



April 13, 2021

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Start Time: 7:28 p.m.

Location: Wheatley Heights Conference Center

Welcome, Call to Order – Mrs. Jeannette Santos

The meeting was called to order at 7:28 p.m. by Western Suffolk BOCES Board President, Mrs. Santos.

Annual Meeting Minutes – April 7, 2020

Mrs. Santos, Board President acknowledged the previously approved minutes from the Annual Meeting of April 7, 2020.

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. Mary Ellen Cunningham, Lindenhurst School District, Mr. James Kaden, South Huntington School District and Mr. Joseph Savaglio, Harborfields School District.

Mrs. Santos introduced the members of the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education; Mrs. Ilene Herz, Mr. James Kaden, Mr. Peter Wunsch and Mrs. Maryann Zumpano. Mrs. Santos noted Mr. Sales was unable to attend the Annual Meeting due to a meeting conflict.

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

Mrs. Santos stated there are two 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 election/re-election to the BOCES

Board of Education. Mr. James Kaden is an incumbent Board member seeking re-election to the BOCES Board. Mrs. Cunningham and Mr. Savaglio are seeking election to the BOCES Board.

Mrs. Santos invited Mrs. Cunningham to address the Board. Mrs. Cunningham spoke of her years of Board service, experience and accomplishments she has achieved. Mrs. Santos thanked Mrs. Cunningham and introduced the next candidate seeking re-election to the BOCES Board, Mr. James Kaden.

Mr. Kaden introduced himself and addressed the Board. Mr. Kaden discussed his years of Board service, experience and his background in finance. Mrs. Santos thanked Mr. Kaden and introduced the third candidate seeking election to the BOCES Board, Mr. Joseph Savaglio.

Mr. Savaglio introduced himself and addressed the Board. Mr. Savaglio spoke of his years of Board service, experiences and his background in finance. Mrs. Santos thanks Mr. Savaglio.

Candidates listed in alphabetical order:

Ms. Mary Ellen Cunningham, 835 Canal Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, has been nominated by formal action of the Board of Education of the Lindenhurst UFSD.

Mr. James Kaden, 6 Fairview Lane, Huntington Station, NY 11746, has been nominated by formal action of the Board of Education of the Amityville UFSD, Babylon UFSD, Cold Spring Harbor CSD, Copiague UFSD, Elwood UFSD, Half Hollow Hills CSD, Harborfields CSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, North Babylon UFSD, Smithtown CSD, South Huntington UFSD and West Babylon UFSD.

Mr. Joseph Savaglio, 39 Meade Drive, Centerport, NY 11721, has been nominated by formal action of the Board of Education of the Harborfields CSD.

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.

BOCES Annual Meeting Letter from the NYSED Commissioner

Mr. Flynn acknowledged and spoke briefly regarding the letter received from Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa of the NY State Education Department regarding the BOCES Annual Meeting. Mr. Flynn mentioned the letter addresses the extremely challenging times during the pandemic and the ability to continue to provide high quality education.

Mrs. Santos acknowledge the hard work of the Western Suffolk BOCES staff and expressed the Board's gratitude for their dedication and hard work.

Western Suffolk BOCES Component School Districts – 2020-21 Expenditures & Estimated BOCES State Aid for WSB Services

Mr. Flynn spoke briefly regarding the 2020-21 Expenditures and Estimated BOCES State Aid for WS BOCES services.

Administrative, Capital & Program 2021-22 Budgets

Mr. Flynn discussed and gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Western Suffolk BOCES Capital and Administrative Budgets. Mr. Flynn mentioned this information has been presented to all component school district Superintendents, Business Officials and Board of Education members. Mr. Flynn reported a majority of school districts must approve the Administrative Budget for the budget to pass. The 18 component school districts will vote on the Administrative portion of the budget at the annual BOCES Budget Vote and Election which will be held in each Western Suffolk BOCES component school district on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Question & Answer Period for the Audience Concerning the BOCES Budget

Mr. Flynn asked if there were any questions and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

2019-20 BOCES Report Card

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2019-20 BOCES Report Card recently submitted to NYSED.

Adjournment

At 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Zumpano and the Annual meeting was adjourned.



Joanne Klein
District Clerk