

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, April 23, 2013, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present:

Trustees James Bocca, Lucy Campasano, Wendy DeGaetano, Cathy Gismervik, Diane Klein, Peter Scarlatos, Diane Thiel, Stacy Villagran and Jennifer Wandasiewicz

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; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; and residents (audience of approx. 20).

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

Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:01 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

Trustee DeGaetano seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to adjourn executive session at 7:20 p.m.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

The meeting reconvened at 8:01 pm.

Trustee Wandasiewicz seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2013

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

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

Mr. Cacciola said that this week is Administrative Professionals week and he thanked all of the clerical staff for all they do. He added that his secretaries, Barbara Burrows, Jane Chiappone and Amy Jones “make me look good everyday”. He thanked them for their dedication and for all they do in the district.

Board President Diane Thiel noted that District Clerk Amy Jones is the Board of Education’s secretary and she thanked her for the work she does for the trustees.

Mr. Cacciola noted that Blue & Gold will be held from this Thursday through Saturday. He wished everyone the best of luck in the competition.

**Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:**

WBTA President Patt Squicciarini said that the WBTA is planning a rally in Albany, to fight tax caps and fight for all of our students, on June 8, 2013. She invited anyone who is interested to attend. Mrs. Squicciarini said she is unable to attend due to her daughter’s wedding. She thanked Amy Jones and all of the clerical staff for all they do for the district.

**Statement of West Babylon Administrators Association:**

WBAA President Ellie Levy thanked the Board of Education and all involved in the budget process for their many hours of work in putting the budget together. She said that the WBAA supports the budget. Mrs. Levy thanked Amy Jones and the clerical staff. She added that her building celebrated the clerical staff already.

**Statement of CSEA Representative:**

None

**Statement of Student Association Representative:**

None

**Statement of PTA Council Representative:**

PTA Council Representative Jennifer Longo said that the PTA will host budget presentations at their meetings. She said that this year the PTA will host meet the candidates night scheduled for May 6 at 7:30 p.m.

**Statement of Residents:**

None

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

**Budget Draft #4 – Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent and Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance**

Mr. Cacciola moved agenda item #14, the budget presentation, to this portion of the agenda because the Board will be adopting the budget this evening.

Mrs. Buscemi explained that the only change to the budget from the last budget draft was the addition the Board requested of a boys' volleyball team at the JHS level. She said the cost of this program is \$8604.00 which was taken from fund balance. The tax levy remains the same. Mrs. Buscemi noted that if the budget does not pass on May 21 the district would have to make an additional 2.4 million dollars in cuts. She said the last page of the newsletter will have the calculations to enable homeowners to determine their approximate tax increase. Mrs. Buscemi noted that the information will also be on the district's website. She said that residents can feel free to contact her with questions through e-mail or calling her office. In response to trustee Campasano's question, Mrs. Buscemi said that the district has not received the money from the \$60,000.00 grant, yet. If it is received before the end of the year it will be added to the fund balance. If it is received next year the Board can increase the budget and reflect it there. Mrs. Buscemi noted that as of this date, the district's 2.6% budget increase ranks 25 out of 92 districts.

Trustee Villagran seconded by Trustee Campasano made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and addendum #BE-3.**

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**#BE-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the following school district to provide health services to West Babylon School District resident students for the 2012-2013 school year:

Westbury Union Free School District

**#BE-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the district will, once again, provide one (1) classroom and supportive services for use by the Western Suffolk BOCES Alternate Learning Center Program, for the period September 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The rental fee will be \$3,000 and the supportive services fee will be \$13,000.

**PERSONNEL**

**#PE-1**

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

12-P-17 Professional Personnel

12-C-17 Civil Service Personnel

**SCHEDULE 12-P-17 Professional Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Shay, Jennine	Elementary Tchr.	JK		4/4/13 -	Family Medical Leave
Schad, Melanie	Mathematics Tchr.	HS		4/16/13 -	Family Medical Leave

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following professional personnel who have successfully completed their annual reviews are appointed to tenure as listed below:

Germano, Charles	Principal			4/24/13	Tenure
Axelson, Gregory	Health			9/1/13	Tenure
Cuevas O'Boyle, Christina	Reading			9/1/13	Tenure
Dombo, Stephen	School Counselor			9/1/13	Tenure
Francisco, Andrea	School Media Specialist			9/1/13	Tenure
Goodwin, Deborah	Special Education			9/1/13	Tenure
Granieri, Krista	Special Education			9/1/13	Tenure

Iliou, Athena	Elementary	9/1/13	Tenure
LaRocco, Caitlin	Art	9/1/13	Tenure
Riggi, Christine	Speech	9/1/13	Tenure
Rogovitz, Eugene	Technology	9/1/13	Tenure
Snyder, John	Health/Physical Education	9/1/13	Tenure

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**Grades K-8 Special Education Summer School Program:** July 8 - August 16, 2013 (Mon.-Fri.)\*

\*Contingent, pending NYSED approval, sufficient enrollment and budget

Cunningham, Gregg	Principal	TA	\$9,053.		
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**Additional Section:**

Mucaria, Donna	Mathematics (.2)	HS	\$18,590.40 (prorate)	4/15/13 - 5/10/13	
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**Integrated Algebra & Earth Science Tutorials:** JH

Craig, Karol			\$36.59/hr.	Spring, 2013	[5 add'l .hrs.]
O'Neill, Margaret					[5 add'l .hrs.]

**Adult Education Instructors:**

Dolson, Jeffrey	Latin Dance		\$25./hr.	Spring, 2013	Name Corrections
Dolson, Virginia	Latin Dance				

**Student Teacher/Observer:**

Zemsky, Lora	Elementary	JK		Spring, 2013	
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**SCHEDULE 12-C-17 Civil Service Personnel Schedule**

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
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Wolk, Pamela	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JH		4/9/13	Returned from LOA
Tirado, Mildred	Food Service Wrkr. 'B'	HS		4/17/13 - 6/21/13	Leave of Absence
Kolitsopoulos, Laura	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	TA		4/16/13	Resignation from LOA
Sullo, Julia	Food Service Wrkr. 'B'	HS		6/21/13	Resignation to Retire

**Prior Service Step Correction:**

Agostinho, Lisa	Senior Clerk Typist	SB	Step 3/ \$37,788. (prorate)	5/23/11	Prior Service Credit [experience verified]
Battista, Sylvia	Paraprofessional (school monitor)	JK	Step 1/ \$13.37/hr.	4/24/13	Probationary Appt.

**Per Diem Substitutes:**

Corbe, Susan	DW	\$9./hr.	2012-2013	Clerical/Paraprofessional
Gernavage, Eileen				"
Kolitsopoulos, Laura				Paraprofessional

**FINANCE**

**#FI-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the school district budget for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of **\$98,685,625** proposed by the West Babylon Board of Education, in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law, be hereby adopted, and that said budget be voted upon by the residents on May 21, 2013.

**#FI-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the 2013-2014 State Education Department Property Tax Report Card as required by the State Education Department.

**#FI-3**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the December, 2012 and January, February and March, 2013 claims auditor's reports and recommendations.

**CURRICULUM**

**#CU-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education declares the following 150 books, from the Senior High School English Department, obsolete:

<u>Title</u>	<u>ISB Number</u>	<u>Copyright</u>	<u>Number of Copies</u>
Prentice Hall Literature-The American Experience	0-13-691718-6	1991	50
Prentice Hall Literature-Gold	0-13-698556-4	1989	50
Prentice Hall Literature-Platinum	0-13-698580-7	1989	50

These materials are outdated and have been replaced.

**#CU-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education declares 35 books, located in the Santapogue School Library, obsolete. The books were weeded out by the school librarian as being damaged beyond repair and/or containing outdated information.

**BOCES**

**#BC-1**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education will cast one vote for each of the three vacancies on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education:

- One vote for: Mrs. Mildred Browne
- One vote for: Mrs. Ilene Herz
- One vote for: Mrs. Maryann Zumpano

**#BC-2**

**RESOLVED:** that the West Babylon Board of Education approves the Western Suffolk BOCES 2013-2014 Administrative and Capital Budget in the amount of **\$312,344**.

Mr. Cacciola said that the Board’s approval of the agenda this evening included tenure appointments for September 1, 2013. He added that there is one tenure appointment on the agenda, effective tomorrow, for Mr. Charles Germano, Principal. Mr. Cacciola said that Mr. Germano is one of the hardest working people he knows and he congratulated and thanked him for his work and dedication.

**POLICY REVIEW**

The following policies were on the agenda for second time discussion. As there were no questions or discussions about the policies trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Wandasiewicz made a motion to move the following policies to third time adoption.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

**File: 0300 Accountability**

**File: 5300.65 Visitors to the Schools discussion.**

**File: 8130 School Safety Plans and Teams**

**File: 8210.10 Use of Surveillance Cameras on School Property**

**File: 8630 Computer Resources and Data Management**

**The following policy was deleted:**

**File: 0310 Board Self Evaluation – Second Time Discussion**

After discussing that the policy was revised and incorporated into Policy 0300 Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Gismervik made a motion to delete the policy.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS:        NONE**

**OLD BUSINESS:    NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS: Budget Draft #4 – Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent and Jennifer Buscemi, Executive Director for Finance**

This item was moved to earlier in the agenda.

**STATEMENTS OF RESIDENTS:**

In response to resident Daienna Edmunds question, Mrs. Tona said that only 3 students were officially opted out of the ELA testing. She added that there are 5 students opting out of the Math testing.

Residents Tina McGovern and Danielle Wesley expressed their concerns about cuts to special education, Ms. McGovern also noted the cost of BOCES programs being higher than keeping the program in district.. Mrs. Farrelly noted that the JHS reductions were due to declining enrollment. She also noted that the cost of a BOCES program cannot be a factor in determining if a student needs that program.

Trustee Bocca seconded by Trustee Scarlatos made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present.

Attested to: \_\_\_\_\_  
District Clerk