

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING OF AUGUST 6, 2025**

*****The August 6, 2025 Board of Education Meeting can be viewed on
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The minutes of the Board of Education meeting summarize what took place.
*** The August 6, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting, of the
West Babylon Union Free School District, Town of Babylon, Suffolk
County, New York, NY
was held in the Board Room of the Administration Building,
10 Farmingdale Road, West Babylon, New York.
The meeting was held in-person.**

Members present

Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Franklin Medina, Katie Armato

Also present:

Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Shawn Hanley, Deputy Superintendent for Human Resources, Mr. Scott Payne, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and Mr. Christine Durant, Esq. School Attorney. Trustee Maucere, Mrs. Victoria Galante, Interim Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations and Jailin Parada were absent.

1. OPENING OF MEETING - 5:00 PM

Procedural: A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Procedural: C. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Action: D. Executive Session

Motion to enter into executive session to conduct Interviews for Coordinator of Special Education and Director of IT.

Motion by Anthony Raccomandato, second by Franklin Medina.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Franklin Medina, Katie Armato

2. PUBLIC SESSION - 6:00 PM

Information, Procedural: A. Statement of the Board and/or Superintendent
None

Procedural: B. Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association Representatives
None

Procedural: C. Statement of School Administrators Association Representatives
None

Procedural: D. Statement of C.S.E.A. Representatives
None

Procedural: E. Statement of Student Association Representatives
None

Procedural: F. Statement of Student Ex Officio Board Member, Miss Grace Gobel
None

Procedural: G. Statement of PTA Council Representatives
None

3. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND/OR EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION
None

4. STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Procedural: A. Statement of Residents re: agenda items [15 minutes-limited to 3 minutes per speaker]
None

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Consent Agenda

Resolution: Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion by Chirsten Johnson Tymann, second by Anthony Raccomandato.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Franklin Medina, Katie Armato

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action (Consent): A. Authorization for Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign Employment

Agreement - L. Wright - Director of Instructional Technology and K-12 Student Data

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement, with Mr. Leonard Wright, Director of Instructional Technology and K-12 Student Data, for the period August 11, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Action (Consent): B. Authorization for Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign Employment

Agreement - K. Hecker - Coordinator of Student Services Pre-K-12

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement, with Mrs. Kara Hecker, Coordinator of Student Services Pre-K-12, for the period August 25, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Action (Consent): C. Authorization for Board President and Superintendent of Schools to sign Employment

Agreement - M.Postiglione - Coordinator of Student Services Pre-K-12

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the Board President and the Superintendent of Schools to sign an Employment Agreement, with Ms. Mary Postiglione, Coordinator of Student Services Pre-K-12, for the period September 8, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

Action (Consent): D. 2025-2026 Additional District Emergency Response Team Member

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the member of the District Emergency Response Team ("DERT"), for the 2025-2026 school year, as follows:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/AREA
Wright	Leonard W., III	Director of K-12 Student Data & Instructional Technology	HS

7. PERSONNEL - BOARD OF EDUCATION

None

8. PERSONNEL - PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

Action (Consent): A. Probationary Appointment - HS/DW

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
Wright	Leonard W., III	Director of K-12 Student Data & Instructional Technology	HS/DW	\$168,545. (prorated)	8/11/25	Probationary Appt. [certs: SBL, SDL Internship]

Action (Consent): B. Probationary Appointments - BO/DW

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
Hecker	Kara	Coordinator of Student Services [Pre-K-12]	BO/DW	\$125,000. (prorated)	8/25/25	Probationary Appointment [revised existing position/title and responsibilities update] [certs: SBL, SDL, SWD B-2, 1-6, Childhood 1-6, Early Childhood B-2] pending transcripts

Postiglione	Mary	Coordinator of Student Services [Pre-K-12]	BO/DW	\$125,000. (prorated)	9/8/25	Probationary Appointment [revised existing position/title and responsibilities update] [certs: SBL, SDL, School Psychologist] pending transcripts
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Action (Consent): C. Part-Time Appointment - JH/HS

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
Rolston	Caitlin	PT/World Language (.8)	JH/HS	Step A-5-1/ \$62,105. (prorate @ 80%)	9/1/25-6/30/26, or earlier at district's discretion	[cert: ESOL] [pending verification of official transcripts]

Action (Consent): D. 2025 Summer Work-Additional Hours

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
Summer Work:					Summer, 2025	additional hours
Francisco	Andrea	School Media Specialist	TA	\$93.92/hr.	July - August	[up to 18 hrs.] [moving boxes/organizing library due to consolidation]

9. PERSONNEL - CIVIL SERVICE PERSONNEL

Action (Consent): A. 2025 Summer Work - TA

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
Summer Work:					Summer, 2025	
Haley	Kelly	Paraprofessional	TA	\$23.43/hr.	July - August	[up to 18 hrs.] [moving boxes/organizing library]

10. FINANCE

Action (Consent): A. Approval of Budget Transfer

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

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A1420.4490	Legal Services	8,339.50	
A1380.4000	Fiscal Agent		8,339.50
	Invoice received for BAN closing 5/1/2025		

Information: B. Schedule of Bills - July 31, 2025 Accounts Payable Check Run

Action (Consent): C. Approval of Retro Active Budget Transfer

RESOLVED: that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following retro active budget transfer:

Account Code	Account Description	From	To
A5510.4490	Transportation Other Services	2447.77	
A5540.4000	Contract Transportation		2447.77
	Additional funds needed to pay Suffolk Transportation final invoices for 2024-2025 school year.		

11. CURRICULUM

None

12. FACILITIES

None

13. POLICY REVIEW

Action: A. First Time Reading: Policy 9240 Recruiting and Hiring

Motion to waive First Time Reading and Adopt Policy 9240 as Revised.

Motion by Patti Neville, second by Cathy Gismervik.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Franklin Medina, Katie Armato

Action: B. First Time Reading: Policy 9240-R Recruiting and Hiring-Administrative Regulations

Motion to waive First Time Reading and Adopt Policy 9240-R as Revised.

Motion by John Evola, second by Franklin Medina.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Franklin Medina, Katie Armato

14. OLD BUSINESS

None

15. NEW BUSINESS

None

16. RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

Procedural: A. Statements of Residents

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Action: A. Adjourn Meeting (Should take place by 7:30 PM)

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 6:09pm.

Motion by Anthony Raccomandato, second by John Evola.

Final Resolution: Motion Carried

Yes: Chris Paolillo, John Evola, Cathy Gismervik, Chirsten Johnson Tymann, Patti Neville, Anthony Raccomandato, Franklin Medina, Katie Armato