

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, August 27, 2013, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present: Trustees James F. Bocca, Lucy Campasano, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Dennis Kranz, Peter Scarlatos (left at 8:40 p.m.) and Diane Thiel, and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

Trustee: Stacy Villagran was absent,

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Yiendhy Farrelly, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; Mrs. Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction,; Mrs. Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance & Operations; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; and residents (audience of 4).

The President opened the meeting at 7:02 and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Bocca made a motion recess until 8:00 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

Trustee Klein seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 2013.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

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

Board President Diane Thiel welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the summer.

Mr. Cacciola said that the primaries will be held in the Board room on September 10, the night of the Board meeting. He suggested that the meeting be changed to September 12, 2013. The trustees unanimously agreed.

Mr. Cacciola said that tomorrow is the new employee orientation in the Board room. Dr. Farrelly and the administrators will be in attendance. He invited the trustees to attend. On Thursday Dr. Farrelly will meet with incoming substitutes in the PAC. In response to Trustee Bocca's question, Dr. Farrelly said that many of the substitutes are coaches.

Time clocks have been installed. Mrs. Buscemi anticipates that they will be fully up and running by January.

Mr. Cacciola said that the conference and assembly days will be held on September 3 & 4. He invited the trustees to attend.

Mr. Cacciola said that the JFK playground that was destroyed by the fire has been removed. He said the new equipment will be shipped on September 28 and NYSIR will pay the company directly, with the exception of the district's deductible of \$2,500.00. In response to trustee Scarlatos question, Mr. Cacciola said it would be up to the parents/groups if they would like to do a fundraiser to reimburse the deductible.

**Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:**

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

**Statement of CSEA Representative:** None

**Statement of Student Association Representative:** None

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:** None

**Statement of Residents:**

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to change the agenda order to allow residents to speak on other than agenda topics.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Resident John Flandina returned to again express his concern about the press box at the Junior High School. He said he sent photos to the Superintendent of the students congregating there. He said it is getting worse. He said "no" when asked if he or his daughter call the police when there are people there. Board President Diane Thiel asked Mr. Flandina to attend the community meeting with the police and share the details of his concerns with them. Mr. Cacciola said that during the building tour the Board discussed options for rectifying the matter. He reminded Mr. Flandina that the building cannot come down without a vote of the district.

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

**Grades 3-8 Assessments – Christine Tona, Executive Director for Curriculum & Instruction**

Mrs. Tona offered a PowerPoint presentation sharing the data of the state assessments (on file in the District Clerk's office. After reviewing the data and answering questions from Trustees, Mrs. Tona shared a quote from Commissioner of Education John B. King regarding the results of this year's exams. "I want to make it very clear that the change in test scores does not mean that students are learning less or that teachers and schools are performing worse than last year. Proficiency rates — the percentage of students meeting or exceeding the standards — on the Common Core assessments cannot be compared with last year's proficiency results since the old scores are from an old test based on the former standards. This is a new beginning and starting point that will provide better,

clearer information to parents, teachers, and principals about what our children know and are able to do. The results from these assessments will help you and your school directly address the learning needs of your child so that he or she gets and/or stays on track for college and career success.”

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**#BE-1**

- WHEREAS**, Edward S. De Iulio served as West Babylon’s Director of Music from 1960 to 1981 and as Superintendent of Schools from 1981-1982; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1966, Edward S. De Iulio was chosen as one of the top ten music educators in the United States by “*School Musician Magazine*”; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1967, under the direction of Edward S. De Iulio, the marching band was chosen to represent the U.S. State Department at Expo ‘67 in Canada; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1969, Edward S. De Iulio was inducted into the International Who’s Who of Music Educators; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1973, under the direction of Edward S. De Iulio, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller issued a proclamation designating the marching band as New York’s representative in the 1973 Marching Band Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Florida; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1974, under the direction of Edward S. De Iulio, the marching band was invited to participate in the International School Band Festival in Vienna, Austria; and
- WHEREAS**, in 1977, under the direction of Edward S. De Iulio, the marching band performed at the Kentucky Derby Festival; and
- WHEREAS**, Edward S. De Iulio served as President or Vice President of Western Suffolk BOCES SEPTA for a period of sixteen years; and

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED:**

THAT, in honor of Edward S. De Iulio’s service and commitment to the West Babylon Union Free School District, the Board of Education of the West Babylon School District, hereby

**RESOLVES**, to name the music wing in the West Babylon High School the **EDWARD S. DE IULIO MUSIC WING**.

**PERSONNEL**

**#PE-1**

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

- 13-P-4 Professional Personnel
- 13-C-4 Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 13-P-4 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Duncan, Justine	School Psychologist	SA	\$1,910.	9/1/13	[stipend]
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**Summer School:**

<b><u>Regents Preparation Course Instructors:</u></b>		\$45.56/hr.	8/12/13	[up to 2 sessions, 2 hrs./session]
Conte, Joseph	Biology			
Ferretti, Heather	U.S. History			
Gilbert, Beth	English			
Greve, Kristina	Global History			
Mendoza, Aimee	Earth Science			
Montalvo, Christina	Geometry			
Owenburg, Kristina	Algebra			
Owenburg, Kristina	Geometry		7/31/13 - 8/12/13	

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<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL/ AREA</b>	<b>STEP/ SALARY</b>	<b>BEG/END APPT.</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b><u>Regents Exams Proctors/Graders:</u></b>			\$45.56/hr.	8/13/13, 8/14/13	
Conte, Joseph					
Ferretti, Heather					
Gilbert, Beth					
Owenburg, Kristina					
Peterson, Sean					
Selvaggio, Alise					
<b><u>Summer Work:</u></b>					
<b><u>CSE Representative:</u></b>			Summer, 2013		
Henthorne, Debra			\$65.94/hr.		
<b><u>Project Adventure Curriculum Writers:</u></b>				August, 2013	Carol M. White PEP Grant Up to 12 hrs./person
Antonelli, Gina			\$81.47/hr.		
Dorsey, Katie			\$43.56/hr.		
Needham, Theresa			\$88.13/hr.		
Richert, Danielle			\$94.83/hr.		
Russo, Michael			\$81.47/hr.		
Spinelli, Anthony			\$94.29/hr.		
<b><u>Club &amp; Advisor:</u></b>		HS		2013-2014	
Kilgus, Colleen	Distributive Ed. (Work Study)		\$3,415.		[repl. K. Reilly-Johnson]
<b><u>Coach:</u></b>				Fall, 2013	
White, Nicole	JV Head	Soccer (G)	\$5,150.		
<b><u>Student Teacher/Observer:</u></b>				Fall, 2013	
Zemsky, Lora	Special Education	SB			
<b><u>Per Diem Substitutes:</u></b>		DW	\$90./day	2013-2014	
Cappadona, Grace					
Diesu, Katherine					
Kelly, TaraLynn					
Lawton, Christine					
Makarius, Christine					
Mando, Brian					
Mieschberger, Krystal					
Muhs, Christopher					
Varrone, John					
<b><u>Per Diem Substitute:</u></b>			2013-2014		
Saar, Wendy	Speech	DW	\$279.77/day		[for speech 5+ days]
<b><u>Registered Nurse Substitute:</u></b>		DW	\$120./day	2013-2014	
*Romeo, Gabrielle					

\*Emergency Conditional Appointment

**SCHEDULE 13-C-4 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>SCHOOL/ AREA</b>	<b>STEP/ SALARY</b>	<b>BEG/END APPT.</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
Campbell, Nancy	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	JK		9/1/13 - 1/31/14	Leave of Absence
Quinn, James	School Bus Driver	Trans.		8/7/13	Resignation from LOA
Schultz, Ruth	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	JH		9/1/13	Returning from LOA
Morvan, Matilda	School Bus Driver	Trans.	Step 1/ \$19.73/hr.	9/1/13	Probationary Appt.
<b>Summer Work:</b>					
Minghillo, Sonia	Paraprofessional (school teacher aide)	HS	\$15.30/hr.	8/29/13, 8/30/13	5 hrs./day [printing student ID's]
<b>Per Diem Substitutes:</b>		DW \$9./hr.	2013-2014	Clerical, Paraprofessional, Food Service	
*Kaich, Lori					
*Reina, Christy					

\*Emergency Conditional Appointment

**FINANCE**

**#FI-1**  
**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education authorizes the appropriation of funds from the insurance proceeds received for the replacement of the John F. Kennedy Elementary School playground that was destroyed on July 11, 2013. These funds will be added to A1610.2100 (Buildings and Grounds Equipment), therefore, amending the 2013-2014 Budget.

**POLICY REVIEW:**

2160: School Board Officer and Employee Code of Ethics (Review) — The Board reviewed the policy — will be on next agenda with revision to dollar amount increased from \$25.00 to \$75.00

4773: Diploma Options for Students with Disabilities (First Time Reading)

Trustee Campasano seconded by trustee Gismervik made a motion to waive reading the policy and move it to second time discussion  
 The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

9240: Recruiting and Hiring (Review) The Board reviewed the policy — no changes

9240-R Recruiting and Hiring Regulations (Revision) The Board reviewed the regulations and accepted the changes

9350: Staff Requests for Accommodations under the American with Disability Act as Amended -ADAAA (First Time Reading)  
 Dr. Farrelly requested that an additional sentence be added to the policy to enable the district's physician to confer with the employee's physician  
 Trustee Campasano seconded by trustee Bocca made a motion to add the sentence, waive reading the policy and move it to second time discussion

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

**COMMITTEES:** Trustee Thiel shared the information about the Board's recent tour of the district's buildings. (On file in the District Clerk's office)

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mrs. Buscemi noted that West Babylon is not eligible to apply for the new grants that will be awarded to 30 districts by the state.

**STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:**

Regarding Mr. Flandina's concern, Trustee Wandasiewicz suggested a video surveillance sign be placed on the press box. Trustee Klein also suggested that the security department keep a time log of their visits to the area.

In response to Resident Doreen Moss' question about the rules about trying out for the athletic teams, Mr. Cacciola said that he cannot speak about specific cases in public. He asked that Mrs. Moss contact Mrs. Tona regarding the matter tomorrow.

Resident Donna Rocchio speaking about the way students are "judged" by the state assessments said that she believes that students cannot be judged separately based on general ed. or special ed. They must all be assessed together and fairly.

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn at 10:48 p.m.

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District Clerk