

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, February 23, 2010, in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the Senior High School.

Those present:

Trustees; Lucy Campasano, Wendy DeGaetano, Patrick M. Farrell, Carmine Galletta, Kathleen Jennings, Diane Klein Jerry Nocera, Joseph Romano and Diane Thiel

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Dominick Palma, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Student Services; Mr. Mark A. Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance; Mrs. Yiendhy Farrelly, Executive Director for Human Resources; Mrs. Amy E. Jones, District Clerk; Mr. William C. Morrell, Attorney; and residents.

President Farrell opened the meeting at 7:15 pm and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

PRESENTATIONS: The JFK Presentation scheduled for this evening was cancelled.

Trustee Jennings seconded by trustee Campasano made a motion to go into executive session at 7:16 pm to discuss legal and personnel matters.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

The public portion began at 8:40 pm.

Trustee Jennings seconded by trustee Thiel made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meetings of February 2 and 4, 2010 and the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2010

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Statement of the Superintendent and/or Board of Education:

In speaking about the recent fire that destroyed South Bay Elementary School, Board President Patrick Farrell thanked the parents, teachers and administrators for coming together and getting everything prepared to enable the students to resume classes at Our Lady of Grace.

Babylon Town Supervisor Steven Bellone praised the Board members, district administrators, staff and community of West Babylon for creating "nothing short of a miracle" by working together to ensure the students could return to school in only five days. Supervisor Bellone said that the community and staff turned a tragedy into an inspiring story. A photo was taken.

Superintendent Anthony Cacciola encouraged everyone to attend the JHS play "Grease" on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7:30 pm. He then noted that this has been an unbelievable couple of days and emotional for all. Mr. Cacciola said that he heard a news reporter say that this tragedy brought West Babylon together. He said it is his belief that the West Babylon community family has always been together and like every family there will be disagreements. He added that the community will get through this together. Mr. Cacciola thanked the employees, the WBTA, CSEA, WBAA, Paraprofessionals, the PTAs and the Board of Education for all of their support and assistance. He offered a special thanks to his colleagues, Dr. Palma, Mr. Flower, and Mrs. Farrelly for working around the clock.

Statement of West Babylon Teachers Association:

WBTA President Patt Squicciarini thanked everyone for all of their work and support. She added that so many were touched by others reaching out to assist in any way possible. She said that losing South Bay School is sad, but, thankfully no one was hurt.

Statement of West Babylon Administrators' Association:

None

Statement of CSEA Representative:

None

Statement of Student Association Representative:

The Student Association will be fundraising for South Bay School.

Statement of PTA Council Representative:

None

Statement of Residents:

In response to resident Terry Perrone's question, Board President Patrick Farrell said that at this point the Board has not had the chance to give much thought to whether or not South Bay School will be rebuilt.

In response to resident and former South Bay student Kevin Elfast's question, the time capsule that his class buried on the grounds of South Bay School has been recovered. The possibility of a future memorial service to open the capsule was discussed.

Father Vincent Rush was also praised for all of his work and assistance through this process, as were the members of the fire department.

With the abundance of donations to the South Bay school community and the request to hold any more donations until a clearer picture of what else may be needed is available, resident Lisa DiGeloromo suggested that donations be made to the Our Lady of Grace food bank. President Farrell suggested contacting Sister Alice at Our Lady of Grace. Mr. Farrell added thanks to C&J for the food provided during the past few days as well as Carolyn James of the Beacon Newspaper.

Mr. Cacciola said that at this time the district is in good shape with supplies. He said that the technology department is working on creating a registry for items that are still needed. In addition, American Express and Visa gift cards would be the best donation at this time. Checks should be made payable to West Babylon Trust & Agency, South Bay Fire Relief.

Trustee Campasano seconded by Trustee Romano made a motion to approve the **Consent Agenda and Addendum #FI-1**

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

#BE-1

RESOLVED: that the following school district is approved to provide Health and Welfare services to West Babylon District resident students for the 2009-2010 school year:

East Islip Union Free School District

#PE-1

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

09-P-15 Professional Personnel
09-C-14 Civil Service Personnel

SCHEDULE 09-P-15 Professional Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Wronsky-Haintz, Natalie	English Tchr.	JH		3/12/10-6/30/10	Leave of Absence

Student Teachers/Observers:

Spring, 2010

Aksoy, Melissa	Mathematics	HS			
Penoro, Alicia	Special Ed.	JK			
Thorne, Kim	Special Ed.	TA			
Wright, Katie	Elementary	JK			
Wright, Lauren	English	JH			

Per Diem Substitute:

DW \$90./day 2009-2010

DeNigris, Christopher

SCHEDULE 09-C-14 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

NAME	POSITION	SCHOOL/ AREA	STEP/ SALARY	BEG/END APPT.	COMMENTS
Gieck, Allan	Paraprofessional (special ed. aide)	JH	Step 1/ \$12.82/hr.	2/24/10	Probationary Appt.

SCHEDULE 09-C-14 Civil Service Personnel Schedule

Emergency Conditional Appointment Extensions:

Ahmad, Sahar
Giordano, Frances

ADDENDUM:

#FI-1

RESOLVED: that the appropriation budget transfers listed below are approved:

FROM		
A 1240.4751	SUPT'S CONTINGENCY	\$325,000.00
TO		
A 1915.1600	SOUTH BAY FIRE RELIEF SALARIES	\$25,000.00
A 1915.2000	SOUTH BAY FIRE RELIEF EQUIPMENT	\$150,000.00
A 1915.4000	SOUTH BAY FIRE RELIEF LEASE	\$100,000.00
A 1915.4500	SOUTH BAY FIRE RELIEF MATERIALS & SUPP	\$25,000.00
A 1915.4800	SOUTH BAY FIRE RELIEF TEXTBOOKS	\$25,000.00
		\$325,000.00

POLICY REVIEW

None

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: Budget Draft #2 Review: Mark Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance - This portion of the meeting was cancelled.

Committee Report

The Curriculum Report will be presented at the next Board meeting on March 9, 2010.

STATEMENT OF RESIDENTS:

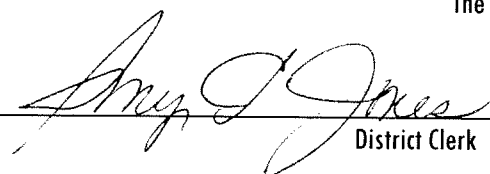
Trustee Jennings seconded by Trustee Galletta made a motion to adjourn to executive session for legal and personnel matters at 9:10 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Trustee Nocera seconded by Trustee DeGaetano made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 pm.

The motion was **CARRIED** by all present

Attested to:


District Clerk