

# **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

September 25, 2008 – High School  
President George Smith, Presiding

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:44 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Lori Annucci, Reading (Literacy Coach); effective October 6, 2008 – October 5, 2011 (District-wide; Step 4<sup>4</sup>).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS: Christine Kirkpatrick, Reading Teacher; effective October 14, 2008 – October 13, 2011 (Bayview; Step 1<sup>4</sup>).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PART-TIME APPOINTMENT: Joanne Macrelli, Business Teacher; effective September 4, 2008 – June 30, 2009 (High School/Udall; Step 1<sup>4</sup>; prorated at .6; replacing S. Wallace).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-REARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (unpaid) (Pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 – 12 week continuous medical coverage): Elyse Patti-McDonald, Foreign Language Teacher; effective September 22, 2008 – December 12, 2008 (Udall).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING ASSISTANT: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE APPOINTMENT: \*Shaun Johnson; effective September 16, 2008 – June 30, 2009 (High School; Step 1; replacing M. McNamee).

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: \*Robin Caselnova, Cafeteria Aide; effective September 17, 2008 (Step 1; Udall; replacing D. DellaMorte who resigned).

\*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

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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: REGULAR SUBSTITUTE: June Belyski, Teacher Aide; effective September 4, 2008 (Step 1; Beach Street; flow-through funds).

A discussion was held regarding the Renaming of Captree Elementary School after former superintendent Dr. Paul E. Kirdahy. Sixteen residents wished to speak on this topic and their concerns have been recorded in the public participation log. Motion was made by Mr. Bloom, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the name change from Captree Elementary School to Paul E. Kirdahy Elementary School at Captree.

A discussion was held among the board members and Mrs. Duffy regarding the Vending Machines in the district and an August 15, 2002 Agreement between Meadowbrook Distributing Corp. and West Islip Public Schools.

A discussion was held regarding the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 Goals and Objectives. Modifications will be made as discussed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Eastern Suffolk BOCES Contract of Cooperative Educational Services.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa to approve BBS Contract. Mr. W. Smith and Mr. Bloom questioned the revisions to the contract. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve BBS Contract

Motion was made by Mr. W. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with the Nurses.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Letter of Agreement – Lead Teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar to approve Resolution for Site Determination for Provision of Special Education Services to Five and Six Year Old Children with a Disability. Mrs. LaRosa inquired about the prior policy. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION: BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 200.6(m)(3) of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education of the West Islip Union Free School District wishes to determine the site where services will be provided to students, ages five to six years old, with a disability, whose parents have chosen to keep their child in preschool. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the West Islip Board of Education hereby determines that the child will be provided services in their "home school". Parents are responsible for transportation to and from this site.

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Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. W. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 10:20 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Motion was made by Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Memorandum of Agreement with WIASA.

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Gellar, 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.