



October 12, 2021

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 12, 2021

State Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Central Administrative Office

Roll Call – (Attendees Noted by District Clerk)

Present were:

Board Members

- Jeannette Santos (President)
- Ilene Herz, Esq. (Vice President)
- Mary Ellen Cunningham
- James Kaden
- Brian J. Sales
- Peter Wunsch
- Maryann Zumpano

BOCES Staff

- Michael Flynn (Chief Operating Officer)
- Angelique Johnson-Dingle (District Superintendent)
- Warren Taylor (Chief Financial Officer)
- Dr. Hugh Gigante, (Exec. Dir. Personnel)
- Nancy Fischetti (Public Relations Director)

- Joanne Klein (District Clerk)
- Nancy Kelsey (Exec. Dir. Career and Tech. Education)
- Nancy Wilson (Exec. Dir. Special Education)
- Lorraine Hein (Director of Business)
- Staff Members

Absent

- Nancy Kelsey
- Lorraine Hein

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board President, Mrs. Santos.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the performance of three particular employees and ongoing negotiations was made by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mr. Kaden. At 7:02 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular Meeting on motion made Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mr. Kaden.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Board resumed at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Santos led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mrs. Santos 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.

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting – September 14, 2021

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021 were approved unanimously on motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mr. Wunsch.

Program Presentation

Western Suffolk BOCES Goals

Special Education – Nancy Wilson, Executive Director, Special Education spoke of the division’s goals for this school year. Some of the goals included:

- To facilitate collegial circles for teachers in the Itinerant program for Related Services/ENL.
- To provide and conduct SEPTA meetings monthly in a virtual format at the JEA Jr/Sr HS.
- To achieve a graduation rate of 90% or greater for eligible Special Education students in Regents-level secondary programs.

Career and Technical Education – Mr. Flynn mentioned Nancy Kelsey, Executive Director, Career and Technical Education unfortunately was unable to attend this Board meeting.

Division of Instructional Support Services – Angelique Johnson-Dingle, District Superintendent, reported the Division of Instructional Support goals for the 2021/22 school year. Some of the goals encompass the following:

- To expand the number of professional development consultants to support in person, hybrid and remote learning needs.
- To provide opportunities to increase awareness and implementation of the Computer Science Standards.
- To collaborate with ES BOCES and Nassau BOCES to offer a full-day School Library Systems Regional Institute.

Mr. Kaden inquired about the goals for determining learning loss due to the COVID-19 pandemic and students adjusting. The Board further discussed learning loss due to the pandemic.

Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Revised Treasurer’s Report indicating balances in the various financial accounts as of July 31, 2021. (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

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Claims Auditor's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Report of the Claims Auditor from September 8, 2021 to October 1, 2021 for expenditures totaling \$53,005,265.82. (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

District Superintendent – Comments/Events

Mrs. Johnson-Dingle welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and discussed briefly the following topics:

- NYSED Updates
- Regents Examinations
- Regional Virtual Program

Chief Operating Officer Report – Comments/Events

Award of Grants – Mr. Flynn noted the Award of Grants for the School Library System and Recovery High School. Mr. Flynn discussed approval has finally be received for the operation of a Recovery High School.

2021/22 Annual Attendance Report – Mr. Flynn discussed the 2021/22 Strategies to Improve Student Attendance and discussed the detailed report. The ongoing pandemic continues to challenge schools in many ways. The full impact may never be fully measured. We are committed to bringing the students back into classes.

School Board Recognition – October 18 – October 22, 2021 is School Board Appreciation Week. Mr. Flynn mentioned letters and certificates were mailed to all of the WS BOCES component school board members. Mr. Flynn acknowledged the WS BOCES Board members decisions are well thought out on behalf of administration of staff and students. The Board of Education was presented with a cookbook comprised of recipes from the CTE students and staff. In addition, the Board was presented with a wooden oven push/pull stick crafted by the carpentry students and a bookmark from the skills students of Manor Plains. Mr. Flynn thanked the Board for all the good they do for the students. We are fortunate to have a supportive Board.

Mrs. Santos thanked staff for their hard work.

Annual Board Dinner – December 2, 2021 – Mr. Flynn advised that decision has been made to cancel the Western Suffolk BOCES Annual Board Dinner. With COVID-19 still present, the health and safety of students, staff and attendees are of concern.

Chief Financial Officer – Update of Capital Projects

Mr. Taylor updated the Board on the Report of Capital Projects and stated many projects are in design. Mr. Taylor referred to the report and spoke about the various capital projects. Mr. Taylor also mentioned a large number of

projects are in design and five projects have been submitted to NYSED.

Mrs. Herz and Mr. Taylor discussed the pros and cons concerning LED lighting.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Business Administration Matters

Approval of Budget Adjustments October 2021/22

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mr. Wunsch, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2021/22 budget adjustments/transfers for October 2021 in the following programs:

Encumbrances/Deferred Revenue
Secondary Occupational Education
Encumbrances/Deferred Revenue
SLS – Aid for Automation

Center for Learning Technology
Supplemental Services
Multi-Year Appropriations
Recovery High School

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.1 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval of Bid Awards

The members of the Board reviewed the bid analysis presented by the Chief Operating Officer. Mrs. Herz moved, Mr. Wunsch seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as listed on the schedule dated October 12, 2021.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.2 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization to Participate in Omnia Partners [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mr. Wunsch, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Participate in Omnia Partners as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 103 of the General Municipal Law permits Western Suffolk BOCES to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies or contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies through the use of a contract let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other county, political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with this section and made

available for use by other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES, based on the authority granted in General Municipal Law, Article 5A (Public Contracts), Section 103, desires to participate in Omnia Partners, Contract #R190201 Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Anatomy Instructional Supplies & Services, for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions; and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has reviewed the benefits of participating in this program and an analysis is performed, and based on this review which is in accordance with the General Municipal Law, has concluded that participation in the program could result in savings to Western Suffolk BOCES;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES is authorized to participate in Omnia Partners Contract #R190201 Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Anatomy Instructional Supplies & Services and that the Board President and/or the Chief Operating Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate participation in Omnia Partners, Contract #R190201 Chemistry, Biology, Physics and Anatomy Instructional Supplies & Services.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.3 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Resolution to Participate in Three Village Central School District Bid #B20-003 for: Automatic Temperature Control Service and Repair [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mr. Wunsch, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution to Participate in Three Village Central School District Bid #B20-003 for: Automatic Temperature Control Service and Repair as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 103 of the General Municipal Law permits Western Suffolk BOCES to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies or contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies through the use of a contract let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other county, political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with this section and made available for use by other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES, based on the authority granted in General Municipal Law, Article 5A

(Public Contracts), Section 103, desires to participate in Three Village Central School District Bid #B20-003 for Automatic Temperature Control Service & Repair, for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions; and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has reviewed the benefits of participating in this program and an analysis is performed, and based on this review which is in accordance with the General Municipal Law, has concluded that participation in the program could result in savings to Western Suffolk BOCES;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES is authorized to participate in Three Village Central School District Bid #B20-003 for Automatic Temperature Control Service & Repair, and that the Board President and/or the Chief Operating Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate participation in Three Village Central School District Bid #B20-003 for Automatic Temperature Control Service & Repair.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Personnel

Instructional Personnel

Mr. Kaden moved, Mrs. Zumpano seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Instructional Personnel matters, agenda items 9.2.1 as follows:

All Instructional personnel matters listed on the 7-page Instructional Report dated October 12, 2021 (Encl. 9.2.1) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Supplementary Services

Mr. Kaden moved, Mrs. Zumpano seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Supplementary Services, agenda items 9.2.2 as follows:

All items listed on the 10-page Supplementary Services Report dated October 12, 2021 (Encl. 9.2.2) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Non-Instructional Personnel

Mr. Kaden moved, Mrs. Zumpano seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Non-Instructional Personnel matters, agenda items 9.2.3 as follows:

All Non-Instructional Personnel matters listed on the 3-page Non-Instructional Report dated October 12, 2021 (Encl. 9.2.3) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Adoption of Salary Increase for Central Office Administrator [R]

On motion by Mr. Kaden, seconded by Mrs. Zumpano, the Board voted unanimously for Adoption of Salary Increase for Central Office Administrator as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, New York is required by the employment agreement between the Board and the District Superintendent to annually review the salary of the District Superintendent, and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the salary for the District Superintendent should be adjusted and that the Board has the authority to do so pursuant to Ed Law 1950(2)(a)(4);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the salary increase in the amount of \$9,050.00 shall be approved for Angelique Johnson-Dingle effective October 18, 2021.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.2.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Other Action Items

Approval of Disposition of Surplus Property [R]

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Disposition of Surplus Property on motion of Mr. Sales, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has certain equipment and materials which have been deemed surplus or obsolete and are of no use to Western Suffolk BOCES; and

WHEREAS, these items have also been deemed to have no resale value and have been declared valueless; and

WHEREAS, according to Policy #4420, no surplus property may be disposed of without the recommendation and

authorization of the District Superintendent, or his designee, and the approval of the Board;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the disposition of this surplus property as listed on the attached.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.1 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization to Accept Donated Equipment and Supplies [R]

On motion of Mr. Sales, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Accept Donated Equipment and Supplies as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from Theresa Imperato, 4 Osage Drive, Huntington Station, NY 11746 donate one (1) 2001 PT Cruiser Vin Number 3CAFY4BB81T253609 to be used by the students attending the Auto Tech Program at Wilson Tech Northport Campus, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from William and Georgette France, 60 Lucinda Drive, Babylon NY 11702 to donate \$1,500 to support the Music Department at JEA Elementary School, Dix Hills, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES students would benefit from these donations, and

WHEREAS, according to Policy #4420, all donations of equipment, materials and property shall be presented to the Board for acceptance, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves the acceptance of the donated supplies and equipment as listed above.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.2 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Resolution for Authorization of an Agreement Between Western Suffolk BOCES and Outreach New York [R]

On motion of Mr. Sales, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution for Authorization of an Agreement Between Western Suffolk BOCES and Outreach New York as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received a State grant to support the operation of a new Recovery High School program for the students with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD); and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES will be providing educational services as well as Substance Use Disorder (SUD) clinical and support services in a Recovery High School program at the request of participating school districts; and

WHEREAS, in order to offer the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) clinical and support services to enrolled students and their families, it is necessary to contract with Outreach New York which will provide these services;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Operating Officer is authorized to execute an agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and Outreach New York for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.3 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:48 p.m. there being no further business items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Zumpano and seconded by Mr. Wunsch

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDEES
10/24/21-10/26/21	NYSSBA 102 nd Annual Convention and Education Expo, <i>Virtual Event</i>	B. Sales, J. Santos
4/2/22 - 4/4/22	National School Boards Association Convention, Sat. – Mon., San Diego	

Enclosures:

Notification Sent to Staff, *September 17, 2021*
Notification Sent to Staff, *September 24, 2021*
Notification Sent to Staff, *October 1, 2021*
Notification Sent to Staff, *October 8, 2021*
Memorandum to Staff, *September 22, 2021*
Newsday Article, *September 27, 2021*
Class of 2020, "*Success After Tech*"
EAP Pathways, *October 2021*
EAP Pathways, *Supervisors, October 2021*
NYSSBA Update, *September 19, 2021*
NYSSBA Update, *September 26, 2021*
NYSSBA Update, *October 3, 2021*
NYSSBA Area Director Update, *October 1, 2021*
N-SSBA Newsletter, *October 2021*
Separation Notifications
Sick & Vacation Balances – Unrepresented Staff
2021-22 Updated Western Suffolk BOCES Component District Superintendents
Sympathy Card



Joanne Klein
District Clerk