

## ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 14, 2009 – High School

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Attorney: Mr. Volz

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Thomas Volz to incumbent board member, Steven Gellar, and to newly-elected board member, Michael Zotto. All board members read and signed the Statement of Assurances with regard to Board Policy 6110 – Code of Ethics for All District Personnel, as required by this policy.

Mr. Smith opened the floor for nominations for President. Mrs. Bieselín nominated Mr. Gellar, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa. There were no other nominations. Mr. Smith closed the floor for nominations. Motion to nominate Mr. Gellar for President was carried when all board members present voted in favor.

Mr. Gellar opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Mr. Smith nominated Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselín. There were no other nominations. Mr. Gellar closed the floor for nominations. Motion to nominate Mrs. LaRosa for Vice President was carried when all board members present voted in favor.

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Thomas Volz to President Steven Gellar and to Vice President Annmarie LaRosa.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

Mr. Gellar welcomed new board member, Mr. Zotto, and thanked Mr. Smith for his years of service as President of the Board of Education.

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

The following Board Committees/Liaisons were appointed:

Buildings & Grounds	Mrs. Bieselín, Mr. Bloom
Finance	Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich
Policy	Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Smith
Public Relations	Mrs. Bieselín, Mrs. LaRosa, Mr. Zotto
Education	Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa
Legislative Action	Mr. Gellar

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Liaison to Committee on Special Education	Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. LaRosa
Liaison to West Islip PTA Council	Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. LaRosa
NYSSBA Legislative Contact	Mr. Gellar
NYSSBA Convention Voting Delegate	Mrs. Biesel
School Board/Student Liaison	Mrs. Biesel, Mrs. LaRosa
Islip School Boards Association	Mr. Gellar, Mrs. LaRosa
Liaison to Health & Wellness	Mrs. Biesel, Mr. Zotto
Bond Project Advisory Committee	Mr. Smith, Mr. Ulrich

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Nicole Schiano as District Clerk for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of June Mellon as District Treasurer and Louis Zocchia as Deputy Treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Board of Registration: Anne Kuhlilm, Dorothy Nicholl, Lauralee Bennett, Virginia Jones; and alternates – Helen Schick, Rhonda Rauch for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to set amount of Treasurer's Bond at \$1,000,000.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to set amount of Internal Claims Auditor's Bond at \$1,000,000.00 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Robert Nocella as Purchasing Agent for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Deborah Falcon as Deputy Purchasing Agent for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Jeanne Koeper as Records Access Officer for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP as District Auditor for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Guercio and Guercio as Attorney/Legal Officer for District for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Chief/School Physicians for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Dr. Marc Cimmino, Chief School Physician; Dr. Tracy Onal; Dr. Robert A. Smolarz; Dr. Leonard P. Savino; L. Atkinson, RPA; Dr. Costa Constantatos; Dr. Jorge Monges; Joseph Tommasino, RPA; Dr. Robert J. Maccone; Dr. Jennifer Mingione; Dr. Ira Woletsky; and Dr. Paul Greenblatt.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa to approve Newspapers Designated to Carry Legal Notices. Mr. Bloom inquired about the cost of printing the legal notices and whether an online publication could be used. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Newspapers Designated to Carry Legal Notices for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: The Babylon Beacon and Newsday.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Depositories Designated for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Citibank, J.P. Morgan Chase, Capital One Bank, HSBC, CLASS, Bank of America, and Commerce Bank.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Committee on Special Education and Committee on Pre School Special Education/Alternates/Secretaries for the 2009-2010 school year (list included in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve reappointment of District Team – New Compact for Learning for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Mrs. Maria Pecorale, Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Luann Dunne, Secretarial Unit; Mr. Jerry Mangone, Local 424; Mrs. Theresa Shaw, PTA – High School; Mrs. Jennifer Smith, PTA – Middle School; Mrs. Cathy Bell, PTA – Elementary; To Be Named, Student Senate President; Dr. Beth V. Blau, Superintendent; Mrs. Dawn Morrison, WIASA – Elementary; Mr. Daniel Marquardt, WIASA – Middle School; Dr. Anthony Bridgeman, WIASA – High School; Mrs. Catherine Dolan-Stefanak, WITA – Middle School; Mr. Paul Perkurney, WITA – Elementary; Mr. Joseph Dixon, WITA – High School.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Health and Wellness Alliance Committee Members for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Sal Alaimo, Jennifer Alberg, Sarah Anker, Marybeth Bevan, Sharon Biesel, Dr. Beth Blau, Bernadette Broderick, Mary Louise Cairo, Angie Carpenter, Elizabeth DeSantis, Michelle Falco, JoAnn Hilbert, Tim Horan, Bernie Jones, Chris Kaigh, Jeanette Kreditor, Annmarie LaRosa, Wendy Loddigs, Jack Maniscalco, Lisa Martinolich, Shannon Mauro, Barbara McAteer, Maryanne McGrath, Terry McManus, Tricia Milet, Dawn Morrison, John Mullins, Sue O'Connor, Nicole Perperis, Ellen Quaglio, Susan Salus, Wayne Shierant, George Smith, Debbie Vertovez, Jamie Winkler, and Dr. Marc Cimmino – Chief School Physician.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of the following resolution and appointment of Impartial Hearing Officers for the 2009-2010 school year: WHEREAS, the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, Pursuant to Sections 207, 3214, 4403, 4404 and 4410 of the Education Law, Part 200, amended January 2007, Section 200.2(e) states that "the Board of Education or trustees of each school district shall establish a list of:" (1) The names and statement of the qualifications of each impartial hearing officer who is: (i) certified by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 200.1(x)(2) of this Part and; (ii) available to serve in the district in hearings conducted pursuant to Education Law section 4404(1). Appointment of impartial hearing officers pursuant to Education Law section 4404(1) shall be made only from such list and in accordance with the rotation selection process prescribed herein and the timelines and procedures in section 200.5(j) of this Part. Such names will be listed in alphabetical order. Selection from such list shall be made on a rotational basis beginning with the first name appearing after the impartial hearing officer who last served or, in the event no impartial hearing officer on the list has served, beginning with the first name appearing on such list. Should that impartial hearing officer decline appointment, or if, within 24 hours, the impartial hearing officer fails to respond or is unreachable after reasonable efforts by the district that are documented and can be independently verified, each successive impartial hearing officer whose name next appears on the list, shall be offered appointment, until such appointment is accepted. The name of any newly certified impartial hearing officer who is available to serve in the district shall be inserted into the list in alphabetical order (list included in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Dates/building site for the 2009-2010 regular and planning session meetings of West Islip Board of Education (list included in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Gellar, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to set date/time for 2010 West Islip High School Commencement Exercises as Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of the following resolution re: Federal Funded Programs: BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Board grants authority for the 2009-10 school year for the West Islip Union Free School District (West Islip Public Schools) to participate in an ECIA Chapter I Program developed to provide instructional activities and services for the educationally disadvantaged students who reside in said school district under available Federal funds; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction be designated as Coordinator of Federal Programs; or the other designee determined by the Superintendent of Schools and that, the Superintendent of Schools, be authorized to represent the Board of Education in making application for any and all federal funds and the supervision thereof.

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve adoption of resolution re: District's Food Services for 2009-2010 appointment of Long Island School Food Service Directors Association Cooperative Bid Committee (resolution included in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources as Title IX Compliance Officer for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Instructional Review Committee for the 2009-2010 school year as follows: Bernadette Burns, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction (as of 8/3/09); Daniel Marquardt, Secondary Principal; Dawn Morrison, Elementary Principal; To be named as appropriate, Program Director; Anne Bean, Library-Media Specialist; Tina Schaeffer, Secondary Teacher; Christina Kruer, Elementary Teacher; Mary Howard, Community Member.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Jeanne Koeper as person authorized to accept service re: subpoenas, lawsuits, etc. for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Board of Education as Audit Committee for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve appointment of Nawrocki Smith LLP as Internal Auditor for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Cell Phone Usage as per Board Policy 5570 (list included in supplemental file).

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m. on motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, 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.