

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 14, 2008 – West Islip High School
President George Smith, Presiding

PRESENT: MRS. BIESELIN, MR. BLOOM, MR. GELLAR, MRS. LAROSA,
MR. G. SMITH, MR. W. SMITH

ABSENT: MR. ULRICH

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

Attorney: Mr. Volz

Meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

No one wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public."

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2008, the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 25, 2008, the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 2, 2008, the minutes of the Special Meeting of October 7, 2008, and the amended minutes from September 25, 2008 as follows: TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lori Annucci, Reading (Literacy Coach); effective October 10, 2008 – October 9, 2011 (District-wide; Step 4⁴).

In honor of *School Board Recognition Month*, Dr. Blau presented each board member with a certificate. A brief video was also shown.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT: Melissa Cuesta, Special Education Teacher; effective September 7, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (paid): Christina Cregan, Elementary Teacher; effective September 30, 2008 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (paid): Amy DeJoseph, Special Education Teacher; effective September 18, 2008 – October 24, 2008 (Captree).

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Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (paid): Catherine Olson, Elementary Teacher; effective October 2, 2008 (Manetuck).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVES OF ABSENCE (paid): Maria Simeone, Foreign Language Teacher; effective September 29, 2008 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid): Amy DeJoseph, Special Education Teacher; effective October 27, 2008 (Captree).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RETIREMENT: Kenneth Campo, Custodial Worker I; effective October 31, 2008 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Alison O'Bryen, Teacher Aide; effective October 20, 2008 (Step 1; Beach Street; flow through fund).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN STATUS: Frieda Matos, Teacher Aide; effective October 7, 2008 (Step 8; Beach Street; change from a 3-hour cafeteria aide; replacing P. Barth who is now at Paul J. Bellew).

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES: Ronald Ardito, Teacher Aide (part-time); effective September 8, 2008 (Step 3; High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Stephanie Vetak, Teacher Aide (part-time); effective October 7, 2008 (Step 1; High School).

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): Richard Haas, effective September 10, 2008; Frank Mariani, effective September 15, 2008; Joanne Pace, effective September 16, 2008.

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Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE WORKER (\$9.75/HR): *Sunshine Alessi, effective October 10, 2008; *Karen Buckley, effective October 10, 2008; *Donna Byrnes, effective October 10, 2008; *Donna Loos, effective October 10, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$100 per diem): *Margaret McCandless, effective September 26, 2008; *Theresa Scholl, effective September 26, 2008; *Marie Tito-Rodriguez, effective September 26, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL RESIGNATION: Kelly Sepe, Science Teacher; effective October 2, 2008.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL: Robert Pitagno, Science Teacher; effective October 6, 2008 (Due to resignation of K. Sepe).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTOR PROGRAM 2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR: Catherine Dolan-Stefanak, Coordinator (\$1,500 stipend).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: MENTORS (\$1,000 stipend): Erica Gross (Kathryn Connolly, High School, Middle School); Annmarie Dunn (Reanna Fulton, High School); Michelle Bugliari (Celia Gottlieb, Westbrook); Margaret Okurowski (Tara Lee, Beach); Maureen Umstatter (Donna Mazur, Captree); Jeanne Dowling (Theresa Mercado, Captree/Bayview); Jeanne Schaefer (Lindsay Schmitz, Manetuck); Stephanie Fodera (Michelle Vecchione, High School); Linda Smith (Marybeth Qualliotine, Captree); Shelly Blumling (Julie Degere, Captree); Nick Grieco (Michael Ferrugiari, Manetuck/Bayview); Tamra Burns (Danielle Kuefner, High School); Elizabeth Winter (Joseph McErlean, High School); Rebecca Silva (Cristina Padilla, Captree); Karen Taylor (Maria Tedeschi, High School); Frank Sblendorio (Jamie Wheeler, Captree).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: ADVISORS/CLUBS 2008 – 2009 SCHOOL YEAR: High School: James Kraus, Drama Coordinator (all productions); Maria Meyer, Costume Director (all productions); Jennifer Gaylor, Director, Musical Play (shared); David Kaufman, Director, Musical Play (shared); Nicole Rued, Director – Children's Theater, David Kaufman, Director – Senior Play; David Kaufman, Director – Spring Play; Salvatore Fiore, Coordinator – One Act Plays; Salvatore Fiore, Music Director – Musical Production; David Kaufman, Pit Director, Musical; James Como, Mathletes; Melissa Kennedy, Mathletes; Craig Michel, Mathletes; Ann Barry, Senior Class Advisor; Erica Gross, Senior Class Advisor; Frank

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Franzone, Junior Class Advisor; Nancy Hedemark, Junior Class Advisor; Noreen Matthews, Sophomore Class Advisor; Kevin Murphy, Sophomore Class Advisor; Andrea Baritis, Freshman Class Advisor; Marianne Cogliano, Freshman Class Advisor; Kevin Murphy, Academic Decathlon (Brainstormers); Michelle Falco, Academic Decathlon (Jr. Brainstormers); John Sparacio, Audio-Visual Club Director; Sabrina Donato, Yearbook; Maria Meyer, Yearbook; Linda Condreras, Photographer: Newspaper/Yearbook; Patricia Morgigno, School Store; Vickie Newell, Extra-Curricular Treasurer; David Gershfeld, Literary Magazine; Mary Kroll, Research Program; Brian Buonomo, Robotics Team; Edward Kozloski, Robotics Team; John Petraco, Robotics Team; Jessica Picone, National Honor Society; David Moglia, Media Coordinator; Maria Meyer, Newspaper (shared); Kimberly Peters, Newspaper (shared); Tina Schaefer, Newspaper (shared); David Moglia, Student Senate; Norman Wingert, Student Senate; James Kraiss, Director – Flag Team; James Kraiss, Director – Jazz Ensemble; James Kraiss, Director – Marching/Pep Band; David Kaufman, Jazz Lab; David Kaufman, Asst. Director – Marching/Pep Band; David Kaufman, All District Jazz; David Moglia, History Club (shared); Kevin Murphy, History Club (shared); David Kaufman, Tri-M Music Honor Society; David Kaufman, Music Club; Judith Hayes, Orchestra Club; Trish Portnoy, Future Business Leaders Club; Nancy Silvestrini, S.A.D.D.; JoAnn Posnanski, Library Club; Linda Marino, Art Club; Thomas Vitti, Gay-Straight Alliance; Athena Born, Foreign Language Honor Society; Melissa Russett, English Honor Society (shared); Virginia Scudder, English Honor Society (shared); Dawn Morgan, Business & Marketing Honor Society; Diana Saadat, Distribute Education Club of America; Salvatore Fiore, Cantata Club; Peter McAllister, Federal Reserve Challenge; Alexandra Dolce, Earth Club (shared); Kelly Sepe, Earth Club (shared). Beach Street Middle School: Jesse Fawess, Drama Director; Melissa Senatore, Drama Director; Jesse Fawess, Sets Director; Melissa Senatore, Costume & Make-up Director; Melissa Senatore, Musical Director (shared); Jesse Fawess, Musical Director (shared); Jesse Fawess, Literary Magazine; Maura Maynard, Newspaper; Donna Palminteri, Yearbook; Mitchel Luquer, Yearbook Photographer; Denise Radesky, Student Council; Tara Lee, Student Council; Heather Enright, National Junior Honor Society; Louis Lu, National Junior Honor Society; Lisa Braat, Mathletes; Jeannine Conaghan, Mathletes; Kevin McLoughlin, Audio-Visual Club Director; Denise Cain, School Store; James Stidd, Lego League; Thomas Larsen, Lego League; Lynn Larsen, Science Olympiad Team; Renee Aveli, Science Olympiad Team; Thomas Larsen, Science Olympiad Team; Deborah Harris, Home & Careers Club; Patricia Fauvell, Homework Help Club; Denise Ciangetti, Peer Mediation; Mitchel Luquer, Peer Mediation; Claudia Ramey, Peer Tutoring. Udall Road Middle School: Kimberly Crouch, Drama Director; Elaine Herman, Drama Director; William Eidenback, Musical Director; Nancy Silvestrini, Costume Director; Greg Ziems, Sets Design; Dina Barone, Student Council; Pam Diorio, Student Council; Edward McNamara, National Junior Honor Society; Michael Gural, Lego League; Michael Taranto, Lego League; Beth Crimi, Mathletes; Christina Hagijs, Mathletes; Brenda Mayo, Science Olympiad (Grade 6,7,8); Jaymee Gagliardi, Yearbook (shared); Jeanette Merola-Tamargo, Yearbook (shared); Jaymee Gagliardi, Yearbook Photographer; Pamela Diorio, Grade 6 Activities; Dina Barone, Grade 7/8 Activities; Karen Taylor, American Sign Language Club; Kristen Drake, Artist League; Kristine Hagens, Arts & Crafts Club; Deborah Pulitano, Current Events League; Judi Gardner, Home and Careers Club; MaryAnn Constantine, Grade 6 Homework Help Club; Pamela Kee, Grade 7/8 Homework Help Club; Jackie Wilson, Grade 7/8 Homework Help Club; Nicole Cagno-Angerame, Horticulture Club; Kimberly Crouch, Leadership

Club (Friends of Rachel's Club); Marc Wasserman, Unplugged. Bayview Elementary School: Katrina Faraci, Drama Director; Judith Warren, Study Buddy Club (shared); Linda Flandina, Study Buddy Club (shared); Erin McCaig, Book Club/Newspaper Club (shared); Kristina Rosenberg, Book Club/Newspaper Club (shared); Maureen Murphy, Garden Club (8-week club); Nicholas Grieco, Sports/Fitness Club (8-week club); Anna Staak, Community Service Club (8-week club); Denise DiLevo, Science Club (8-week club). Captree Elementary School: Paul Spinella, Drama Director; Susan Burkart, Board Game Club (shared); Patricia Chieffo, Board Game Club (shared); Justin DeMaio, Broadcasting Club (shared); Kimberly Kennedy, Broadcasting Club (shared); Kimberly Kennedy, Computer Club; Mary Robertson, Geography Club; Justin DeMaio, Safety Club. Manetuck Elementary School: Josephine Armetta, Computer Club Grade 3; Susan Marullo, Community Service Grades K-2 (shared); Kerri Ierardi, Community Service Grades K-2 (shared); Karen Busch, Gardening Grades K-2; Karen Busch, Gardening Grades 3-5; Karen Busch, Stamping Grades 3-5; Lori Smith, Geography Club; Thomas McGunnigle, Art Club Grade 5; Thomas McGunnigle, Art Club Grade 4. Oquenock Elementary School: Jean Cahill, Drama Director; Elizabeth Hudson, Drama Director; David Haas, CORPS Club; Michelle Bonkov, Homework Club; Patricia Heaton, Geography Club. Paul J. Bellew Elementary School: Kristin Grossi, Geography Club Grades 4 & 5; Dianna Grancagnolo, Bellew Cares and Shares (shared); Nancy Piccirilli, Bellew Cares and Shares (shared); Jeremy Garritano, Homework Club Grades K, 1 & 2; Dianna Grancagnolo, Homework Club Grades 3,4,5; Kristen Fawess, Computer Club Grades 2 & 3; Mary Stewart, Scrabble Club Grade 3; Christine Maniscalco, Battle of the Books Grade 4 (shared); Elisabeth Zamarelli, Battle of the Books Grade 4 (shared). Westbrook Elementary School: Staci Ansbach, School Store; Jill Culver, Art Club; Karen Desz, Safety Patrol; Celia Gottlieb, Book Club Grades 3, 4 & 5; MaryJane McGrath, Computer Club; Shane O'Neill, Geography Club; Deborah Throo, Fitness Club (shared); Kevin Lewis, Fitness Club (shared).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: 2008-2009 WINTER HIGH SCHOOL COACHES: Girls Basketball: Christopher Scharf, Varsity Coach; Aron Chizik, Assistant Varsity Coach; Jeremy Robertson, J.V. Coach; Denise Radesky, JV9 Coach. Boys Basketball: Tom Cross, Varsity Coach; Patrick Tunstead, Assistant Varsity Coach; James Grover, J.V. Coach; Richard Zeitler, JV9 Coach. Wrestling: John Sparacio, Varsity Coach; Nicholas LaGiglia, J.V./Assistant Varsity Coach; Tom Longobardi, JV2 Coach. Boys Swimming: Robert Kollar, Varsity Coach; KristiLee Schubert, Assistant Varsity Coach. Boys Bowling: Paul Vecchione, Varsity Coach. Girls Bowling: Tom Loudon, Varsity Coach. Boys Winter Track: Nick Grieco, Varsity Coach; Anthony Yuli, Assistant Varsity Coach. Girls Winter Track: Christopher Kaigh, Varsity Coach; Jessie Lynch, Assistant Varsity Coach. 2008-09 MIDDLE SCHOOL EARLY WINTER COACHES: Volleyball: Jim Klimkoski, 7-8 Udall Coach; Natalee Rubcewich, 7-8 Beach Coach. Boys Basketball: Brian Cameron, 7-8 Udall Coach; Tim Bauernfeind, 7-8 Beach Coach.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER (\$100 per diem): Melissa Abreu, effective September 16, 2008; Michele Anselmo, effective September 16, 2008; Laura Argenzio, effective September 18, 2008; *April Barr, effective September 16, 2008; Kristen Benish, effective September 18, 2008; Melissa Boot, effective September 24, 2008; *Sabrina Brunjes, effective September 18, 2008; Mary Cigliano, effective September 18, 2008; Kellie DeRosa, effective September 29, 2008; Adam Dworkin, effective October 6, 2008; Colleen Ferry, effective September 24, 2008; Patrick Foley, effective September 16, 2008; Allison Friedman, effective September 16, 2008; Mary Katherine Goldacker, effective September 26, 2008; Victor Guijarro, effective September 18, 2008; *Virginia Kramer, effective September 24, 2008; Stephen Lenowicz, effective October 10, 2008; Emily MacCary, effective September 16, 2008; Kelly Maier, effective September 18, 2008; Paula Mardini, effective September 18, 2008; Julie Monteserrato, effective September 29, 2008; Holly Montgomery, effective September 29, 2008; *Steve Muller, effective September 29, 2008; Brienne Ost, effective September 16, 2008; John Parrinello, effective September 24, 2008; Joseph Pazereckas, effective September 18, 2008; Jennifer Ripp, effective September 16, 2008; *Margaret McCandless, effective September 26, 2008; Sean Smith, effective September 18, 2008; *Daniel Sparby, effective September 29, 2008; Alison Sweeney, effective September 16, 2008; Julie Ann Throo, effective September 24, 2008; Shannon Marie Ticas, effective September 18, 2008; *Troy Turri, effective September 19, 2008; Rebecca Vena, effective September 18, 2008; Lauren Welch, effective September 15, 2008; Dr. Roberta Whitehorne, effective September 18, 2008; Allyson Wiggin, effective September 18, 2008; *Jamie Wood, effective September 16, 2008.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of reading textbooks for grades 4 and 5: *Literacy by Design*, as recommended by the Education Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: Mr. Gellar reported on the Finance Committee and Buildings and Grounds Committee joint meeting of 10/14/08. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Education Committee meeting of 10/7/08. Mrs. LaRosa reported on the Committee on Special Education/Preschool Special Education meeting of 10/14/08. The following committees did not meet: Policy Committee, School Board/Student Liaison Committee, Public Relations Committee, and Health and Wellness Committee.

The Treasurer's Report for August 2008 was presented. Beginning balance as of July 31, 2008 – \$11,115,007.51; ending balance as of August 31, 2008 – \$8,657,897.77.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

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Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Target to West Islip High School for \$1,558.32; Barbara Heine for bookcases and books; West Islip Soccer Club for \$4,320.00.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve payment to Brentwood UFSD of \$82,613.41 for Special Education services for one student for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Special Education Contracts for 2008-2009 as follows: All Metro Health Care; ACLD/Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities, Inc.; AHRC Suffolk – Association for the Help of Retarded Children; Karen Burkhard, MD; Bilinguals, Inc.; Developmental Disabilities Institute; The Devereux Foundation; Extended Care Health Services; Horizon Healthcare Staffing; Island Therapies; Andrew Kent, MD; Gayle E. Kligman Therapeutic Resources; Levittown Public Schools, Levittown, NY; Lindamood-Bell/Learning Processes; Little Flower UFSD, Wading River, NY; Metro Therapy, Inc.; St. James Tutoring, Inc.; Syosset Home Tutoring, Inc.; Top Grade; Variety Child Learning Center.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President G. Smith read a statement to the community concerning the vending machines.

The Board was provided with a copy of New York State School Boards Association – Proposed Bylaws and Amendments. Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to authorize Mrs. Bieselin to vote on behalf of the Board at the NYSSBA Convention.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Goals and Objectives – 2008-2009.

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve plans and specifications for bond issue projects as submitted by BBS to be submitted to the State Education Department.

One resident wished to speak during an "Invitation to the Public." Subject of concern has been recorded in the public participation log.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. on motion by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, 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.