

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

July 14, 2009 – High School
President Steven Gellar, Presiding

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:56 p.m., followed by the Pledge.

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

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 11, 2009, the minutes of the Planning Session of June 24, 2009, the minutes of the Public Hearing on June 25, 2009, and the minutes of the Planning Session on June 25, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Edward Jablonski, Social Studies Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to September 2, 2011 (High School; Step 2⁴; replacing R. Timpson {retired}).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Nancy Silvestrini, Family and Consumer Science Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to September 2, 2012 (Udall; Step 5⁴; replacing M. Garbarino {retired}).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHANGE OF STATUS (Full time to part-time appointment): Shanan Mauro, Health Teacher; effective September 3, 2009 to June 30, 2010 (Udall; Step 4⁴; prorated at .6 {due to declining enrollment}).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: RETIREMENT: Christine Boris, Library Media Specialist; effective December 31, 2009 (24.5 years).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve TEACHING: CHILD-BEARING LEAVE OF ABSENCE (paid): Ann Barry, English Teacher; effective August 5, 2009 (High School).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: John Batkiewicz, Custodial Worker I; effective July 1, 2009 (Step 1; Beach Street; replacing D. Cronin who is now a groundskeeper; he replaced A. Moschetto who is now a head custodian at Captree; he replaced T. McCarthy who resigned).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Lisa Daly, Part-Time Food Service Worker; effective September 3, 2009 (Step 1; Bayview; replacing T. Magro who is now an assistant cook; she replaced J. French who retired).

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: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Diane Greene, Cafeteria Aide; effective September 3, 2009 (Step 2; Captree; replacing D. Sullivan who was an enrichment aide/cafeteria aide).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Denise Radesky, Preferred Substitute; effective September 3, 2009 (High School; newly budgeted position).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT: Rosemary White; Cafeteria Aide; effective September 3, 2009 (Step 5; Oquenock; replacing C. Phelps will be a substitute bus driver).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: RESIGNATION: Rosemary White, Special Ed Aide; effective June 26, 2009 (Bayview).

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: Diane Greene, Special Education Aide; effective June 26, 2009 (Beach Street).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: EXCESSED: Daniel Sparby, Special Education Aide; effective June 26, 2009 (Captree).

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: Raymond Baldwin, Bus Driver; effective September 2, 2009 (Transportation; change from a substitute bus driver; replacing D. Wolfe who retired).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Diane McKeon, Cafeteria Aide; effective September 3, 2009 (Step 2; Oquenock; replacing D. Scherer who was an enrichment aide/cafeteria aide; will be a full-time special education aide).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: CHANGE IN TITLE: Christine Phelps, Full-Time Substitute Bus Driver; effective September 2, 2009 (Transportation; change from a 3-hour bus matron and a 3-hour cafeteria aide; replacing R. Baldwin who is now a full-time bus driver; he replaced D. Wolfe who retired).

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 CUSTODIAN (\$9.75/HR): Rory Brosnan, effective July 3, 2009; Ralph Fabrizio, effective July 3, 2009; Dominic Safina, effective July 3, 2009; *William H. Long, effective July 15, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE NURSE (\$100 per diem): Margaret Nugent, effective September 8, 2009; *Bernadette Tretola, effective September 8, 2009; Laura Vassallo, effective September 8, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE (\$9.75/HR): Maribeth Siskind, effective June 5, 2009.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUBSTITUTE TEACHER: (\$100 per diem): Krista Briggs, effective September 8, 2009, student teacher; Tara Castagna, effective September 3, 2009; John Csikortos, effective September 8, 2009, student teacher; Heather DeBlasio, effective September 8, 2009, student teacher; *Megan Larsen, effective September 8, 2009, student teacher; Erica Menzer, effective September 3, 2009; Rebecca Mori, effective September 8, 2009, student teacher; Yianna Petroustas, effective September 8, 2009, student teacher.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER SCHOOL FACULTY – July 6 to August 11, 2009: English Teachers - \$2,465 per class for a full session: Lynn McVeety, West Islip teacher (2 classes); Tracy Pisano, 2008 summer school teacher (2 classes). Social Studies Teachers - \$2,465 per class for a full session: Edward Jablonski, West Islip teacher (2 classes); Michael LaCova, West Islip teacher (1 class); Karone Luquer, West Islip substitute teacher (1 class). Social Studies Teacher - \$888 Regents Review: David Moglia, West Islip teacher (1 class). Science Teachers - \$2,465 per class for a full session: Alexandra Dolce, West Islip teacher (1 class); Brian Haldenwang, West Islip teacher (2 classes). Science Teachers - \$888

*Conditional Pending Fingerprint Clearance

Regents Review: John Hulsman, West Islip teacher (1 class); Linda Tong, West Islip teacher (2 classes). Mathematics Teachers - \$2,465 per class for a full session: Nash Birnholz, 2008 summer school teacher (1 class); James Grover, West Islip teacher (1 class); Louis Lu, West Islip teacher (1 class); Donna Mazur, West Islip substitute (1 class + Math packets); Jaclyn Polisi, (new) resume attached (2 classes). Mathematics Teachers - \$888 Regents Review: Nash Birnholz, 2008 summer school teacher (1 class); Danielle Griffin, West Islip teacher (1 class); James Grover, West Islip teacher (1 class); Louis Lu, West Islip teacher (1 class). Substitutes - \$56.02 per hour: Anthony Abbate, previous summer school teacher (Science); Maria Carurso previous summer school teacher (Mathematics); Linda Gifford, West Islip teacher (English); Diana Simulcik, previous summer school teacher (Social Studies).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: COORDINATOR OF ADULT EDUCATION: Lawrence Kazemier (\$3,721 per semester).

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel in to approve OTHER: COORDINATOR OF ENRICHMENT PROGRAM. Mrs. LaRosa inquired about the attendance of the program. After a brief discussion, motion was carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: COORDINATOR OF ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: Lawrence Kazemier (\$1,687 per semester).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel in, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: DISTRICT-WIDE PRINTING SERVICES: John Zuhoski (\$18,367 per year).

Motion was made by Mrs. LaRosa, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve OTHER: SUMMER SPECIAL EDUCATION ESY SERVICES: Aides (hourly rate): Tara Castagna (1:1) \$15.42 per hour; Freida Matos (class) \$17.66 per hour. Substitute Aide (hourly rate): Tara Miller \$9.75 per hour.

REPORT OF BOARD COMMITTEES: There were no board committee meetings for July.

The Treasurer's Report for May 2009 was presented. Beginning balance as of April 30, 2009 – \$22,997,732.51; ending balance as of May 31, 2009 – \$24,483,319.85.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel in, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve budget transfers for the 2008-2009 school year and the 2009-2010 school year, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel in, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Contract with Guercio & Guercio for the 2009-2010 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve Days of Religious Observance for 2009-2010 (used for calculating daily attendance for SA-19): October 3, 2009 – Sukkoth; December 8, 2009 – Immaculate Conception; April 6, 2010 – Final Day of Pesach; May 13, 2010 – Ascension; May 19, 2010 – Shavuot.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following donations, with thanks: Lowe's Heroes to Beach Street MS for \$1,200.00; West Islip Soccer Club to Udall R. MS for \$2,275.00; PAWS Grant Funds for \$33,463.00 (Table Saw, \$3,799, Brian Buonomo/High School Technology; Circuit Step! Heart Monitors, \$5,576, Vanessa Lillis/Kirdahy at Captree; Smart Board, \$3,392, Marie DeMarco/Oquenock; Bookshelves and Carts, \$3,308, M. Bonkov and T. Dragelin/Oquenock; Santeo Student Response System, \$1,842, Pam Kee/Udall Road Middle School; Portable Smart Board, \$3,187, Jim Gilmartin/High School Social Studies; Portable Smart Board, \$2,587, Rhonda Pratt/Bayview; Discovery Program, \$7,752, Vivian Hollinger/Grades 3-5; Multi-Video Camera, \$1,020, Cathy Marro/Udall Road Middle School; Recycling, \$1,000 {pending}, Diana Lashinsky/High School).

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 equipment: 1990 GMC Van, AEG Olympia Typewriter.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following Special Education contracts: Bay Shore UFSD for the 2007-2008 school year, Lindenhurst UFSD for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve foster tuition payment: William Floyd UFSD for the 2007-2008 school year.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Bieselin, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Windows – awarded to Arrow Steel Window Corp.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Ulrich, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid: Athletic Uniforms – awarded to Port Jefferson Sports.

Motion was made by Mrs. Bieselin, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bids: Bagels – awarded to Lorden Bagels for \$2,300.00; Bread – awarded to Modern Italian Bakery for \$12,357.67; Dairy – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$316.86, Savory Foods for \$2,331.55, TA Morris for \$2,042.00; Dishwasher Supplies – awarded to Ecolab for \$234.78; Frozen Foods – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$10,104.46, Savory Foods for \$2,758.66, TA Morris for \$38,432.34; Grocery – awarded to Cookies

and More for \$114.30, Driscoll Foods for \$4,720.44, Savory Foods for \$4,004.93, TA Morris for \$1,541.40; Ice Cream with Equipment – awarded to Circusman Ice Cream for \$5,860.00; Meat – awarded to Driscoll Foods for \$6,279.76, Flynn’s Provisions for \$370.10, TA Morris for \$6,884.28; Paper – awarded to APPCO Paper & Plastics Corp. for \$17,484.20, Borax for \$1,770.55, Driscoll Foods for \$2,386.04; Snacks – awarded to Cookies and More for \$17,865.43, Driscoll Foods for \$2,418.04, Jaybee Distributors for \$8,402.07, MAKKO of Brooklyn Foods for \$1,324.00, McKee Foods for \$646.92, Savory Foods for \$422.82, TA Morris for \$1,232.82.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid extension: Snow Removal and Ice Control – awarded to Stang Landscaping Corp.

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve the following bid extension: Maintenance and Service Pneumatic and DDC Control Systems – awarded to Cardinal Control Systems, Inc.

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve RESOLUTION: INCREASE BUDGET: WHEREAS, the West Islip Union Free School District is in receipt of donated funds in the amount of \$26,576.01 which have been donated for the purpose of purchasing supplies and programs for the benefit of the students of the West Islip schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby authorizes the appropriation budget for the 2008/2009 school year to be increased by \$26,576.01 to \$99,723,885.01 (account code detail in supplemental file).

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve, subject to inclusion of attorney-approved changes, RESOLUTION: Whereas, the Board of Education has previously adopted and entered into a Services Agreement with OMNI Financial Group (“OMNI”) as a third-party administrator (TPA) to implement and administer the District’s 403(b) plan. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Education hereby approves the 2009-2010 Services Agreement and authorizes the President of the Board of Education to execute said Services Agreement.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Mr. Gellar wished happy birthday to Mrs. Duffy.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Biesel, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve 403-b Memorandums of Agreement.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to approve resolution: BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Policy 2320 – Attendance by Board Members at Conferences, Conventions and Workshops, the West Islip Union Free School District hereby delegates the power to the President of the Board of Education to authorize attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, etc. for the 2009-2010 school year.

OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION: Mr. Bloom mentioned that Good Samaritan Hospital will be holding a meeting to discuss a proposition to modify their parking lot, which would result in the loss of a bike path that currently leads to Bayview Elementary School. He urged community members to write letters to the Town on this issue. Mr. Bloom also commended Mr. Smith for the manner in which he has conducted himself as Board President and noted that he is exceptional in dealing with issues in a calm, collected manner.

Dr. Blau notified the community that the Lion's Path entrance to the High School will be closed due to construction work. Additional information will be available on the district's website.

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

Motion was made by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

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: Andrew O'Farrell, Principal; effective August 17, 2009 – August 16, 2012 (\$125,638 annual salary; Beach).

Motion was made by Mr. Ulrich, seconded by Mrs. LaRosa, and carried when all board members present voted in favor to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations, and/or litigation.

Meeting reconvened at 9:50 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, seconded by Mr. Smith, and carried when all board members present voted in favor.

A discussion was held regarding the work related to the bond issue and the closing of the main entrance to the High School

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Biesel, 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.