



June 30, 2026

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2026

Start Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Central Administrative Office

Roll Call – (Attendees Noted by Deputy District Clerk)

Present were:

Board Members

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

BOCES Staff

- Michael Flynn (Chief Operating Officer)
- Joanne Klein (District Clerk)
- Staff Members

Absent

- Jeannette Santos
- Peter Wunsch

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Mr. Sales.

Mr. Sales 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.

Mr. Robert Scavo, President Elect of the Western Suffolk BOCES Faculty Association addressed the Board.

Mr. Scavo discussed the following items:

- Tier 6
- Growing Challenges
- Worker's Compensation
- Staff Professionalism

Mr. Sales thanked Mr. Scavo for this time.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**Personnel****Resolution for Appointment of New Board of Education Member [R]**

On motion by Mrs. Adams-Kaden, seconded by Mrs. Herz, the Board voted Resolution for Appointment of New Board of Education Member as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board seat held by Mary Ellen Cunningham became vacant due to the passing of Mrs. Cunningham, and

WHEREAS, Education Law §1950(2)(f) provides that in the event of a vacancy in the membership of the Board of Education, the BOCES Board may fill the vacancy by appointment, provided that notification is given to all component boards and that the component boards are given ten (10) days to provide any comments/objections to filling of the vacancy by appointment, and

WHEREAS, BOCES Board of Education has duly notified all the component boards that BOCES intends to appoint Josephine Martino to fill the seat left vacant by Mary Ellen Cunningham and more than ten (10) days has passed for the component boards to provide any comments/objections to the filling of the vacancy by appointment and no component board has objected to the filling of the vacancy by appointment of Josephine Martino,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education hereby appoints Josephine Martino to the Board of Education of Western BOCES to fill the vacancy left by Mary Ellen Cunningham, and that Josephine Martino shall hold office until the next annual election of Western Suffolk BOCES.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 4.1.6 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Mrs. Klein then administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member, Ms. Josephine Martino.

Instructional Personnel

Mrs. Herz moved and Mrs. Adams-Kaden seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Instructional Personnel matters, agenda items 4.1.1 as follows:

All Instructional personnel matters listed on the 10-page Instructional Report dated June 30, 2026 (Encl. 4.1.1) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Supplementary Services

Mrs. Herz moved and Mrs. Adams-Kaden seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Supplementary Services, agenda items 4.1.2 as follows:

All items listed on the 7-page Supplementary Services Report dated June 30, 2026 (Encl. 4.1.2) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Non-Instructional Personnel

Mrs. Herz moved and Mrs. Adams-Kaden seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Non-Instructional Personnel matters, agenda items 4.1.3 as follows:

All Non-Instructional Personnel matters listed on the 6-page Non-Instructional Report dated June 30, 2026 (Encl. 4.1.3) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES Faculty Association Unit I [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden, the Board voted unanimously Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES Faculty Association Unit I as follows:

WHEREAS, the District and the Association are parties to a collective bargaining agreement covering the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025 (the “CBA”); and

WHEREAS, for the 2026/2027 school year, and thereafter, the parties are desirous of establishing a new paid stipend position for advising the ex officio student board member and wish to memorialize the compensation that Association members will receive for serving as the “Ex Officio Student Board Member Advisor”; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of Agreement provides that any Association member serving in this role will receive an annual stipend of \$2,500, less applicable taxes and withholdings, in accordance with applicable stipend payment procedures; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, authorizing the Chief Operating Officer and Board President to execute an agreement between the Western Suffolk BOCES Faculty Association and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District, Suffolk County; regarding the establishment of a stipend for the Ex Officio Student Board Member Advisor effective July 1, 2026.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 4.1.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Resolution for Student Ex Officio Board Members [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden, the Board voted Resolution for Student Ex Officio Board Members as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Western Suffolk BOCES recognizes the importance of student involvement in school governance; and

WHEREAS, a student ex-officio member can provide valuable student perspectives on school issues and policies; and

WHEREAS, Aylin Meraz-Akarsu and Erin Levy, who will both be seniors attending programs at Wilson Tech campuses in the Fall of 2026, have demonstrated a strong interest in school leadership and governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aylin Meraz-Akarsu and Erin Levy are hereby appointed as ex-officio members of the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education, each with a term of one school year, beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aylin Meraz-Akarsu and Erin Levy shall have the right to attend and participate in all regular board meetings;

HOWEVER, they shall not have the right to vote;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Aylin Meraz-Akarsu and Erin Levy have received training to effectively fulfill their role;
BE IT

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this resolution is hereby approved and implemented.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 4.1.5 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval of Appointment of Mr. Larry Leaven as Interim District Superintendent [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mr. Scheid, the Board voted Approval of Appointment of Mr. Larry Leaven as Interim District Superintendent as follows:

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Education Law, Section 2204, the Commissioner of Education is authorized to direct a District Superintendent to act as an Interim or Acting District Superintendent when a vacancy occurs in the position of District Superintendent. As a result of Mrs. Poprilo's resignation, the Commissioner of Education has appointed Mr. Larry Leaven to serve as Interim District Superintendent for Western Suffolk BOCES until a new District Superintendent is appointed. The Commissioner has also asked that the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education adopt the following;

BE IT RESOLVED, that while serving in this capacity Mr. Larry Leaven will receive no additional compensation;
and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Education Services, Second Supervisory District agrees to the appointment of Mr. Larry Leaven as Interim District Superintendent of the Western Suffolk BOCES effective July 8, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES will reimburse the Nassau BOCES for Mr. Leaven's mileage and occasional incidental costs, such as meals, should he be required to attend evening meetings.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 4.1.7 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Business Administration Matters

Approval of Equipment Lease Purchase Financing Agreement [R]

On motion by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Herz, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Equipment Lease Purchase Financing Agreement as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County (the "BOCES") desires to undertake project (the "Project") consisting of the acquisition of certain computer equipment, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Copiague Technology Project is \$206,958 with \$207,000 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.93% for forty-eight (48) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Elwood Technology Project is \$237,638 with \$237,700 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.93% for forty-eight (48) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the North Babylon Technology Project is \$452,030 with \$452,100 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.93% for forty-eight (48) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Northport Technology Project is \$753,588 with \$753,600 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.93% for forty-eight (48) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the West Babylon Technology Project is \$284,458 with \$284,500 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.93% for forty-eight (48) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Wyandanch Technology Project is \$450,998 with \$451,000 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.93% for forty-eight (48) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Amityville Technology Project is \$371,816 with \$371,900 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.97% for sixty (60) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Babylon Technology Project is \$1,114,746 with \$1,114,800 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.97% for sixty (60) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Cold Spring Harbor Technology Project is \$659,021 with \$659,100 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.97% for sixty (60) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Harborfields Technology Project is \$142,179 with \$142,200 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.97% for sixty (60) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the Lindenhurst Technology Project is \$1,056,154 with \$1,056,200 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.97% for sixty (60) months, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the South Huntington Technology Project is \$438,614 with \$438,700 to be financed through TD Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 3.97% for sixty (60) months, and

WHEREAS the BOCES further desires to take certain preliminary actions to provide such financing, including, but not limited to, the making of certain findings and evaluations of financing alternatives required pursuant to 2 NYCRR Section 39.2, and to execute the Lease Purchase Agreements, subject to the prior review and approval of the BOCES' counsel, Van Nostrand & Martin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the BOCES as follows:

Section 1. The BOCES has evaluated the financing alternatives available to it and hereby determined that it is in the best interest of the BOCES to finance the project pursuant to the Lease Purchase Agreement for the following reasons:

a) As provided by law and regulation, in accordance with 8 NYCRR 170.3, the project may not be financed by the BOCES under the New York Local Finance Law, but may be financed through an equipment lease

purchase agreement. The use of an equipment lease purchase agreement pursuant to 109-b of the General Municipal Law provides the BOCES with a means to directly finance the Project.

b) The only other financing alternative available to the BOCES involves the financing of the Project through certain joint action of the component school districts of the BOCES. This alternative would be costly and not meet the time schedule of the BOCES.

c) The use of an equipment lease purchase agreement provides the BOCES with greater flexibility of structuring the financing, including, but not limited to, the timing of the closing of the financing and the establishment of principal repayment schedules.

Section 2. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized, on behalf of the BOCES, to execute and deliver the Lease Purchase Agreement, the Escrow Agreement and related documents, the Chief Financial Officer is authorized to execute payment request notices and, where appropriate, the District Clerk is hereby authorized to affix the seal of the BOCES, thereto and to attest the same, with such changes, variations, omissions and insertions as the President of the Board of Education shall approve, the execution thereof by the President of the Board of Education to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval. The President shall not execute the aforesaid documents nor shall the District Clerk affix the seal of the BOCES to said documents as aforesaid until the review and approval of the documents by counsel to the BOCES, Van Nostrand & Martin.

Section 3. The officers, employees and agents of the BOCES are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the BOCES to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Lease Purchase Agreement, including all acts and things necessary to ensure the interest component of the rental payments due under the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement is excludable from gross income tax pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), and to designate the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" under Section 265 of the Code, and to execute and deliver all such additional certificates, instruments and documents, to pay all such fees, charges and expenses and to do all such further acts and things as may be necessary or, in the opinion of the officers, employee or agent acting, desirable and proper to effect the purpose of the foregoing resolution and to cause compliance by the BOCES with all of the terms, covenants and provisions of the Lease Purchase Agreement, binding upon the BOCES.

Section 4. The execution of the aforesaid documents, and the subsequent delivery of the same to TD Bank is herewith made subject to the prior approval of the Commissioner of Education as required by 8 NYCRR 170.3 (f)(6).

Section 5. Subject to the review and approval of the counsel to the BOCES, it is hereby found and determined that the terms of the subject Lease Purchase Agreement is in the best interests of the BOCES for the acquisition of the equipment.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The undersigned further certifies that the above resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect and further certifies that the within Equipment Lease/Purchase agreement is the same as presented at said meeting of the governing body of Lessee.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 5.1 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. Mr. Scheid moved, Mrs. Herz seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as listed on the schedule dated June 30, 2026.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 5.2 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Resolution for Authorization of Advisory Council Board Members' Terms [R]

On motion by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Herz, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution for Authorization of Advisory Council Board Members' Terms as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES is committed to providing the highest quality Career and Technical Education to all eligible students and adults, and;

WHEREAS, the Career and Technical Education Advisory Council helps to assure high quality programs and services,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals are appointed to the Career and Technical

Education Advisory Council effective 7/1/26 for the terms noted below:

<u>Adult Member</u>	<u>Corporation</u>	<u>Term</u>
Marc Bossert	Suffolk County Dept. of Labor	06/30/29
Dr. Karyn Busch	Five Towns College	06/30/29
Catherine DeSalvo	ACCES - VR	06/30/29
Tom Dolan	Town of Babylon IDA	06/30/29
Craig Horowitz	Suffolk County Dept. of Labor	06/30/29
Dennis Kaney	Standard Aero	06/30/29
Christopher E. Kelly	JATC-Electrical Industry of Nassau & Suffolk Counties	06/30/29
Edward Libassi	A&P Aircraft Maintenance, Inc.	06/30/29
Elizabeth Martinelli	MSNOW	06/30/29
Krysti O'Rourke	Five Towns College	06/30/29
DoriAnne Sapienza	Workforce Readiness Northwell Health	06/30/29
Kelly Smith	Huntington Chamber of Commerce	06/30/29
Thomas Stagnita	PSEG Long Island	06/30/29

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 5.3 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

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

On motion by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Herz, 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 the Explore the Trades 7760 France Ave S Suite 600 Bloomington MN 55435 to donate the following items to be used for the students in the HVAC program at the Wilson Tech Dix Hills Campus:

- 3 Bradford White Brute FT Gas-Fired Combination Boiler
- 3 Combination Heat/Hot W Piping Manifold Kit
- 7 Cast Iron Circulator Pump w/ Check Valve
- 3 LF ¾ Tankless Water Heater Valve Kit OPS ISO

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. 5.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Resolution for Extension of Brennan High School Lease [R]

On motion by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Herz, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution for Extension of Brennan High School Lease as follows:

WHEREAS Western Suffolk BOCES ("BOCES") leases the Peter J. Brennan Junior High School building, including the playground and parking areas for BOCES instructional programs as set forth in the lease and rider to lease between BOCES and North Babylon Union Free School District dated March, 2006, for a period of ten (10) years which commenced on July 1, 2006 and ends on June 30, 2016, and

WHEREAS said Lease was renewed extending the term of the lease an additional ten (10) years commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS the parties desire to renew and extend said lease for an additional one (1) year commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027 upon the terms set forth in the annexed Renewal and Extension 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,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BOCES hereby determines that the renewal and extension of said lease with North Babylon UFSD of the Peter J. Brennan Junior High School as set forth in the annexed Renewal

and Extension 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 be it further

RESOLVED that BOCES is hereby authorized to enter into the annexed Renewal and 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. 5.5 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval for Classroom Use Agreement with the Wyandanch Union Free School District [R]

On motion by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Herz, the Board voted unanimously for Approval for Classroom Use Agreement with the Wyandanch Union Free School District as follows:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A proposed Classroom Use Agreement between Wyandanch Union Free School District and Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services, a New York public educational cooperative organized and existing pursuant to the New Education Law ("WSB" or "BOCES"), having an office at 507 Deer Park Road, Huntington Station, NY 11746 and Wyandanch Union Free School District to provide services as set forth in the proposed Classroom Use Agreement made part of these minutes, the term of said Classroom Use Agreement being for the period July 1, 2026 through August 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, WSB is the owner and operator of the public school facility known as the James E. Allen Alternative High School, located at 31 Lee Avenue, Wheatley Heights, NY 11798 (the "Facility"), and

WHEREAS, Wyandanch desires to use a portion of the Facility, specifically the main wing and the gymnasium located on the Division of Instructional Service side of the building, as further described herein, for educational purposes for its student in kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12), subject to the terms and conditions of said Classroom Use Agreement and applicable law,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Western Suffolk BOCES hereby approve the Classroom Use Agreement between the Wyandanch Union Free School District and Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the period July 1, 2026 - August 31, 2026 for the main wing and the gymnasium located on the Division of Instructional Service side of the James E. Allen Alternative High School, located at 31 Lee

Avenue, Wheatley Heights, NY 11798, and hereby authorize the Chief Operating Officer is hereby to execute said Classroom Use Agreement on behalf of Western Suffolk BOCES.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 5.6 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss the performance of several staff members and negotiations was made by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Herz. At 7:15 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular Meeting on motion made by Mrs. Adams-Kaden, seconded by Mrs. Herz.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Board resumed at 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:15 p.m. there being no further business items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDEES
8/11/2026	SCOPE Annual Dinner Meeting, Bourne Mansion, Oakdale, Tuesday, 5:00 pm	D. Adams-Kaden I. Herz, B. Sales, J. Santos
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:

Separation Notices



Joanne Klein, District Clerk