

JUNE 1, 2010

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A SPECIAL 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, JUNE 1, 2010 in the Board Room of the Administration Wing adjacent to the high school.

Those present: Trustees Lucy Campasano, Patrick M. Farrell, Kathleen Jennings, Diane Klein and Diane Thiel. Trustees Jerry Nocera and Wendy DeGaetano arrived at approximately 6:10 PM. Trustees Carmine Galletta and Joseph Romano were absent.

Also present: Mr. Anthony Cacciola, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Dominick Palma, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Student Services, Mr. Mark A. Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Ms. Barbara Burrows, Acting District Clerk, and residents.

The president opened the meeting at 6:00 PM and led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

Trustee Diane Thiel seconded by Trustee Diane Klein made a motion to go into executive session for legal and personnel matters at 6:03 PM.

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

The public portion of the meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM in the Performing Arts Center.

PRESENTATION: EnviroScience – Mr. Glenn Neuschwender, President

Mr. Anthony Cacciola introduced Mr. Glenn Neuschwender, President of EnviroScience. Mr. Neuschwender offered a presentation regarding environmental testing conducted by his firm at the South Bay site.

Statement of Residents: Questions were raised regarding testing for lead, mercury, mold and asbestos. Mr. Neuschwender answered questions posed. Mr. Cacciola stated the firm's environmental test results will be placed on the website.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM with the Budget Hearing.

PRESENTATION: Budget Hearing @ approx. 8:00 PM – Mr. Mark A. Flower, Assistant Superintendent for Finance

As a reminder, Mr. Cacciola stated the budget revote will take place on June 15th. He then turned the meeting over to Mr. Flower. Mr. Flower offered a PowerPoint presentation and reviewed the budget and revisions to the budget since May 18th. He stated the budget notice and budget brochure were expected to be delivered to residents' homes no later than June 9th. Mr. Flower stated financial reports are on the district website under the Quick Link-Financial Reports. He also noted the polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

Statement of Residents: In response to a resident's question, Mr. Mark Flower stated if the May 18th budget had passed, at the 7.13% increase, the district would still have received state aid. State aid is determined by the combined wealth ratio. A discussion took place regarding the Board of Education's Use of Facilities policy, fees charged and a contingency budget. Trustee Wendy DeGaetano stated the policy was revised in 2008 and can be reviewed/revised, if necessary. Responding to a resident's question, Mr. Cacciola stated the cost of the revote is approximately \$14,000. Resident William Hill stated 69 school districts in Suffolk County anticipated less state aid and reduced their state aid projections. Responding to resident Raymond Cody's questions, Trustee Patrick Farrell stated he and Mr. Cacciola signed the Memorandum of Understanding-RTTT ("Race To The Top") and forwarded it to the New York State Department of Education within the allotted timeframe. In response to resident Raymond Cody's question, Mr. Flower stated the delay in state aid has not affected the district's payroll. There was a discussion regarding declining enrollment and the rebuilding of South Bay School.

Trustee Lucy Campasano, seconded by Trustee Diane Thiel, made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 PM.

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

Attested to: _____
District Clerk