
DeSa, Laura	A6-12	\$89,231	A7-12	\$91,791
Dewhirst, Melissa	A8-7	\$82,405	A9-7	\$85,087
DiPreta, Jillian	A8-7	\$82,405	A9-7	\$85,087
Flynn, Ann	A8-16	\$106,543	A9-16	\$109,225
Frole, Katie	A5-1	\$58,511	A6-1	\$61,071
Goodwin, Deborah	A6-6	\$73,871	A7-6	\$76,431
Hedger, Lauren	A5-1	\$58,511	A9-1	\$68,995
Kamalic, Alyssa	A1-1	\$48,759	A3-1	\$53,635
Lambert, Christine	A1-1	\$48,759	A6-1	\$61,071
Matthews, Autumn	A1-1	\$48,759	A3-1	\$53,635
Mattson, Alexandra*	A5-1	\$58,511	A6-1	\$61,071 retro. to 10/6/15
Mauro, Kathryn	A1-1	\$48,759	A7-1	\$63,631
McNeely, Kaitlyn	A3-2	\$56,073	A6-2	\$63,631
Nocerino, Stephanie	A7-18	\$106,801	A8-18	\$111,313
Ofsharick, Shannon	A5-1	\$58,511	A7-1	\$63,631
Olbeter, Brittany	A5-1	\$58,511	A6-1	\$61,071
Peragine, Jessica	A7-7	\$78,991	A8-7	\$82,405
Pino, Louise	A8-6	\$79,723	A9-6	\$82,405
Poggi, Antonella	A5-3	\$63,387	A6-3	\$66,191
Powers, Brian	A7-8	\$81,551	A9-8	\$87,769
Prizzi, Theresa	A8-9	\$87,769	A9-9	\$90,451
Ryan, Diana**	A1-1	\$48,759	A7-1	\$63,631 prorate first sem.
Saar, Wendy (.4)	A5-1	\$58,511	A9-1	\$68,995 prorate @ 40%
Schapira, Rebecca	A5-1	\$58,511	A6-1	\$61,071
Shepard, Kristin	A1-1	\$48,759	A6-1	\$61,071
Tarasov, Lyubov	A8-3	\$71,677	A9-3	\$74,359
Travaglia, Jennifer	A5-1	\$58,511	A9-1	\$68,995
Zito-Farello, Mary (.3)	A5-1	\$58,511	A9-1	\$68,995 prorate @ 30%
Total adjustments		\$2,425,340	\$240,156.	\$2,665,496

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
<u>Alternative Evening High School:</u>			\$34.85/hr.	2015 - 2016	
Antonelli, Gina	Physical Ed.				
Clark, Kathryn	Special Ed.				
Gisonda, Bernadette	"				
Jonasson, Christopher	Substitute				[from Social Studies]
Olbeter, Brittany	Mathematics				[repl. N. Pantaleo]
Snyder, John	Health				
<u>S.A.T Proctors:</u>			\$22.47/hr.	10/3/15	
Powers, Brian					3.5 hrs.
Jones Desiderio, Roberta					4.5 hrs.
Valensisi, Valerie					5.5 hrs.
Amaya, Idalia					6 hrs.
Borgo, Danielle					6 hrs.
Fealey, Miranda					6 hrs.
Heaton, Elise					6 hrs.
Kelly, Barbara					6 hrs.
McArdle, Patrick					6 hrs.
McGrath, Donna					6 hrs.
Mendoza, Aimee					6 hrs.
Neville, Patricia					6 hrs.
Romeo, Marta					6 hrs.
Ruiz, Lawrence					6 hrs.
Tichy, Audrey					6 hrs.
Mathis, Violande					7 hrs.
Shaffer, Donna					8.5 hrs.
Simone, Linda					8.5 hrs.
Montalvo, Andrea					9 hrs.
Montalvo, Christina	Test Supervisor				9 hrs.

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Fall Intramural Advisors:

\$28.21/hr.

10/1/15 - 12/23/15

Raimondi, Theresa FA
 Riviezzo, Frances FA
 Burden, Jessica JK
 Koentje, Nicholas JK
 Durkin, Kelly SA
 Morris, Megan SA
 Brett, Carolyn SB
 Chiquitucto, Allison SB
 Russo, Michael SB
 Torres, Nicole SB
 Bellacosa, Michael TA
 Dahl, Robert JH
 Hartranft, Greg JH
 Fischer, Theresa JH
 Richert, Danielle JH
 Orsi, Joan HS

Coaches:

Winter, 2015-2016

Valdemira, Kimberly Varsity Head Bowling (G) \$5,189.
 Mando, Brian JV Head Basketball (B) \$5,867.
 Langella, Ronald JV Head Basketball (G) \$5,867.

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Student Teachers/Observers:				Fall, 2015	
Calcagno, Danielle	Mathematics	JH			
Cali, Anna Marie	Special Education	FA			
Darby, Nicholas	Social Studies	JH			
Mammarella, Samantha	Elementary	SA			
Minnella, Amanda	Social Studies	JH			
Saravisky, Marissa	Elementary	FA			
Verderosa, Jeanine	English	HS			
Student Interns:					
*Ottoh, Adrianna	Guidance	HS		Fall, 2015	
*Johnson, Latisha	Psychology	TA		2015-2016	
Per Diem Substitutes:					
		DW	\$90./day	2015-2016	
Blanc, Alison					[cert: Visual Arts]
Breiner, Michael					[cert: Ch. Ed. 1-6]
D'Errico, Michelle					[cert: Visual Arts]
Quinn, Stephen					

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

SCHEDULE 15-C-6 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Castiglione, Frank	Head Custodian	TA		10/13/15 -	Family Medical Leave
Carberry, Dawn	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB		10/10/15	Resignation
Cush, Michael	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$20.13/hr.	10/14/15	Probationary Appt.
Dantonio, Mario	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$20.13/hr.	10/14/15	Probationary Appt.
Venetiou, Zoraida	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	SB	Step 1/ \$13.64/hr.	10/14/15	Probationary Appt.
Desrosiers, Georgiana	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	HS	Step 1/ \$13.64/hr.	10/14/15	Probationary Appt.
O'Hara, Carmela	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK	Step 1/ \$13.64/hr.	10/14/15	Probationary Appt.

SCHEDULE 15-C-6 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

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NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
DeMartino, Francine	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JK	Step 1/ \$13.64/hr.	10/14/15	Probationary Appt.
Fioravanti, Marie	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	SA	Step 1/ \$13.64/hr.	10/14/15	Probationary Appt.
Guariglia, Rachel	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA	Step 1/ \$13.64/hr.	10/14/15	Probationary Appt.
Student Printer:			\$8.75/hr.	2015 - 2016	
Karatnysky, Andrew					
Per Diem Substitutes:			\$9./hr.	2015 - 2016	
Bowles, Jeanne					Paraprofessional
Luciani, Anthony					Paraprofessional
*Giegerich, Josephine					Clerical/Paraprofessional
LoFaro, Nancy					Clerical/Paraprofessional

*Emergency Conditional Appointment

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POLICY

- A. Board Review-Community Relations Goals (Third Time Adoption) (File:1000)
- B. Board Review-Donations, Gifts and Grants to the District (Third Time Adoption)
(File:1800)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS GOALS

The Board of Education strives to conduct district affairs by way of a continuing, open dialogue between the community and the schools. Given district residents' high level of interest in the education of children, the Board wishes to maintain its high level of sensitivity to the needs and desires of the community and to act expeditiously to meet changing needs and conditions.

To this end, the Board establishes the following goals for community involvement:

1. to provide a variety of means whereby residents of the school district may have the opportunity to contribute their best thinking to the orderly planning of education for children in the district;
2. to keep the community accurately informed about its schools;
3. to understand community attitudes and aspirations for the schools;
4. to encourage contributions from the parent-teacher associations of the district so that school personnel and parents cooperate to advance the educational welfare of the children;
5. to handle all complaints from the public by the administrative officer in charge of the unit of the school district organization closest to the complainant. However, such complaints may be carried to the Superintendent of Schools and/or the Board if the problem cannot be solved at that level;
6. to promote a spirit of cooperation among the Board, the schools, and the community;
7. to develop and maintain the confidence of the community in the Board and the school district staff;
8. to expand the public understanding of every aspect of the school system, and stimulate public interest in the school;
9. to facilitate dissemination of information to the community concerning issues and activities in the school;
10. to ascertain the community's opinions and desires with respect to the operations of the school system, and to incorporate that knowledge into its actions;
11. to develop arrangements among civic and community organizations for sharing of resources, especially in the creation of programs designed to benefit students; and
12. to develop and maintain an effective means of communication with the people of the district.

School-parent Relationships:

The Board encourages the schools to maintain the closest possible constructive relationship with the homes of students in order to foster better understanding of individual children and their needs and to secure maximum cooperation from parents.

Community participation in school activities

The community shall be encouraged to attend and take an active interest in interscholastic and extra-curricular activities, orientation programs, parental and student workshops, student recognition gatherings, academic fairs, drama productions, concerts, and graduation ceremonies.

In most cases, these events will appear on the district's website. Announcements will also be made via district publications, local newspapers, and whenever possible, the outside message board.

Notwithstanding the above, the final decisions in these areas will rest with the Board.

Adoption date: 12/08/2009

DONATIONS, GIFTS, AND GRANTS TO THE DISTRICT**Unsolicited Gifts and Donations from the Public**

The Board of Education welcomes and appreciates gifts and donations from the public. Gifts and donations of money, property, equipment and materials may be accepted by the Board, except that the Superintendent of Schools may accept any such gift on behalf of the Board.

The Board reserves the right to refuse to accept any gift which does not contribute towards the achievement of the district's goals, or the ownership of which would deplete the resources of the district. In accepting or rejecting gifts and donations, the Board will review the following factors:

1. The terms of the gift must identify:
 - a. the subject of the gift;
 - b. the purpose of the gift;
 - c. the beneficiary or beneficiaries if any; and
 - d. all conditions or restrictions that may apply.
2. The gift must not benefit a particular or named individual or individuals.
3. If the purpose of the gift is an award to a single student, the determination of the recipient of such award shall be made on the basis that all students shall have an equal opportunity to qualify for it in conformance with federal and state law.
4. If the gift is in trust, the obligation of the investment and reinvestment of the principal shall be clearly specified and the application of the income or investment proceeds shall be clearly set forth.
5. No gift or trust will be accepted by the Board unless:
 - a. it is in support of and a benefit to all or to a particular public school in the district; or
 - b. it is for a purpose for which the school district could legally expend its own funds; or
 - c. it is for the purpose of awarding scholarships to students graduating from the district.

Any gift rejected by the Board shall be returned to the donor or his/her estate within 60 days together with a statement indicating the reasons for the rejection of such gift.

The Board reserves the right to deny approval of solicitation of any funding or grant application which does not contribute towards the achievement of the district's goals, or which would deplete the resources of the district. The Board may approve seeking grants which require a match of district funds or resources when the initiative has been identified as a priority by the Board and when such funds are planned as part of the district budget process or can be accommodated by the current budget.

All solicited grants and donations must be formally accepted by the Board.

Ref: Education Law §1709(12)

Adoption date: