



**April 12, 2022**

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Central Administrative Office

**Welcome, Call to Order – Mrs. Jeannette Santos**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Western Suffolk BOCES Board President, Mrs. Santos.

**Annual Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2021**

Mrs. Santos, Board President acknowledged the previously approved minutes from the Annual Meeting of April 13, 2021.

**Members of Cooperative Board**

Mrs. Santos welcomed all to the meeting. Mrs. Santos announced the names of the three candidates seeking election to the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education, Mrs. Ilene Herz, Esq., Half Hollow Hills School District, Mr. Brian Sales, Copiague School District and Mrs. Maryann Zumpano, Smithtown School District.

Mrs. Santos introduced the members of the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education; Mrs. Mary Ellen Cunningham, Mrs. Ilene Herz, Mr. James Kaden, Mr. Brian Sales, Mr. Peter Wunsch and Mrs. Maryann Zumpano.

**Meet-the-Candidates for Election to the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES**

Mrs. Santos stated there are three at-large Board of Education seats vacant for the upcoming year on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board. Mrs. Santos mentioned there are three nominees who are seeking re-election to the BOCES Board of

Education. Mrs. Ilene Herz Mr. Brian Sales and Mrs. Zumpano are incumbent Board members seeking re-election to the BOCES Board.

Mrs. Santos invited Mrs. Herz to address the audience. Mrs. Herz mentioned how BOCES never ceases to amaze her and she is honored to be a part of a Board of Education that does great work for the students it serves.

Mrs. Santos thanked Mrs. Herz and introduced the next candidate seeking re-election to the BOCES Board of Education, Mr. Brian Sales.

Mr. Sales discussed it is a honor to serve on the Board of Education and it is a privilege to be a part of a great organization.

Mrs. Santos thanked Mr. Sales and introduced the third candidate seeking re-election to the BOCES Board of Education, Mrs. Maryann Zumpano.

Mrs. Zumpano mentioned this will be her 27<sup>th</sup> year serving as a Board of Education member and she has enjoyed supporting the students with the wonderful work done at Western Suffolk BOCES.

Mrs. Santos thanked Mrs. Zumpano

Candidates listed in alphabetical order:

Mrs. Ilene Herz, Esq. 63 Hunting Hill Drive, Dix Hills, NY, has been nominated for re-election by formal action of the Boards of Education of the Amityville UFSD, Babylon UFSD, Cold Spring Harbor CSD, Commack UFSD, Copiague UFSD, Elwood UFSD, Half Hollow Hills CSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, North Babylon UFSD, Smithtown CSD, South Huntington UFSD and West Babylon UFSD.

Mr. Brian Sales, 333 Lagoon Drive South, Copiague NY, has been nominated for re-election by formal action of the Boards of Education of the Amityville UFSD, Babylon UFSD, Cold Spring Harbor CSD, Commack UFSD, Copiague UFSD, Elwood UFSD, Half Hollow Hills CSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, North Babylon UFSD, Smithtown CSD, South Huntington UFSD and West Babylon UFSD.

Mrs. Maryann Zumpano, 198 Jefferson Avenue, Bldg. B. Apt. 1A, St. James, NY, has been nominated for re-election by formal action of the Boards of Education of the Amityville UFSD, Babylon UFSD, Cold Spring Harbor CSD, Commack UFSD, Copiague UFSD, Elwood UFSD, Half Hollow Hills CSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, North Babylon UFSD, Smithtown

CSD, South Huntington UFSD and West Babylon UFSD.

**Question & Answer Period for the Audience Concerning the Board Candidates**

No one present in the audience had questions concerning the Board candidates.

**Introduction of the Central Administration Staff**

Mr. Flynn welcomed the Board and all in attendance to the Annual Meeting. Mr. Flynn introduced the Central Administrative staff; Nancy Kelsey, Executive Director – Career and Technical Education, Nancy Wilson, Executive Director – Special Education, Warren Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Hugh Gigante, Executive Director – Personnel and Nancy Fischetti, Public Relations Director. Mr. Flynn welcomed back, Mrs. Paula Klingelhofer who will be serving as Interim Director, Division of Instructional Support Services. Mr. Flynn stated it is a privilege to work with such talented individuals.

**BOCES Annual Meeting Letter from the NYSED Commissioner**

Mr. Flynn acknowledged and spoke briefly about the letter received from Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa of the NY State Education Department regarding the BOCES Annual Meeting.

**Western Suffolk BOCES Component School Districts – 2021-22 Expenditures & Estimated BOCES State Aid for WSB Services**

Mr. Flynn spoke briefly regarding the 2021-22 Expenditures and Estimated BOCES State Aid for WS BOCES services.

**Administrative, Capital & Program 2022-23 Budgets**

Mr. Flynn gave a PowerPoint presentation and discussed the administrative, capital and program budgets for the 2022-23 school year.

At the conclusion of Mr. Flynn’s presentation, Mr. Kaden raised concern of the property tax cap and the rising inflation rate and the effect this will have on school districts.

Mrs. Cunningham mentioned as the newest Board member on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board, the PowerPoint presentation was very understandable and acknowledged the hard work to make the PowerPoint so comprehensive.

**Question & Answer Period for the Audience Concerning the BOCES Budget**


Mr. Flynn asked if there were any questions. Since there was no other discussion Mr. Flynn thanked everyone for attending the Annual Meeting.

**2020-21 BOCES Report Card**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2020-21 BOCES Report Card recently submitted to the New York State Education Department.

**Adjournment**

At 8:06 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Zumpano and the Annual meeting was adjourned.



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Joanne Klein  
District Clerk