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Western Suffolk BOCES

August 4, 2026
Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2026
Start Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Central Administrative Offices

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

Board Members

- Brian J. Sales, (President)
- Debbie Adams-Kaden, (Vice President)
- Ilene Herz, Esq.
- Josephine Martino
- Robert Scheid
- Peter Wunsch

Student Ex Officio Board Members

- Erin Levy
- Aylin Meraz-Akarsu

BOCES Staff

- Michael Flynn, Chief Operating Officer
- Dr. Hugh Gigante (Exec. Dir. – Personnel)

- Warren Taylor (Chief Financial Officer)
- Lorraine Hein (Director of Business)
- Joanne Klein (District Clerk)
- Erin Niemczyk (Public Relations Director)
- Diana Santiago (Exec. Dir. – Career and Tech. Education)
- Carolyn Reilly (Principal)
- Nancy Wilson (Exec. Dir. - DISS)
- Alison Quinlan (Exec. Dir. – Special Education)
- Kim Cooper (Asst. Dir. – Special Education)
- Staff Members

Absent
- Jeannette Santos
- Larry Leaven, Interim District Superintendent

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Sales.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time a motion was made to move into Executive Session to discuss matters involving cybersecurity, the performance of two particular employees and Suffolk County Department of Health inspection reports by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mr. Scheid. At 7:05 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular Meeting on motion made by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mr. Scheid.

At this time, Ms. Martino left the meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Board resumed at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Sales, Board President led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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.

Approval of Minutes Organizational Meeting – July 14, 2026

The minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 14, 2026 were approved unanimously on motion of Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden.

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting – July 14, 2026

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 14, 2026 were approved unanimously on motion of Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden

Program Presentation

Alison Quinlan, Executive Director – Special Education and Diana Santiago, Executive Director – CTE and Nancy Wilson, Executive Director – DISS discussed the upcoming closing of the Summer School sessions.

Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report indicating balances in the various financial accounts as of June 30, 2026. (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

On motion by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Herz, the Board voted and approved unanimously the Designation of Depositories.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 6.1 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Claims Auditor's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Report of the Claims Auditor from July 2, 2026 to July 24, 2026 for expenditures totaling $25,120,702.04. (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

<u>Ex Officio Student Board Members</u>

Aylin Meraz-Akarsu highlighted former student culinary student, Mike Catuosco, working in Disney World and as a Private Chef in the Hamptons.

Erin Levy highlighted former student John Cronin, founder of John's Crazy socks.

Both Aylin and Erin spoke of these former students, highlighting their achievements and careers.

Interim District Superintendent – Comments/Events

Mr. Leaven was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Operating Officer Report – Comments/Events

Mr. Flynn acknowledged the Award of Grants.

Mr. Flynn discussed with the Board the following topics:

- Piggybacking Flexibility Extended through June 30, 2027
- LIASPA (Long Island Association of School Personnel Administrators)
- Wyandanch School District Use of Classrooms at Wheatley Heights for Summer Program
- N-SSBA Annual Resolutions Dinner Meeting
- Portrait of a Graduate
- Space Needs

Chief Financial Officer – Update of Capital Projects

Ms. Hein discussed with the Board the report regarding the Capital Projects summarizing there are 55 projects in design, four projects on hold, 13 projects are in the contracting and quote process, 26 projects are in progress and one project has been completed and one project on Board agenda, for a total of 100 projects.

Ms. Hein further discussed fire alarm upgrades and new disinfectant cleaning products.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Business Administration Matters

Approval of Budget Adjustments August 2026-27

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mr. Wunsch, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2026-27 budget adjustments/transfers for August 2026 in the following programs:

Career & Technical Education	Center for Learning Technology
Center for Learning Technology	Instructional Support
Perkins IV/CTEIA-Basic Grant 9035	Perkins IV/CTEIA-Basic Grant 0014

(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 revised 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 revised schedule dated August 4, 2026.

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

Personnel

Instructional Personnel

Mr. Scheid moved and Mrs. Herz 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 13-page Instructional Report dated August 4, 2026 (Encl. 9.2.1) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Supplementary Services

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

All items listed on the 18-page Supplementary Services Report dated August 4, 2026 (Encl. 9.2.2) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Non-Instructional Personnel

Mr. Scheid moved and Mrs. Herz 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 4, 2026 (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 by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden 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 Amend an Affiliation Agreement SUNY Stony Brook University Hospital and Western Suffolk BOCES [R]

On motion of Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Amend an Affiliation Agreement SUNY Stony Brook University Hospital and Western Suffolk BOCES as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES is hereby authorized to amend the Affiliation Agreement with SUNY Stony Brook University Hospital for Diagnostic Medical Sonography, in the form approved by counsel, and

WHEREAS, both parties believe this agreement to be in the interests of the Western Suffolk BOCES students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Operating Officer of Western Suffolk BOCES is hereby authorized to execute the necessary agreement. The term of this agreement is extended for a period of one year effective July 1, 2026 and ending on July 25, 2027. Any amendments to this agreement must be in writing and on mutual consent. If either party wishes to terminate this agreement it is understood that written notice will be given to the other party at least 30 days in advance of such termination.

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

Authorization for Agreement with RisersTech School Year 2026-2027 [R]

On motion of Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Agreement with RisersTech School Year 2026-2027 as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES requires agreements to provide support, instructional materials, access to RisersTech, LLC program and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES component districts wish to offer access and programs to students;

WHEREAS, these items were previously obtained through processes consistent with then current Board policy

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Suffolk Board of Education is hereby authorized to authorize the agreement for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the vendor listed below and at the estimated amount indicated:

Vendor	Amount
RisersTec, LLC	$250,000

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

Authorization to Accept a Donation of Equipment and Supplies [R]

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

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from Brian Anderson 280 Bow Drive Hauppauge NY 11788 to donate one (1) 2012 Chevrolet Suburban Vin Number 1GNSKJE76CR308120 to be used by the students attending the Automotive Tech Program at Wilson Tech Northport Campus, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from Huntington Honda 1055 E Jericho Turnpike Huntington NY 11743 to donate one (1) 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee Vin Number 5FPYK3F17KB021955 to be used by the students attending the Automotive Tech Program at Wilson Tech Northport Campus, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from John J Masserwick 59 Burr Road East Northport

NY 11731 to donate one (1) 2009 Veken 50 Moped Vin Number L5YWCBPAX91000521 to be used by the students attending the Automotive Tech Skills Program at Wilson Tech Huntington Campus, 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. 9.3.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization for Classroom Use Agreement for Alternative Learning Center Program [R]

On motion of Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Classroom Use Agreement for Alternative Learning Center Program as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has the need to provide classroom and ancillary space for alternative learning center programs in a number of component districts; and

WHEREAS, this program utilizes buildings owned by local component districts; and

WHEREAS, BOCES and the districts in which these locations are located seek to formalize the terms of BOCES use of these facilities; and

WHEREAS, agreements formalizing the terms of these uses have been developed by counsel and approved by the local districts;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that these agreements be approved and executed by the Chief Operating Officer of Western Suffolk BOCES.

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

Resolution Certifying Western Suffolk BOCES 2026-27 APPR Implementation [R]

On motion of Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution Certifying Western Suffolk BOCES 2026-27 APPR Implementation as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES certifies that all provisions of the APPR Plan that are subject to collective negotiations have been resolved pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 of the Civil Service Law; and

WHEREAS, collective negotiations have been completed on all provisions of the APPR Plan that are subject to collective bargaining with the Western Suffolk BOCES Faculty Association and the Western Suffolk BOCES Administrative and Supervisory Association; and

WHEREAS, the Western Suffolk BOCES APPR Plan complies with the requirements of Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Western Suffolk BOCES adopts the Annual Professional Performance Review Plan (APPR) for teachers and principals for the 2026-27 school year.

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Read and Adopt Policy #6112.3 Secondary and General Career and Technical Education Attendance Plan

On motion of Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mr. Wunsch, as per Policy #1410 the Board unanimously agreed to waive the first read and voted unanimously to adopt Policy #6112.3 Secondary and General Career and Technical Education Attendance Plan.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:33 p.m. there being no further business items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mr. Wunsch.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDEES
8/11/26	SCOPE Annual Dinner Meeting, Bourne Mansion, Oakdale, Tuesday, 5:00 pm	D. Adams-Kaden, I. Herz J. Santos, B. Sales
9/23/26	N-SSBA's Annual Resolutions Dinner Meeting - Wednesday, September 23, 2026 - 6:00 pm	
10/8/2026	REFIT Annual Dinner Meeting, Milleridge Inn, Jericho, Thursday, 6:00 pm	J. Santos
10/22/26 - 10/24/26	NYSSBA Annual Convention and Education Expo, Buffalo, NY, Thurs – Sat	B. Sales

Enclosures:

2026-27 WS BOCES Board Members
2026-27 Western Suffolk BOCES Meeting Dates
2026-27 Western Suffolk BOCES Component District Superintendents
2026-27 Western Suffolk BOCES District Calendar
Save-the-Date, N-SSBA's Annual Resolutions Dinner Meeting
Separation Notice
NYSSBA Update, *July 19, 2026*
NYSSBA Update, *July 26, 2026*
The Owl's Hoot

Joanne Klein

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District Clerk