



August 10, 2021

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Wheatley Heights Conference Center

Roll Call – (Attendees Noted by District Clerk)

Present were:

Board Members

- Jeannette Santos (President)
- Mary Ellen Cunningham
- James Kaden
- Brian J. Sales
- Maryann Zumpano

BOCES Staff

- Michael Flynn (Chief Operating Officer)
- Angelique Johnson-Dingle (District Superintendent)
- Dr. Hugh Gigante (Exec. Director 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 (Dir. of Business)
- Staff Members

Absent

- Ilene Herz, Esq.
- Peter Wunsch
- Warren Taylor

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Board President, Mrs. Santos.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time a motion was made to move into Executive Session to discuss negotiations and the particular performance of several employees by Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mr. Sales. At 7:10 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular Meeting on motion made by Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mr. Sales.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Board resumed at 7:14 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. Two visitors stepped forward and identified themselves, Ms. Laura Carey and Ms. Debbie Adams.

Approval of Minutes Organizational Meeting – July 13, 2021

The minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 13, 2021 were approved unanimously on motion of Mr. Kaden and seconded by Mrs. Zumpano.

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting – July 13, 2021

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13, 2021 were approved unanimously on motion of Mr. Kaden and seconded by Mrs. Zumpano.

Program Presentation – Summer School Update

Mr. Flynn introduced Mrs. Nancy Kelsey, Executive Director, Career and Technical Education. Mrs. Kelsey reported on the summer activities. Fulltime programs were able to be conducted with the addition of new cohorts this summer. Mrs. Kelsey discussed the recent approval from NYSED regarding 18 programs and thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. Flynn thanked Mrs. Kelsey and introduced Ms. Nancy Wilson, Executive Director, Special Education. Ms. Wilson reported to the Board regarding the Extended School Year program. There were approximately 800 students attending the ESY program this summer. Ms. Wilson discussed although staffing was challenging this year, staff were diligent ensuring students are looked after and receiving their services. The students are doing well. The summer has been very busy in the division. Ms. Wilson thanked the Board for their continued support.

Mr. Flynn thanked Ms. Wilson and introduced Mrs. Angelique Johnson-Dingle, District Superintendent. Mrs. Johnson-Dingle reported on the Regional Summer School program. Mrs. Johnson-Dingle mentioned the program ended today and had over 3,500 students participating. Although staffing was challenging there was extra tech support and social workers available. Mrs. Johnson-Dingle mentioned the Division of Instructional Support Services is now moving onto the next challenge as the new school year approaches. The division is developing a virtual K-12 program to be offered to students in the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Johnson-Dingle and the Board discussed the pros and cons to continued virtual learning.

Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report indicating balances in the various financial accounts as of June 30, 2021. (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Claims Auditor's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Report of the Claims Auditor from June 1, 2021 to July 30, 2021 for expenditures totaling \$8,992,850.31. (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 the following topic:

- Regional Remote 2021-22 Western Suffolk BOCES Program for Component School District Reopening Plans.

Chief Operating Officer Report – Comments/Events

Mr. Flynn welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

Award of Grants – Mr. Flynn noted the Award of Grants. There are three grants totaling \$915,000.00.

Mr. Flynn discussed the following topics:

- Shortage of Special Education Aides
- Deer Park Abraham Lincoln Building Lease
- Governor Cuomo - School Districts Requiring Vaccinations or Weekly Testing for Teachers
- NY State Department of Health.

Chief Financial Officer – Update of Capital Projects

Mr. Taylor was unable to attend the Board meeting this evening. Mr. Flynn updated the Board regarding the report of Capital Projects. Mr. Flynn advised the Board of the completion of the cleaning and washing to the outside wall located at Central Office.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Business Administration Matters

Approval of Budget Adjustments August 2020-21

On motion by Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mr. Kaden, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2020-21 budget adjustments/transfers for August 2021 in the following programs:

- Services Other BOCES
- Creating Healthy Schools & Communities – Town of Babylon
- Creating Healthy Schools & Communities – Town of Islip
- Creating Healthy Schools & Communities – Town of Hempstead

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

Approval of Budget Adjustments August 2021-22

On motion by Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mr. Kaden, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2021-22 budget adjustments/transfers for August 2021 in the following programs:

Special Ed District Class Option 3
Center for Learning Technology

Center for Learning Technology
Special Education Summer School

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.2 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. Zumpano moved, Mr. Kaden seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as listed on the schedule dated August 10, 2021.

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

Personnel

Instructional Personnel

Mr. Kaden moved and Mr. Sales 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 12-page Instructional Report dated August 10, 2021 (Encl. 9.2.1) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Supplementary Services

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

All items listed on the 13-page Supplementary Services Report dated August 10, 2021 (Encl. 9.2.2) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Non-Instructional Personnel

Mr. Kaden moved and Mr. Sales 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 August 10, 2021 (Encl. 9.2.3) 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. Kaden, seconded by Mr. Sales 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 for Board Member to Attend a Conference [R]

On motion of Mr. Kaden, seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Board Member to Attend a Conference as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES is committed to providing the best possible leadership to the organization; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing education of Board of Education members assists in achieving this goal;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the following Board Member is authorized to attend the conference noted below:

Jeannette Santos
NYSSBA's Annual Convention
New York, New York
October 24 - 26, 2021

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

Designation of Voting Delegate REFIT 2021 Annual Meeting [R]

On motion of Mr. Kaden, seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted unanimously for Designation of Voting Delegate REFIT 2021 Annual Meeting as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that Jeannette Santos, President of the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education, has been designated as its voting delegate for the Annual Meeting of the Reform Educational Financing Inequities Today to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 30, 2021.

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

Authorization for Lease Agreement with Deer Park UFSD [R]

On motion of Mr. Kaden, seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Lease Agreement with Deer Park UFSD as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES leases a portion of the Deer Park Elementary School for BOCES instructional programs as set forth in the lease between BOCES and Deer Park Union Free School District and approved by Resolution dated 7/14/20; and

WHEREAS, both parties desire to renew said lease for an additional one (1) year commencing September 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2022 upon the terms set forth in the Amendment of Lease; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Law section 1950(4)(p), before executing any such lease BOCES shall adopt a resolution determining that such agreement is in the best financial interests of BOCES and stating the basis for that

determination; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Law section 1950(4)(p), renewal of said lease may be made for a period of up to ten (10) years upon the consent of the Commissioner of Education; and

WHEREAS, pursuant BOCES enrollment in Special Ed continues to require this additional space;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that BOCES hereby determines that the extension of said lease with Deer Park UFSD of the Deer Park Elementary School as set forth in the Amendment of Lease is in the best financial interests of BOCES as the terms and conditions of such lease are at or less than fair market value for such rental; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is hereby authorized to sign an agreement to enter into the Extension of Lease, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education pursuant to Education Law section 1950(4)(p).

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization to Accept Donation of Equipment and Supplies [R]

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

WHEREAS, in prior action the Western Suffolk BOCES has authorized the establishment of a scholarship program from the Clark Gillies Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Clark Gillies Foundation, 400 Oser Avenue, Suite 100, Hauppauge, NY 11788, has offered a donation in further support of the above program;

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Suffolk BOCES accept the \$2,500 donation to be used to fund student awards in the Special Education programs.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.5 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization for the Continuation of Wearing Facemasks in School [R]

On motion of Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted to discuss the Authorization for the Continuation of Wearing Facemasks in School.

Mr. Kaden shared with the Board a document (attached to these minutes) he prepared regarding COVID-19. The Board held a discussion regarding COVID-19 and the continuation of wearing facemasks in school for the upcoming 2021-22 school year. Additionally, audience members participated in the discussion as well.

On motion of Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted for Authorization for the Continuation of Wearing Facemasks in School as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education continues to support the requirement of the wearing of facemasks inside school buildings by all students and staff participating in the 2021-22 school year programs, irrespective of their vaccination status.

Mr. Kaden opposed the passage of this resolution.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.6 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Review & Accept Updates to Districtwide Safety Plan [R]

On motion of Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Zumpano, the Board voted unanimously to Review & Accept Updates to Districtwide Safety Plan as follows:

Each year, Western Suffolk BOCES administrative staff reviews the district-wide safety plan as well as each individual school safety plan for the purpose of ensuring that all information is current and that any necessary updates have been made.

WHEREAS, BOCES schools have reviewed their safety plans which are aligned with the NYSED and NYS Police recommendations, and

WHEREAS, some BOCES schools have need to enter into agreements for emergency short-term evacuation sites

in buildings that are not owned by Western Suffolk BOCES,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby grants authority to the Chief Operating Officer to enter into these necessary agreements for short-term evacuation sites, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board accepts the safety plans and stipulates that copies of said safety plans for each building will be housed in the Central Administration office and sent to the New York State Department of Education, the local and the New York State Police as required.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 11.1 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:04 p.m. there being no further business items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Zumpano and seconded by Mr. Sales.

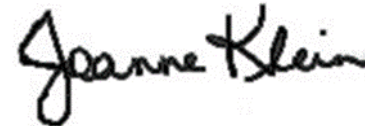
Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDEES
8/19/21	SCOPE Annual Dinner Meeting, Thursday, 5:00 pm Bourne Mansion, Oakdale	I Herz, B. Sales, J. Santos, P. Wunsch, M. Zumpano
9/30/21	REFIT Annual Dinner Meeting Wednesday, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Southward Ho Country Club, Bay Shore NY	J. Santos
10/24/21-10/26/21	NYSSBA 102 nd Annual Convention and Education Expo, Sunday to Tuesday, NYC, NY	J. Santos

Enclosures:

- Notification Sent to Staff, *July 19, 2021*
- Notification Sent to Staff, *July 20, 2021*
- Notification Sent to Staff, *July 22, 2021*
- Notification Sent to Staff, *July 23, 2021*
- Notification Sent to Staff, *August 2, 2021*
- NYSED Thank You Letter, Angelique Johnson-Dingle, *July 15, 2021*

EAP Pathways, *August 2021*
EAP Pathways, *Supervisors, August 2021*
2021-22 Western Suffolk BOCES Board Member Listing
2021-22 Updated Western Suffolk BOCES Board Members & Administration
2021-22 CTE and Special Education Administrator Listing
2021-22 Western Suffolk BOCES District Calendar
2021-22 Western Suffolk BOCES Meeting Dates
Separation Notification
NYSSBA Update, *July 25, 2021*
NYSSBA Update, *August 1, 2021*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joanne Klein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joanne Klein
District Clerk