

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING-VIDEO CONFERENCE OF MAY 26, 2020

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education of the West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk County, New York, was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 through Zoom.com-Meeting ID# 986 7426 9707.

Board of Education Members present

Trustees: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, John Evola, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, and Christopher Paolillo. Board 2nd Vice President Peter Scarlatos logged in at 6:07 PM. Trustee Jennifer Wandasiewicz experienced technical difficulties, but was able to log in at 6:15 PM. Trustee Raymond Downey was not present.

Also present

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Shawn Hanley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations; Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; William C. Morrell, Esq., School Attorney; and Ms. Barbara A. Burrows, District Clerk. There were approx. 20 people who logged into the meeting.

1. OPENING OF MEETING & EXECUTIVE SESSION-6:05 PM

Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Procedural: B. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Action: C. Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session, to discuss WBTA seniority, at the conclusion of the Budget Hearing.

Motion by John Evola, second by Diane Klein.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, John Evola, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, and Christopher Paolillo

Information: D. 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Hearing: Mrs. Michele Psarakis, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations

Board President Lucy Campasano called the Budget Hearing to Order. Mrs. Psarakis reviewed the General Fund Budget Hearing PowerPoint presentation. The content of the presentation highlighted : **Revenues** - tax levy; projected school property tax; other revenues; state aid; revenue projections; and projected reserves/fund balance. **Expenditures** - new budget expenditures; budget appropriations by object; and contingency budget. **Next Steps.** The budget to budget increase is 3.07%. The tax levy is calculated at 5.6308% which is within the tax cap. The Board agreed to apply \$1,250,000 bond premium to reduce the tax levy to **3.9521%**. The tax levy was filed with the NYS Office of the State Comptroller on March 1, 2020. Discussion was held regarding allocation of reserves; tuition (special education increases); contractual increases; TRS/ERS costs which are dictated by the state based on salaries. Board President Lucy Campasano raised a question as to possible fuel/facility savings during the months of March and April when district buildings were closed. Per Mrs. Psarakis - finalized numbers are not yet available; however, utilities savings in the month of March were approximately \$9,600 and in April approximately \$8,800. Information relating to transportation fuel savings is not yet available.

Dr. Farrelly reviewed the **2020-2021 Budget Expenditures** which include: maintain all current curricular and co-curricular programs as well as including additional health classes; transfer to capital \$210,000 to address facilities needs, such as windows, boilers, unit vents, HVAC, floor replacements, site work, etc. (Some projects completed with transfer to capital funds include replacement of condensate tanks at elementary schools; replacement of floor tiles at Tooker Avenue; new transportation fuel dispenser; replacement sidewalks at Santapogue School for which the district partnered with the Town of Babylon; pending underground storage tank removals; and replacing main office and library floors at Forest Avenue School); 5 new large buses, 2 new 30-student vans, and 1 new wheelchair van - \$720,189.20 over a 5 year lease/purchase agreement; additional Chromebooks for students; computer upgrades for Building Management System - \$90,000; South Bay School whole building water filtration system - \$15,000; and a new playground for Forest Avenue School-\$76,000. Trustee Christopher Paolillo and Second Vice President Peter Scarlatos discussed whether any improvements had been removed from the list and that the district is not locked into doing any of the improvements/projects listed. Discussion was held regarding possible changes to expenditures list based on state aid cuts. The 2020-2021 Budget changes from previous drafts continue to include: cameras for 5 new buses - \$13,167.10 (removed); GPS system for Transportation Dept. - \$19,740 (removed); Athletics - additional equipment and coaches based on student enrollment (removed); Salary reductions to overtime, substitutes, retiree attrition, and increased grant funded positions - \$394,978; Reductions to Professional Services and staff Conference Codes - \$91,302; BOCES reductions - \$84,100; and materials/supplies - \$73,300. These items are considered to be "wish list" items. The district will hold off and review for next year's budget. Board President Lucy Campasano said although school district buildings are closed, there are no salary reductions/savings due to the district still being mandated by Governor Cuomo's directive to pay all staff including bus drivers. Board President Campasano raised a question about the \$564,000 "tuition" expense on the "Budget Appropriations by Object Code" chart. It was explained that the tuition cost is for severely disabled students who are enrolled in private programs.

Dr. Farrelly continued to review the following:

What happens if the budget does not pass? If the proposed budget is defeated, the BOE can do one of the following: 1. submit the defeated budget for the statewide budget revote (no date has been set); 2. submit a revised budget for the statewide budget revote (no date has been set yet); or 3. adopt a contingent budget. If the budget is defeated for a

second time, the BOE must adopt a contingent budget. A contingent budget is restricted to ordinary contingent expenses. **Ordinary contingent expenses** are those necessary to provide the minimum services legally required to: operate and maintain school buildings and educational programs; preserve the property of the district; and ensure the health & safety of students and staff. **Ordinary contingent expenses do not include the following:** new equipment, i.e. Forest Avenue playground, 5 new large buses, 2 new 30-student vans, 1 new wheelchair van; public use of school buildings and grounds, except where there is no cost to the district; non-essential maintenance; capital expenditures, i.e. transfer to capital. The tax levy under a contingent budget can be no greater than the prior year actual tax levy. In addition to the \$2,860,845 use of reserves and appropriated fund balance projected, a contingent budget requires **an additional \$2,146,846 in appropriated fund balance, program/staff reductions or a combination of both.**

Discussion was held regarding what happens if the budget fails to pass on June 9th. Mr. Morrell said the Governor's Executive Order does not address a revote. Based on the timeline of having to adopt a budget by July 1st, districts whose budgets fail may have to adopt a contingent budget. Dr. Farrelly indicated the district must follow the law. She said we will have to see what we are faced with on June 10th. Discussion was held regarding the revote process.

The Next Steps are: May 12, 2020 - BOE meeting (final review and adoption of proposed budget); May 18, 2020 - property tax report card must be submitted to the state; May 26, 2020 - school budget hearing and BOE meeting to follow (budget statement and required attachments must be made available, upon request); May 27, 2020-June 3, 2020 - mail budget notice to eligible voters; June 9, 2020 - school budget vote and trustee elections by absentee ballot. Ballots must be mailed to the District Clerk, in the envelope provided, and be received by 5:00 PM on June 9th. Ballots are scheduled to be mailed out between May 27th and June 3rd. Budget Vote/Trustee Election information will be posted to the website. The presentation will be posted to the district website.

Several community members submitted questions through the Zoom chat feature regarding the following: the explanation of what the bond premium is; what items are excluded from the cap to get the district to the 5.63%; what percentage contingency tax levy is zero. Mrs. Psarakis responded by saying the bond premium is extra funds received when the district sold the bonds based on long term rates. With regards to excluded items, Mrs. Psarakis said capital project work is already voter approved and those amounts are pulled from the calculation. The contingency tax levy requires a zero dollar increase in the amount of the levy over the 2019-2020 levy.

Upon the conclusion of the Budget Hearing, including answering public questions submitted through the Zoom Chat feature, Board President Lucy Campasano adjourned the Hearing and the Board of Education entered into Executive Session.

2. PUBLIC SESSION-7:05 PM

Action: A. Approval of Minutes of previous Meeting(s): Regular Video Cnf. Meeting of 5/12/20 Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Regular Video Cnf. Meeting of 5/12/20

Motion by Peter Scarlatos, second by Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, John Evola, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Procedural: B. Statement of the Board and/or Superintendent

Dr. Farrelly shared that the process for student pick up of personal belongings is going well. She thanked all who are involved in the coordination of this process.

Dr. Farrelly provided the following Budget Vote/Trustee Election voting process information:

- The 2020-2021 Budget Vote/Trustee Election Informational Postcards were mailed out and delivered to residents.
- The 2020-2021 Budget Vote/Trustee Election Absentee Ballot Envelope packets were mailed out to residents today, 5/26/20. The return envelope to be mailed back to the District Clerk has "Official Election Mail" printed on it.

Voting Process reviewed:

- Vote yes or no for the budget - ballot vote must be marked with black or blue pen
- Vote for three (3) Board of Education candidates
- Vote for one (1) West Babylon Public Library trustee
- Fold up ballot
- Insert ballot in Oath envelope
- **Seal, sign and date - unsigned oath envelopes are considered invalid**
- **Insert Oath Envelope into the Return Envelope which is addressed to the District Clerk**
- **Mail out - postage is prepaid. PLEASE MAIL IN TIME TO BE RECEIVED BY THE DISTRICT CLERK BY 5:00 PM on June 9th.** Our in-district mailman will go to the West Babylon Post Office at 4:45 PM on June 9th to ensure that all envelopes have been delivered to the District Clerk on time.

Dr. Farrelly would like to extend a thank you to **Allan Scarcella at Tobay Printing in Copiague and Mike Richards at Green Light Envelope Printing in Deer Park** for their tremendous efforts and assistance in helping West Babylon complete this huge task in a very short period of time. The teamwork in assisting our District Clerk, Ms. Burrows, throughout this process has been amazing. Also, thank you to **John Garland of the U.S. Post Office** who assisted Mrs. Psarakis and Ms. Burrows with obtaining the Business Reply Mail stamp for the return envelopes...again another complicated, detailed part of this mailing for which Mr. Garland provided unending assistance through working well beyond the 9 to 5 business hours.

Relating to Senior High School Updates, Dr. Farrelly highlighted various areas noted in a letter to senior high school families.

Our elementary principals are in the middle of meeting with 5th grade parents groups to gather feedback on ways to celebrate our wonderful 5th graders moving up to the JHS! Once these feedback meetings have concluded, we will finalize plans to celebrate our 5th graders and send a letter with all the details to our 5th grade families. Information relating to other end-of-year celebrations will also be sent out to families. We are excited and looking forward to seeing our seniors and their family drive by for the senior parade tomorrow!

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION (N/A)

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): A. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Diane Klein, second by Jennifer Wandasiewicz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, John Evola, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

5. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Revised 2019-2020 School District Calendar

RESOLVED: the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following changes be made to the 2019-2020 School District Calendar:

1. In the month of March 2020, March 18, 19 and 20 - designated as closed snow days.
2. In the month of April 2020, April 9 and April 13-17 (the April recess) - designated as open school days in which the district provided Distance Learning/Continuity of Instruction.
3. In the month of May 2020, May 21, 22, and 26 (the Memorial Day recess) - originally designated as snow days - designated as open school days in which the district provided Distance Learning/Continuity of Instruction.
4. In the month of June 2020, Thursday, June 18 - designated as the official end of the school year.

The revised calendar is attached for review.

Action (Consent): B. Approval of 2020-2021 Developmental Disabilities Institute Service Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the service agreement, with Developmental Disabilities Institute, to provide educational services to West Babylon School District resident students, with disabilities, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Action (Consent): C. Approval of 2020-2021 Service Agreement with Ms. Laura Nagor, Teacher of the Deaf

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the service agreement, with Ms. Laura Nagor, to provide Teacher of the Deaf services to the West Babylon School District resident students, with disabilities, for the 2020-2021 school year.

Action (Consent): D. Approval 2019-2020 Beyond Boundaries Autism Specialist Applied Behavior Analysis, PLC Service Agreement

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the service agreement, with Beyond Boundaries Autism Specialists Applied Behavior Analysis, PLC, to provide services to West Babylon School District resident students, with disabilities, for the 2019-2020 school year.

6. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION 19-A (N/A)

7. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL 19-P-17

Action (Consent): A. 2020-2021 LOA Returnee

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/AREA | STEP/SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS |
|-----------|------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Iemma | Dana | Health Teacher | | | 9/1/20 | Returning from LOA |

Action (Consent): B. Retirement - HS

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/AREA | STEP/SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS |
|-----------|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Vassallo | Ellice | Principal | HS | | 6/30/20 | Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/20] |

Action (Consent): C. Retirement - TA

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/AREA | STEP/SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS |
|-----------|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Ward | Deborah | Elementary Teacher | TA | | 6/30/20 | Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/20] |

Action (Consent): D. Retirement - JH/HS**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/AREA | STEP/SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS |
|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Robinson | Alice | School Media Specialist | JH/HS | | 6/30/20 | Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/20] |

Action (Consent): E. Retirement - HS**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/AREA | STEP/SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Jones Desiderio | Roberta | Science Teacher | HS | | 6/30/20 | Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/20] |

Action (Consent): F. Tenure Recommendations**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/AREA | STEP/SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS |
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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following administrator who has successfully completed his/her annual review is appointed to tenure as listed below:

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|---------------|---------|--|---------------------|--|--------|--------|
| Yawney-Kohler | Jessica | | Assistant Principal | | 8/8/20 | Tenure |
|---------------|---------|--|---------------------|--|--------|--------|

Pursuant to NYSED Regulations, Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law, all teaching and supervisory staff appointed on or after July 1, 2015 must receive three(3) annual APPR composite ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in at least three (3) of the preceding four (4) years and cannot have an APPR composite rating of Ineffective in the last year of his/her probationary appointment to be granted or considered for tenure. This applies to the following administrator:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following administrator who has successfully completed his/her annual review is appointed to tenure as listed below:

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| Carere | Jennifer | | Elementary Principal | | 7/1/20 | Tenure |
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8. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL 19-C-17**Action (Consent): A. Retirement - HS****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education accepts the following:

| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | POSITION | SCHOOL/AREA | STEP/SALARY | BEG/END APPT. | DESCRIPTION/COMMENTS |
|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--|
| Steele | Lorraine | Senior Office Assistant | HS | | 6/30/20 | Resignation to Retire [eff. 7/1/20] |

9. FINANCE**Action (Consent): A. 2019-2020 Fund Balance Transfers****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education hereby authorizes transfers of 2019-2020 fund balance into and between any of the properly established reserves not to exceed:

| Reserves | Transfers Not To Exceed |
|--|-------------------------|
| Workers' Compensation | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Employee Retirement System | \$2,000,000.00 |
| Teachers Retirement System | \$1,000,000.00 |
| Total Reserves | \$6,000,000.00 |

Action (Consent): B. 2020-2021 Tax Anticipation Note**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Tax Anticipation Note Resolution dated May 26, 2020 authorizing the issuance not to exceed \$30,000,000.00 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 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.**Information: C. Schedule of Bills - May 6, 2020****Action (Consent): D. Approval of Preliminary Year-End Salary Budget Transfers****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the attached preliminary year-end salary budget transfers in preparation for the 2019-2020 financial statement audit.**Action (Consent): E. 2020-2021 Property Tax Report Card****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 State Education Department Property Tax Report Card as required by the State Education Department.**Action (Consent): F. Approval of 2020-2021 Western Suffolk Boces Extension of RFP for Tutorial and Special Education Services****RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves a resolution to participate with various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York in joint bidding of RFP #16-17-03P-IE5-LH for Tutorial and Special Education Services for students, Western Suffolk BOCES and Component School Districts. The Bid was opened on March 17, 2016. Original Term of Contract: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017; First Extension of Contract July 1, 2017

through June 30, 2018; Second Extension of Contract July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019; Third Extension of Contract July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020; Fourth Extension of Contract July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

10. CURRICULUM (N/A)

11. FACILITIES (N/A)

12. POLICY REVIEW (N/A)

13. OLD BUSINESS (N/A)

14. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: A. Discussion: Alternate 2020 Graduation Plans - Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Farrelly shared the following regarding alternate 2020 Graduation Plans:

"As I have noted at every meeting, these are certainly unprecedented times. Our heart breaks for our seniors who are not experiencing the normal end of the senior year celebrations as originally planned. Please know we have held countless meetings and have been working together to ensure everyone's safety while planning a wonderful graduation ceremony. Thank you to our administration team for facilitating these discussions and/or online communications with parent groups and students. As an admin team we have also participated in many meetings - with other school districts as well as with county officials regarding this topic. All trustees and I have either via email or formal conversation discussed graduation ideas. And most importantly, we have also met with wonderful senior high student representatives to enable us to have a student perspective. There are two requests that all stakeholder groups - our Board, admin, teachers, students and parents have in common: 1. wanting to have a live ceremony with the entire graduating class and including an audience; and the students reps indicated they would prefer having a ceremony in June. So, at this point we are looking at two options for our seniors. Before I describe both - I have to indicate that it appears we will likely need to send in our graduation plans for approval by the Department of Health.

Option #1: Graduation taking place onsite at our JHS field

This first option would involve ALL students graduating together; every senior graduate and two guests would sit together, spread across the field - more than 6 feet apart; with a center aisle. Mrs. Psarakis has confirmed that we would be able to rent 1,000 chairs. Each family unit of chairs would be carefully placed in measured designated areas...that would allow for a careful entry plan and an exit plan by the family unit to occur - to ensure social distancing/safety protocols are in place for every aspect of the ceremony. We would live stream the ceremony for all who cannot attend due to our restrictions regarding attendees. I believe being on school grounds on our field - all graduating together - is probably the preferred option for the Board, students and families. This is also something we could do for our 8th graders and our 5th graders.

Option #2: Graduation taking place at Town of Babylon Overlook Beach

This second option would involve keeping our students together and adheres to social distancing safety requirements as a drive in graduation at Overlook Beach. This is not the traditional field option, but keeps the students graduating together as a graduating class and it adheres to the social distancing requirements we currently have. Our town officials have been very helpful and are willing to help us put something like this together. Parking spots would be marked. One car per graduate. Graduation "marshals" would be onsite directing everything. Two stages would be provided by the Town of Babylon. We would also have two screens on the sides. After diploma distribution, professional photographers would take a picture in front of a WB sign. We would live stream the ceremony as well. This option would be a process where our students and families would remain within their car for the ceremony and students would come up for their diploma sleeve - as directed by the graduation marshals.

I will hold off on discussing other 12th grade graduation options - such as virtual plans that have occurred at other schools already. Our senior representatives have indicated they would like the ceremony to occur as close to the last day of school/in June as possible."

Dr. Farrelly then opened it up to the Board for discussion - Option #1 on the field? It would involve K-12 moving up ceremonies and graduation on the field with a 2 guest concept. Also, would the Board agree to Dr. Farrelly selecting the June dates for all levels of graduation. After a discussion, the Board was in agreement to pursue Option #1 on our JHS field and have Option #2 at Overlook as a back up plan. It was agreed that Dr. Farrelly would select the June dates and rain dates as well. Dr. Farrelly thanked all for their feedback. She said letters would be created to send out to parents.

Discussion: B. Discussion: Proposed July Summer Board Workshops via Zoom re: ReOpening of School Discussion - Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Farrelly began the discussion of proposed July 2020 Summer Board Workshops via Zoom video conference regarding ReOpening of School Discussions. The 2020-2021 Reorganization Meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, July 7th. Dr. Farrelly suggested Tuesday, July 14th and Tuesday, July 28th as two dates on which to schedule the summer workshops. Dr. Farrelly said the administrators have begun to review the draft of CDC documents regarding the reopening of schools. It will be necessary to discuss and develop plans that will need to be approved by the Board of Education and by the state or Department of Health in July. The workshop sessions would include the Board of Education, the Superintendent, and any guest invited to attend. The workshops can be observed by the public. There is no workshop

agenda and no public statements/comments are taken. Discussion was held and the trustees were in agreement to hold the two workshops on July 14th and July 28th at 6:00 PM via Zoom videoconferencing.

Discussion: C. Discussion: Eagle Scout Project at Tooker Avenue School-GaGa Ball Pit - Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of schools

Dr. Farrelly shared that, as was done at JFK, SHS 11th grader, Anthony Sesack, WB Boy Scout from Troop 46, and a former Tooker Avenue student, is requesting (as his Eagle Scout project) approval to install a GaGa Ball pit on the grounds of Tooker Avenue School. Discussion was held and the trustees were in agreement to approve the project. Dr. Farrelly will reach out to the student regarding the approval.

Before moving on, Dr. Farrelly shared her congratulations to Jen Carere, the Santapogue principal, and Jessica Yawney-Kohler, the Junion High School assistant principal on both receiving tenure. She also shared her congratulations to all staff members who are retiring at the end of this school year and, in particular, to Dr. Ellice Vassallo, Senior High School principal. Dr. Farrelly thanked Dr. Vassallo for her 26 years of service to the Senior High School students as our principal.

15. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents: Public Statements will be taken using the Chat feature of Zoom

Several community members submitted questions through the Zoom chat feature on various topics including: school reopening and fall sports - New York State or Federal National Federation of State High School Association guidelines; budget vote/trustee election absentee ballot process including the issue of confidentiality and obtaining a ballot; parent input regarding distance learning; graduation at Overlook Beach; selection of a new Senior High School principal; and the last day of school-June 18th.

Regarding school reopening and fall sports, Dr. Farrelly said the district is required to follow the recommendations and guidelines of Section XI for September.

Regarding the absentee ballot process, which Dr. Farrelly explained earlier, the District Clerk, Ms. Barbara Burrows, has been working with the school district attorney, Mr. William Morrell. Ms. Burrows has been attending video conference training/informational meetings relating to the process. The June 9th budget/trustee election absentee ballot count will be live streamed. Concerns regarding confidentiality of an individual resident's vote have been expressed. Mr. Morrell, school attorney, shared that the oath ballot envelope containing the ballot will be opened and kept separately from the ballot. If a resident does not receive an absentee ballot, Dr. Farrelly directed residents to contact the District Clerk's office.

As far as plans to return to school and input relating to distance learning, Dr. Farrelly said she is requesting parental input/feedback as to what went well with distance learning and what did not.

Relating to graduation taking place at Overlook Beach, Dr. Farrelly acknowledged that it would allow more family members to attend and would minimize social distancing issues.

The selection of a new principal for the Senior High School will begin immediately. The principal position posting will be posted tomorrow and the closing date will be June 19th. There is a screening process which involves several committees including a follow-up meeting with the Superintendent and then finalists will be interviewed by the Board of Education in the beginning of July.

On tonight's Board agenda, a revised calendar was adopted indicating June 18, 2020 will be the last day of school for all grade levels - K-12.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn Meeting (Should take place by 10:00 PM)

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:54 PM

Motion by John Evola, second by Jennifer Wandasiewicz.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Peter Scarlatos, John Evola, Diane Klein, Jennifer Longo, Christopher Paolillo, Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Attested: _____
District Clerk