Western Suffolk BOCES

October 28, 2026
Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Start Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Central Administrative Office

Roll Call – (Attendees Noted by District Clerk)
Present were:

Board Members

- Brian J. Sales, (President)
- Ilene Herz, Esq. (Vice President)
- Peter Wunsch (via videoconference)
- Jeannette Santos (via videoconference)

BOCES Staff

- Michael Flynn (Chief Operating Officer)
- Valeria Balbuca Orellana (District Clerk)

Absent

- Larry Levin, Interim District Superintendent
- Debbie Adams-Kaden
- Josephine Martino
- Robert Scheid

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Special Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Mr. Sales.

Visitors: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mr. Sales invited anyone present in the audience who wished to address the Board to please step forward and state their name and address. No one present wished to address the Board.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Personnel

Instructional Personnel

Mrs. Herz moved and Mr. Sales seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Instructional Personnel matters, agenda item 4.1.1 as follows:

All Instructional Personnel matters listed on the 1-page Instructional Report dated October 28, 2026 (Encl. 4.1.1) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Approval to Execute Emergency Food Service Management Contract [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz seconded by Mr. Wunsch, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for the Board of Education President and Chief Operating Officer to execute an Emergency Food Service Management Contract between the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Second Supervisory District, Suffolk County, New York and Whitsons Culinary Group:

RESOLUTION authorizing the Board of Education President and Chief Operating Officer to execute an Emergency Food Service Management Contract between the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Second Supervisory District, Suffolk County, New York and Whitsons Culinary Group

WHEREAS, the sudden resignation of the current School Lunch Manager has created a vacancy that cannot be filled on a timely basis through the Civil Service system; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the vacancy is best covered through the execution of a contract for emergency food service management with Whitsons Culinary Group, and

WHEREAS, prompt execution of this agreement is necessary to respond to the emergency nature created by the aforesaid vacancy,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the review and approval of legal counsel, the Board of Education President and Chief Operating Officer of Western Suffolk BOCES are hereby authorized to execute the necessary contract for a Food Service Management Services.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 5.1 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:18 p.m. there being no items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos.

Valeria Balbuca

Valeria Balbuca Orellana
District Clerk