

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 18, 2009 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MR. BLOOM, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA, MR. SMITH,
MR. ULRICH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MRS. BIESELIN

Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Zocchia

Attorney: Mrs. LaPlace

Meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

No one wished to speak during an “Invitation to the Public.”

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 14, 2009 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Jeanne Dowling, Assistant Director of Special Education and Pupil Personnel Services; effective September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2012 (\$109,656 annual salary; new position).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Timothy Horan, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health and Recreation. Mr. Bloom suggested that the Board meet with Mr. Horan in Executive Session to discuss issues involving the Athletics Department. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve ADMINISTRATIVE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Timothy Horan, Director of Athletics, Physical Education, Health and Recreation; effective January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2012 (\$119,083 annual salary; replacing J. Wayne Shierant).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT APPRENTICE: Timothy Horan; effective July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 (District Office; Athletics).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Timothy Horan, Physical Education Teacher; effective July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 (High School).

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Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Jeanne Dowling, Speech Teacher; effective September 1, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Timothy Horan, Physical Education Teacher; effective January 1, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME DEAN APPOINTMENT, effective September 3, 2009 – June 30, 2010 (Stipend \$6,280): James Dooley, Teacher/Dean; Craig Evans, Teacher/Dean; Lynn McVeety, Teacher/Dean; Shawn Wallace, Teacher/Dean.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: LEAD TEACHER APPOINTMENT, effective September 3, 2009 – June 30, 2010: Brian Buonomo, Technology; Wendy Loddigs, High School Guidance.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): M. Susan Pitagno, Reading Teacher; effective August 20, 2009 (Kirdahy @ Captree).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Janet Renganeschi, Elementary Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 (Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 27, 2009: Elaine Herman, Reading.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Julie Degere, Speech Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to September 2, 2011 (Kirdahy @ Captree; Step 2⁴; replacing J. Dowling).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Danielle Walsh, Special Education Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to September 2, 2012 (Beach; Step 2¹; newly budgeted position {grant funded}).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Donald Larsen, Music Teacher (.2); effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (Udall; \$13,860).

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Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Alyssa Acquafredda; effective September 3, 2009 to September 2, 2012 (Kirdahy @ Captree; Step 3; newly budgeted position {Flow-Through Funds}). William Sasso; effective September 3, 2009 to September 2, 2012 (High School; Step 3; newly budgeted position {Flow-Through Funds}). Kyle Valentine; effective September 3, 2009 to September 2, 2012 (Beach; Step 3; newly budgeted position {Flow-Through Funds}).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESSED: Alison O'Bryen, Teacher Aide; effective June 26, 2009 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESSED: Kellie Neglia, Teacher Aide; effective June 26, 2009 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESSED: Cathy Weingarten, Bus Matron; effective June 26, 2009 (Transportation).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: James Moran, Head Custodian; effective July 16, 2009 (High School; change from a Custodial Worker III).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL (\$11.00/HR): JoAnn Sgueglia, effective July 1, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): Linda McGuinness, effective September 8, 2009; Cathy Weingarten, effective September 8, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Lisa Genesee, effective September 8, 2009, student teacher; Layla Lindau, effective September 8, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2009 FALL HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL COACHES, revised: BOYS SOCCER: Jeremy Robertson, J.V. Coach (replacing S. Key who resigned); Mike LaCova, 7-8 Beach Coach (replacing J. Robertson).

CURRICULUM UPDATE: Mrs. Burns discussed the various workshops that are planned for the staff during Superintendent's Conference Days on September 3 and 4.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Smith reported on the Finance Committee meeting of 8/18/09. Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve renaming the boys' locker room at Udall Road Middle School in honor of Nick LaGiglia, Sr.

The Policy Committee did not meet; however, a First Reading was held for the following policy: File 4212 – Table of Organization. Copies were made available to the public. Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to waive the Second Reading. Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adopt the policy after the First Reading.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting of 8/18/09 was rescheduled for 8/27/09. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting and recommendations re: classification/placement/I.E.P. modifications of students as delineated.

Mr. Ulrich reported on the Bond Project Advisory Committee meeting of 8/18/09. Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve proposal by The Landtek Group to remove and replace the High Jump at West Islip High School. Mr. Bloom expressed concern over the approval of this proposal at this time. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor, except Mr. Bloom who opposed, to approve proposal by The Landtek Group to remove and replace the High Jump at West Islip High School, subject to cost negotiations and attorney review.

The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Audit Committee, Education Committee, Legislative Action Committee, and Health and Wellness Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for June 2009 was presented. Beginning balance as of May 31, 2009 – \$24,483,319.85; ending balance as of June 30, 2009 – \$12,946,437.59.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bond issue allowance authorizations, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION: 2009/2010 TAX LEVY: WHEREAS, the estimated expenditures for the West Islip Union Free School District, for the school year 2009/2010 in the amount of \$101,200,325 proposed in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law, were approved by the voters of the District on May 19, 2009, and, WHEREAS, the estimated expenditures for the West Islip Public Library, for the fiscal year 2009/2010 in the amount of \$3,761,686, proposed in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law, were approved by the voters of the District on April 14, 2009, for a total approved budget of \$104,962,011 therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2009/2010 tax levy in the amount of \$63,063,221 for the West Islip Union Free School District and \$3,693,686 for the West Islip Public Library, for a combined tax levy of \$66,756,907 be approved and levied upon the real property of the District. (The tax levy of \$63,063,221 for the School District plus \$38,137,104 other income as estimated on July 1, 2009, including State Aid and \$1,971,972 of additional Appropriated Fund Balance equals a budget of \$101,200,325. The tax levy of \$3,693,686 for the Public Library plus \$68,000 other income as estimated on July 1, 2009 equals a budget of \$3,761,686).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve BOCES Shared Services for 2009-2010 in the amount of \$5,351,020.41.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Drinks – awarded to Big Geyser for \$3,399.10, Cookies and More for \$5,561.05, Colonial Coffee for \$1,400.00, Driscoll Foods for \$94.50, Jaybee Distributors for \$1,234.50, Coca Cola for \$3,576.15, QTG Sales for \$532.80, Savory Foods for \$57.50, Snapple Distributors for \$390.00, T.A. Morris for \$136.80, Mivila for \$59.75.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto to approve bid extension with Suffolk Transportation. A brief discussion was held regarding the length of the bid extension. Motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve bid extension with Suffolk Transportation in the amount of \$3,571,491.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donation, with thanks: Wayne VanAcker Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to declare as surplus, and dispose of as the Business Office sees fit, the following item: Welbilt Refrigerator – Model # WFF10-2: High School.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following health services: Bay Shore UFSD for 2008-2009; 21 students @ \$685.80 = \$14,401.80.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich to approve Special Education contracts. Mrs. LaRosa inquired as to the term of the contract with Bay Shore UFSD. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Special Education contracts, subject to attorney review: Bay Shore UFSD, 2008-2009; All About Kids, 2009-2010; The Daytop Preparatory School, 2009-2010; Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources, 2009-2010; Maryhaven, 2009-2010; New York Therapy, 2009-2010; Out East Therapy of New York, 2009-2010; Horizon Healthcare Staffing, 2009-2010; Islip Tutoring Service, Inc., 2009-2010; Developmental Disabilities Institute, 2009-2010; Syosset Home Tutoring, 2009-2010; Little Flower UFSD, 2009-2010; AHRC, 2009-2010; Metro Therapy, 2009-2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve contract with security coordinator for 2009-2010.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve board delegate (Sharon Bieselin) and alternate (Annmarie LaRosa) to the New York State School Boards Association's annual convention.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve changing the dates for the following Planning Session meetings: September 24, 2009 meeting changed to September 22, 2009; January 28, 2010 meeting changed to January 26, 2010.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement – School Nurse – John Hummel.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement – Administrative Assistant Apprentice – Tim Horan.

NOTICES/REMINDERS: First day of school for teachers – September 3rd; first day of school for students – September 8th.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mr. Bloom expressed interest in having the Policy Committee consider an amendment to File 7312 – Student Dress Code that would ban “saggy bottom pants.”

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the amended minutes from June 25, 2009 as follows: Superintendent's Vacation Days: July 20, 2009 through August 7, 2009, and the amended minutes from July 14, 2009 as follows: **OTHER: SUMMER SCHOOL FACULTY** – July 6 to August 14, 2009.

Three residents wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subjects of concern have been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m. on motion by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk

All correspondence, reports, or related materials referred to in these minutes are on file in the District Office.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 27, 2009 – District Office
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. GELLAR, MR. SMITH, MR. ZOTTO

ABSENT: MR. BLOOM, MRS. LAROSA, MR. ULRICH

Administrators: Dr. Blau, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Duffy, Dr. Parvey, Mr. Zocchia

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselín, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESIGNATION: Craig Evans, Teacher-Dean; effective August 17, 2009 (Beach/High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Kimberly Crouch, English Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselín, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Barbara Krollage, English Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 – September 28, 2009 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Deborah Throo, Physical Education Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 (Westbrook).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselín, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RECALL OF EXCESSED ELEMENTARY TEACHER: Fran Coiro, Tenured Elementary Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 (Recall due to resignation of C. Evans).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Kristyna Acerno, Library Media Specialist; effective September 3, 2009 – September 2, 2012 (Step 2⁴; Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselín, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lori Suprenant, Elementary Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 – September 2, 2012 (Step 5⁴; District-wide; Literacy Coach).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RESCINDING OF PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Shanan Mauro, Health Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 – June 30, 2010 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TENURE APPOINTMENT, effective September 5, 2009: Shanan Mauro, Health Teacher.

Motion was made by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: RESIGNATION: Ronald Ardito; effective August 19, 2009; High School.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL – September 8, 2009 to June 30, 2010: Dawn Morrison, Coordinator (two nights; \$20,313 annual salary); Thomas Vitti, Coordinator (two nights; \$20,313 annual salary); Laura Tramantano, Secretary.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL FACULTY \$8,362 per full year class: MATH: Anne Marie Dunn, Consumer Math – 1 section/full year; Anne Marie Dunn, Occupational Math – 1 section/full year. ENGLISH: Nicole Cifelli, English – 1 section/full year; Jeff O'Hare, English – 1 section/full year; Paul Vecchione, Elective – 1 section/full year. SOCIAL STUDIES: Michael Hazelton, Social Studies 12 – 1 section/full year; Eric Rao, US History – 1 section/full year; Robert Timpson, Global Studies – 1 section/full year; Robert Weiss, Social Studies 12 – 1 section/full year. ART: Maria Meyer – 1 section/full year. PSYCHOLOGIST: Dr. Robert Matuozi – 2 sections/full year; Teresa Stecker – 1 section/full year. COUNSELOR: Wendy Loddigs – 1 section/full year; Virginia Mullins – 1 section/full year. SCIENCE: John Hulsmann, Elective – 1 section/full year; Donna Mazur, Elective – 1 section/full year. SPECIAL EDUCATION: Dennis Montalto – 1 section/full year. ASL: Nicole Cifelli, ASL – 1 section/full year. PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Brian Cameron – 1 section/full year; Joseph Nicolosi – 1 section/full year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: PREFERRED SUBSTITUTE: Matthew Barrera, Preferred Substitute; effective September 3, 2009 (\$145.18 per day; High School; newly budgeted position).

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM 2009: Barbara Morrissey-Marquez, Supervisor (\$40 per hour); Jaimie D., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Kaitlin K., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Olivia M., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Samantha S., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Laura T., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Robert V., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Eric W., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour); Raymond W., Lifeguard (\$10 per hour).

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Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Tracy L. Koch, effective September 3, 2009; Elizabeth Valdin, effective September 3, 2009.

The following agenda items were discussed, with no objection: MSG Varsity Sports, Date Changes – Buildings and Grounds and Bond Advisory Committees, Change of Testing Dates and Scoring Dates in April and May, Enrollment Report, Principal's Report.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve change of Mission Statement.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Terms and Conditions of Employment – Director of Building and Grounds.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Contract – Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieseiln, seconded by Mr. Zotto, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m. on motion by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on motion by Mr. Zotto, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted by

**Nicole M. Schiano
District Clerk**

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