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Western Suffolk BOCES

June 9, 2026
Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2026
Start Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Wheatley Heights Conference Center

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

Board Members
- Brian J. Sales, (President)
- Debbie Adams-Kaden
- Ilene Herz, Esq.
- Jeannette Santos
- Peter Wunsch

BOCES Staff
- Michael Flynn (Chief Operating Officer)
- April Poprilo (District Superintendent)
- 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. - Special Education)
- Alison Quinlan (Asst. Dir. – Special Education)
- Staff Members

Absent

- Robert Scheid

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 to move into Executive Session to discuss two potential litigations, ongoing negotiations with Unit I and VII and the performance of several particular employees was made by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden. At 7:00 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular Meeting on motion made by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Adams-Kaden.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Board resumed at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Sales led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Sales requested everyone observe a moment of silence in memory of Mary Ellen Cunningham.

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, WS BOCES Faculty Association addressed the Board. Mr. Scavo expressed his deepest condolences to the Board on the passing of Mrs. Mary Ellen Cunningham. Mr. Scavo further mentioned the WS BOCES Faculty Association will make a donation in memory of Mrs. Cunningham.

Mr. Sales expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Board of Education.

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting – May 12, 2026

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 12, 2026 were approved on motion of Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Herz.

Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report indicating balances in the various financial accounts as of April 30, 2026. (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 May 6, 2026 to May 29, 2026 for expenditures totaling $20,238,146.50 (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

District Superintendent – Comments/Events

Mrs. Poprilo discussed and reported to the Board on the following topics:

- BOCES of New York State
- Coordinated Regional Support – Personal Finance Education

Chief Operating Officer Report – Comments/Events

Mr. Flynn reported on the following topic:

- Ex Officio Student Board Members and Introduction of Candidates

Chief Financial Officer – Update of Capital Projects

Ms. Hein reported to the Board regarding the Report of Capital Projects. There is a total of 55 projects; eleven projects are in design, one project is on hold, three projects are waiting for approval with NYSED, 17 projects are in the bid process, one project has been completed and 22 projects are in progress.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Business Administration Matters

Approval of Budget Adjustments June – 2025-26

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2025-26 budget adjustments/transfers for June 2026 in the following programs:

Occupational Education	Outdoor Learning Lab
Center for Learning Technology	Services Other BOCES
Safety Risk Management	

(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 bid analysis presented. Mrs. Herz moved, Mrs. Santos seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as listed on the schedule dated June 9, 2026.

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

Approval for Advance Issuance of Purchase Orders [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval for Advance Issuance of Purchase Orders as follows:

WHEREAS, it is essential that materials and supplies be promptly delivered to the schools and programs for the 2026-27 school year; and

WHEREAS, General Municipal Law (GML) requires that the supplies and materials purchased are procured pursuant to GML and all competitive bids to be awarded by the Board; and

WHEREAS, past experience indicates that much of the required supplies and materials are bid on and awarded without controversy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Director of Business be authorized to issue purchase orders for non-controversial bid items in the categories listed below prior to the formal award of these items by the Board at its regular July and/or August meeting.

Art Equipment & Supplies

Audio Visual Equipment & Supplies
Autobody Supplies & Equipment
Auto Mech Equipment & Supplies
Aviation Equipment & Supplies
Baking Supplies
Bread Products
Computer Equipment & Supplies
Cosmetology Equipment & Supplies
Custodial Equipment & Supplies
Dental Equipment & Supplies
Electrical Equipment & Supplies
Electronics Equipment & Supplies
Esthetics Kits
Food Service Equipment & Supplies
Grocery Products
Heat/Vent/Air Conditioning Equipment & Supplies
Medical Equipment & Supplies
Miscellaneous Software, Licenses & Online Subscriptions
Office Equipment & Supplies
Paints & Painting Supplies
Paper & Plastic Products
Physical Education Equipment & Supplies
Physical Therapy Equipment & Supplies
Science Equipment & Supplies
Small Tools
Teaching Aids
Textbooks, DVDs & Non-Print Library Materials
Uniforms & Accessories
Welding Equipment & Supplies

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

Resolution to Participate in Eastern Suffolk BOCES Regional Occupational Safety and Health (ROSH) Basic Service Program [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution to Participate in Eastern Suffolk BOCES Regional Occupational Safety and Health (ROSH) Basic Service Program as follows:

WHEREAS, sub-division (c) of section (1) of Article IX of the New York State Constitution provides that "Local governments shall have power to agree, as authorized by act of the legislature, with the federal government, a state or one or more other governments within or without the state, to provide cooperatively, jointly or by contract any facility, service, activity or undertaking which each participating local government has the power to provide separately; and

WHEREAS, sub-division (1) of section 119-o of Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law provides, in part, that "In addition to any other general or special powers vested in municipal corporations and districts for the performance of their respective functions, powers or duties on an individual, cooperative, joint or contract basis, municipal corporations and districts shall have power to enter into, amend, cancel and terminate agreements for the performance among themselves or one for the other of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis or for the provision of a joint service and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, is desirous of participating in Eastern Suffolk BOCES Regional Occupational Safety & Health (ROSH) Basic Service program services as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, hereby authorizes participation in the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Regional Occupational Safety & Health (ROSH) Basic Service program and is authorized to contract with Environmental Consultants awarded contracts by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it in all matters related to the above for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Resolution to Participate in Omnia Partners Contract for Apparel, Uniforms, Accessories, Products and Services [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution to Participate in Omnia Partners Contract for Apparel, Uniforms, Accessories, Products and Services as follows:

WHEREAS, Section 103 of the General Municipal Law permits Western Suffolk BOCES to purchase apparatus, materials, equipment or supplies or contract for services related to the installation, maintenance or repair of apparatus, materials, equipment, and supplies through the use of a contract let by the United States or any agency thereof, any state or any other county, political subdivision or district therein if such contract was let to the lowest responsible bidder or on the basis of best value in a manner consistent with this section and made available for use by other governmental entities; and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES, based on the authority granted in General Municipal Law, Article 5A (Public Contracts), Section 103, desires to participate in Omnia Partners Contract #R251002 Apparel, Uniforms, Accessories, Products and Services initial term 10/1/25-9/30/2028 for the purpose of fulfilling and executing its public governmental purposes, goals, objectives, programs and functions; and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has reviewed the benefits of participating in this program and an analysis is performed, and based on this review which is in accordance with the General Municipal Law, has concluded that participation in the program could result in savings to Western Suffolk BOCES;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES is authorized to participate in Omnia Partners Contract #R251002 Apparel, Uniforms, Accessories, Products and Services and that the Board President and/or the Chief Operating Officer or his designee is hereby authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate participation in Omnia Partners Contract #R251002 Apparel, Uniforms, Accessories, Products and Services.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.5 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval of Long Island School Food Service Directors Association Cooperative Bid [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Long Island School Food Service Directors Association Cooperative Bid as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of public-school districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties, New York to bid jointly on selected Food Service Commodities, Food and Food Service Supplies for the 2026-2027 school year.

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES is desirous of participating with other districts in Nassau/Suffolk Counties in the joint bidding of the commodities mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0 and, WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES, wishes to appoint a committee to assume the responsibility for drafting of specification, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, reporting the results to the boards of education and making recommendations thereon; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education for Western Suffolk BOCES, hereby appoints Long Island School Nutrition Directors Association Long Island Cooperative to represent it in all matters related above, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education authorized the above-mentioned cooperative to represent it in all matters leading up to and entering into a contract for the purchase of the above-mentioned commodities, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs of the cooperative bidding, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education agrees
(1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating districts on quality standards
(2) that unless all bids are rejected, it will award contracts according to the recommendations of the committee;
(3) that after award of contract(s), it will conduct all negotiations directly with the successful bidder(s).

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.6 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Resolution to Accept Report of the Independent Auditor [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution to Accept Report of the Independent Auditor as follows:

WHEREAS, the independent audit report prepared pursuant to required Uniform Standards for Federal Awards by Bonadio and Co LLP, covering the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, has been received and reviewed by the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges receipt of the aforementioned documents and accepts the report.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.7 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval of Capital Projects 2025-26 [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Capital Projects 2025-26 as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has identified specific capital projects needs that have been developed in conjunction with the capital plan as required by the state; and

WHEREAS, funding for these projects is available, from 2025-26 Capital charges to districts; and

WHEREAS, this allocation of funds will not jeopardize the soundness of any programs; and

WHEREAS, the following projects in the total amount of $2,590,644 should be funded in the Capital Projects Fund:

Project Name	Location	Estimated Cost
Caleb Smith Renovation *(H910)	OLL-Caleb Smith	1,930,224
A/C Systems Replacement *(H985)	JEA Melville	348,420
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	WT Dix Hill Building A	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	WT Dix Hill Building B	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	WT Dix Hill Building C	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	WT Dix Hill Building D	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	WT Dix Hill Building E	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	WT Northport	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	WT Republic	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	WT Huntington	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	JEA Dix Hills	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	JEA Melville	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	Taukomas	26,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades *(H989)	Brennan	26,000
Total		$2,590,644

*additional funding for projects previously approved

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of $2,590,644 hereby transferred to the Capital Fund from the following sources:

Source of Funds	Amount
Boiler Replacement – WT Dix Hills-Jones 1 (H920)	537,684
Roof Replacement – WT Dix Hills-McGuire 1(H927)	474,659
A/C Systems Replacement – Taukomas (H935)	23,066
Bathroom Renovation – JEA Dix Hills (H946)	818,806
Roof Replacement – WT Dix Hills-Jones 2 (H949)	332,120
Window Replacement – WT Dix Hills-McGuire 1 (H962)	91,788
Boiler Replacement – Administration (H977)	521
Fire Alarm System Upgrades (H989)	312,000
Total	$2,590,644

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.8 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Waiver of Conflict of Interest [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Waiver of Conflict of Interest as follows:

RESOLEVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves the conflicts waiver between the Board of Education of the Western Suffolk BOCES and Guercio & Guercio, LLP as set forth on the attached confidential schedule “A” and authorizes the Board president to sign same.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.9 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Personnel

Instructional Personnel

Mr. Wunsch 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 10-page Instructional Report dated June 9, 2026 (Encl. 9.2.1) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Supplementary Services

Mr. Wunsch 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 15-page Supplementary Services Report dated June 9, 2026 (Encl. 9.2.2) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Non-Instructional Personnel

Mr. Wunsch 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 8-page Non-Instructional Report dated June 9, 2026 (Encl. 9.2.3) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Adoption of Salary Schedules for Non-Represented Employees Unit VI [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Herz, the Board voted unanimously for Adoption of Salary Schedules for Non-Represented Employees Unit VI as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, New York, annually sets salaries for non-represented employees; and

WHEREAS, salary adjustments have been recommended for individuals for the 2026-27 budget year for the Unit VI Non-represented employees; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes salaries for the Unit VI Non-Represented employees for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.2.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval of Settlement of Workers Compensation Matter [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Herz, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Settlement of Workers Compensation Matter as follows:

WHEREAS, Charles Jones was employed as a Teacher on September 1, 1990 when he sustained an injury; and

WHEREAS, the Workers Compensation Board has ruled that her partial disability entitles him to a $400 weekly wage payment for her lifetime which is projected to be 11.5 years; and

WHEREAS, Kathleen Rivera was employed as a Custodial Worker on March 5, 1992 when she sustained an injury; and

WHEREAS, the Workers Compensation Board has ruled that her partial disability entitles her to a $200 weekly wage payment for her lifetime which is projected to be 10.8 years; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 32 of the Workers Comp Law attorneys for the employee and administrators for the Western Suffolk BOCES workers compensation self-insurance program have agreed upon settlements in lieu of the lifetime payments which is in the interests of both parties and that these amounts are fully reimbursed to Western Suffolk BOCES from the excess insurance carrier.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Operating Officer is authorized to execute the necessary documents in order to settle this matter for single payment to Charles Jones in the amount of $166,400 and a single payment to Kathleen Rivera in the amount of $93,600.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.2.5 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

<u>Other Action Items</u>

Approval of Disposition of Surplus Property [R]

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Disposition of Surplus Property on motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos 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.)

Approval of Dignity Act Coordinators [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Dignity Act Coordinators as follows:

WHEREAS, the Dignity for All Students Act (L.2010, Ch. 482) and Commissioner's Regulations [Section 100.2(jj)] require school districts and BOCES to annually appoint Dignity Act Coordinators (DAC) in each school; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Dignity Act Coordinator is described in Policy 6211 (Code of Conduct); and

WHEREAS, all schools are required to have at least one staff member at every school be thoroughly trained to handle human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender and sex; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Directors have recommended the following be named DAC in the below named schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals are recommended for appointment as the Dignity Act Coordinators (DAC) for 2025-26:

Program	Recommended Staff
Special Education Division wide	Alison Quinlan, Assistant Director

James E. Allen Elementary School	Lori Manno, Teacher Coordinator
Chestnut Hill Elementary Annex	TBD
Forest Avenue Elementary	Kimberly Alvarado, Assistant Principal
James E. Allen Jr/Sr High School	Jillian Rega, Teacher Coordinator
Brennan Middle/High School	Anthony Letterel, Assistant Principal
James E. Allen Alternative School	Robert Caravello, Principal
Manor Plains High School	Elizabeth Gilmartin, Assistant Principal
Itinerant Program	Maryann Sullivan, Assistant Principal
Alternate Learning Center (ALC)	Robert Caravello, Principal
Wilson Tech, Dix Hills	Jennifer Paterson, Principal
Wilson Tech, Northport	TBD
Wilson Tech, Huntington	Joseph Stango, Principal
Wilson Tech, Aviation Facility	Lisa Romanowski, Principal

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

Approval for Participation in Cooperative use of NYS Distance Learning Consortium Managed by Erie 1 BOCES School Year 2026-2027 [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval for Participation in Cooperative use of NYS Distance Learning Consortium Managed by Erie 1 BOCES School Year 2026-2027 as follows:

WHEREAS, It is the plan of a number of BOCES districts in New York, to consent to jointly enter into an agreement for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for BookNook Inc., Connections Education LLC dba Pearson Virtual Schools, D2L Ltd., Edmentum, eDoctrina, Educere, Florida Virtual School (FlexPoint Education), Fullmind (Formerly iTutor), Imagine Learning LLC, Instructure, Inc., Kaltura, MGRM Pinnacle, MyVRSpot (dba MyVideoSpot), Panapto, Inc., PowerSchool, Right Reason Technologies, Spider Learning, Inc., Tutor Me Education, Varsity Tutors for Schools LLC, and,

WHEREAS, The Western Suffolk BOCES is desirous of participating with other BOCES Districts in New York State in joint agreements for the distance learning student courses mentioned above as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-0, and, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education authorizes Erie 1 BOCES to represent it in all matters leading up to and entering into a contract for the purchase of and licensing of the above-mentioned courses, and record training sessions in Zoom and post those recorded sessions to the consortium, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs associated with Erie 1 BOCES negotiating the Agreements, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education agrees (1) to abide by majority decisions of the participating BOCES on quality standards; (2) Erie 1 BOCES will negotiate contracts according to the majority recommendations; (3) that after contract agreement, it will conduct all purchasing arrangements directly with the vendor. (4) To authorize any and all future products that may be approved by the majority recommendations through the approval of this resolution.

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

Authorization for Agreement with College Board - Pre AP [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Agreement with College Board - Pre AP as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES requires agreements to provide support, instructional materials, access to Pre-AP 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
College Board-Pre AP program	$125,000

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

Authorization for Extension of Agreement with College Board [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Extension of Agreement with College Board as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES requires agreements to provide support and instructional materials, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES component districts wish to offer instructional materials and assessments 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 extend the agreement for the 2026-2027 fiscal year for the vendor listed below and at the estimated amount indicated:

Vendor	Amount
College Board	$600,000

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

Approval of Articulation Agreement with SUNY Canton [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Articulation Agreement with SUNY Canton as follows:

WHEREAS, agreements between Western Suffolk BOCES and SUNY Canton have been developed for the purpose of providing instruction for Architectural and Interior Design/CAD, Carpentry, Construction Electricity, Graphic Design and Animation, Medical Assisting and Professional Health Careers courses for Western Suffolk BOCES students participating in SUNY Canton's educational programs;

WHEREAS, said agreement would be beneficial to the students participating;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Operating Officer be authorized to execute said agreements with

SUNY Canton. These agreements will be effective as of January 1, 2026 and shall continue through January 1, 2031.

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

Authorization to Accept a Donation - Avalon [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Accept a Donation - Avalon as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from Avalon Nature Preserve, to donate funds to sponsor students from local Long Island school districts to participate in the 2026 Summer Marine Studies Enrichment Program. The donation in the amount of $ 25,000.00 will reduce the program fees from school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Avalon Nature Preserve is a 501[c]3 organization that was founded on behalf of the friends & family of Paul Alexander Simmons as a tribute to his life & as a vehicle for providing benefits to the community in his memory. To this end, the foundation has been an avid proponent of supporting programs that serve to engage children with the natural world; and
WHEREAS, component school districts would benefit from the reduction in program fees that the acceptance of this donation will allow; and
WHEREAS, according to Policy #4420, all donations of funds shall be presented to the Board for acceptance;
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the acceptance of the donated funds as listed:

Avalon Nature Preserve
Elizabeth Williamson, Chief Financial Officer
200 Harbor Road
Stony Brook, NY 11790
(631) 689-0619
Amount of check: $ 25,000.00

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.7 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval for Participation in a Collaborative Regional Institute with The School Library Systems of Western

Suffolk, Eastern Suffolk and Nassau BOCES, with Assistance from The Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC) [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval for Participation in a Collaborative Regional Institute with The School Library Systems of Western Suffolk, Eastern Suffolk and Nassau BOCES, with Assistance from The Long Island Library Resources Council (LILRC) as follows:

WHEREAS, the School Library Systems of Western Suffolk, Eastern Suffolk, and Nassau BOCES have collaborated since 2014 to provide a “Long Island School Library Systems’ Regional Institute” to provide professional learning for the region’s school library media specialists,

WHEREAS, LILRC is one of nine New York State regional Reference and Research Library Resources Councils and is chartered by the New York State Board of Regents on Long Island,

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk, Eastern Suffolk, and Nassau School Library Systems are members of LILRC,

WHEREAS, vendor registration fees are used to cover the costs associated with reserving hotel space, food and AV expenses for the Regional Institute,

BE IT RESOLVED, that all vendor fees to support the Institute will be paid to LILRC, and LILRC will sign the contract with the hotel after review and discussion with the three School Library System Directors,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that LILRC will pay the required fees for the hotel and AV in a timely manner as per the contract, using the revenue received from the vendors,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that once all of the hotel expenses are paid, any remaining balance of revenue received from the vendors will go to “Long Island Students Read”, the OverDrive/Sora site with digital content available to all students and teachers on Long Island,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each School Library System will keep the revenue associated with the attendee registration fees collected from their members,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the vendor revenue does not fully cover the associated expenses paid by LILRC for the Institute, the three School Library Systems will split the cost to cover the remaining expenses proportionally based on the number of paid attendees that were from that BOCES. These funds will come from the registration fees paid by the attendees. These funds will be paid to the Long Island Library Resources Council.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.8 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization for Affiliation Agreement Rider with Northwell Health, Inc. [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously Authorization for Affiliation Agreement Rider with Northwell Health, Inc. as follows:

WHEREAS, an agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and Northwell Health, Inc., Inc. has been developed for the purpose of providing clinical instruction for Western Suffolk BOCES adult students enrolled in Surgical Technology and

WHEREAS, said agreement would be beneficial to the students participating;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Operating Officer be authorized to execute said agreement with Northwell Health, Inc. This agreement is effective June 1, 2026 and will terminate on May 31, 2029. Either party may terminate this Rider agreement by providing at least 60 days prior written notice of such intention to the other party

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.9 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval to Extend Various Software Licenses, Support Agreements and Hardware Support [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval to Extend Various Software Licenses, Support Agreements and Hardware Support as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES requires various software licenses, support agreements, and hardware support in order to provide student instruction and various administrative requirements; and

WHEREAS, due to the disruption to instructional or administrative functions that would result should the items covered by this resolution be no longer available to Western Suffolk BOCES; and

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

WHEREAS, after careful review by Western Suffolk BOCES staff, the companies listed below provide the resources most suitable to the needs of the agency;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that Western Suffolk BOCES is hereby authorized to extend the agreements for the 2026-27 fiscal year for the vendors listed below and at the estimated amounts indicated:

Vendor	Amount	Vendor	Amount
Accelerate Education	$5,305	Get More Math	$10,000
Aceware Systems, Inc.	$12,195	Govenda (formerly Boardbookit)	$14,884
Active Internet Technologies dba Finalsite (formerly Blackboard Connect)	$7,416	Heartland School Solutions	$6,240
BenefitFocus.com, Inc.	$62,000	Intellishift (formerly Vehicle Tracking Solutions, Inc.)	$4,750
Blackboard, Inc.	$34,182	Maxburst, Inc.	$18,000
Brightly Software (formerly Dude Solutions)	$2,000	Method Test Prep, Inc.	$54,100
Cablevision	$9,420	N Harris Computer Corporation (Capital Computer)	$200,000
Cablevision Lightpath, LLC	$192,240	Noiz Ivy Inc. dba Oyoclass	$110,000
CountryWatch	$1,000	Right Reason Technologies	$61,000
Dictionary Media Group, Inc. dba Vocabulary.com	$28,000	Scantron Corp.	$4,000
Discovery Education	$300,000	Skillsoft Corp.	$3,600
Eduware	$15,000	Tools4Ever, Inc.	$10,890
eDynamic Learning	$2,250	Xiacon, Inc.	$4,125
Enchanted Learning, LLC	$3,000		
Frontline Technologies Group, LLC (Includes Absence and Substitution, IEP Direct/Guidance Direct, EHR & School Nursing Management, Professional Management	$515,000		

System, Frontline Evaluation and WebReg (formerly Centris and My Learning Plan, Inc.)			

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.10 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization for Agreement with School Aid Management Services, LLC [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Agreement with School Aid Management Services, LLC as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has approval to provide participating districts with assistance in the development of plans and recommendations related to school administration and management including the analysis of data in the area of finance; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide support for these services it has been necessary and advantageous to contract with School Aid Management Services, LLC for this support; and

WHEREAS, the services required are understood to represent professional services as defined by the General Municipal Law;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Operating Officer is authorized to execute an agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and School Aid Management Services, LLC for the period 7/1/26 - 6/30/27.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.11 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization for Classroom Use Agreement for Regional Summer School Program [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Classroom Use Agreement for Regional Summer School Program as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has requests from a number of component districts to operate a summer regional academic program; 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 has 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. 9.3.12 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval of Multi-Year Technology Agreements with Copiague UFSD, Kings Park CSD and Lindenhurst USFD [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Multi-Year Technology Agreements with Copiague UFSD, Kings Park CSD and Lindenhurst USFD as follows:

WHEREAS, the Division of Instructional Support Services has been working with Copiague, Kings Park, and Lindenhurst School Districts on the development of a long-range technology plan; and

WHEREAS, the districts have adopted this plan for implementation and have requested Western Suffolk BOCES to provide the service appropriate to this plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the District Superintendent and District Clerk are hereby authorized to execute service agreements for the amounts listed plus cost of related financing

School District	Time	Amount
Copiague UFSD	4 Year	$227,654
Kings Park CSD	3 Year	$248,822
Lindenhurst UFSD	4 Year	$121,056

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.13 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Herz [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Herz as follows:

WHEREAS, in prior action the Western Suffolk BOCES has authorized the establishment of a scholarship program in honor of Samuel & Sadie Cohen and Benno & Edith Herz; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship would recognize students enrolled in Western Suffolk BOCES Special Education and Career and Technical Education programs each year; and

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 a donation in the amount of $2,500 to be used to fund this scholarship program.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.14 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization for Affiliation Agreement with SUNY Fredonia [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Affiliation Agreement with SUNY Fredonia as follows:

WHEREAS, an agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and SUNY Fredonia has been developed for the purpose of providing a placement site for students from SUNY Fredonia to fulfill their educational program in the Music Therapy Program, 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 to be effective July 1 2026.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.15 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

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

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, 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 Sabine Lundy 40 Carman Blvd, Massapequa, NY 11758 to donate one (1) 2013 Chrysler 200 Vin Number 1C3CCBBG2DN527108 to be used by the students attending the Automotive Tech Program at Wilson Tech Northport 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. 9.3.16 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Designation of Lead Agency for SEQRA Requirements on Capital Projects [R]

On motion of Mrs. Herz and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Designation of Lead Agency for SEQRA Requirements on Capital Projects as follows:

WHEREAS, The State Education Department Office of Facilities Planning requires that each capital project have a SEQRA (environmental review) process completed by a lead agency for the BOCES;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Suffolk BOCES declares itself the lead agency for the following projects:

- Caleb Smith Renovation at OLL Caleb Smith
- A/C Systems Replacement at JEA Melville
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at WT Dix Hills Bldg A
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at WT Dix Hills Bldg B

- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at WT Dix Hills Bldg C
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at WT Dix Hills Bldg D
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at WT Dix Hills Bldg E
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at WT Northport
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at WT Republic
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at WT Huntington
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at JEA Dix Hills
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at JEA Melville
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Taukomas
- Fire Alarm System Upgrades at Brennan

It is also declared that these projects represent Type II actions and that these projects will have no significant adverse impact on the environment based on the criteria contained in subdivision 617.7c and these are not Type I actions as defined in section 617.4.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.17 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:27 p.m. there being no further business items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Santos.

Staff Recognition Program

At 7:30 pm, the Board of Education recognized outstanding staff and retirees from the agency. In total, 11 staff and 19 retirees received recognition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDEES

6/4/2026	Adult Recognition Ceremony (p.m. students) Wilsonian Room, Dix Hills, Thursday, 6:30 pm	B. Sales, P. Wunsch
6/5/2026	Adult Recognition Ceremony (a.m. students), Friday, 10:00 am, Wilsonian Room, Dix Hills	B. Sales, P. Wunsch
6/12/2026	Award Ceremony – JEA Jr/Sr, Friday, 9:30 am, 35 Carman Rd. Dix Hills, NY	D. Adams-Kaden, P. Wunsch
6/15/2026	Secondary Recognition Ceremony – Huntington, Northport, Monday, 7:00 pm, West Babylon HS	
6/15/2026	Secondary Recognition Ceremony – Republic Campus, Monday, 7:00 pm, **Wilson Tech, Republic Campus – *Location Changed***	Peter Wunsch
6/16/2026	Secondary Recognition Ceremony – CTE Dix Hills, Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Half Hollow Hills H.S. East	B. Sales, D. Adams-Kaden
6/17/2026	Graduation Ceremony, Wednesday, 9:45 am, JEA Jr/Sr High School, 35 Carman Rd. Dix Hills, NY	B. Sales
6/17/2026	Moving Up Ceremony, Wednesday, 10:00 am, Brennan Middle School, 550 Mount Ave. North Babylon, NY	
6/22/2026	Graduation Ceremony, Monday, 10:00 am, ASPIRE Academy, 550 Mount Ave. North Babylon, NY 11704	B. Sales
6/22/2026	Spring Concert, JEA Jr/Sr, Monday, 1:00 pm, 35 Carman Rd. Dix Hills, NY	D. Adams-Kaden
6/23/2026	Moving Up Ceremony – James E. Allen Elementary School, Tuesday, 10:00 am, 762 Deer Park Rd. Dix Hills, NY	I. Herz
6/22/2026 ***Date changed***	Moving Up Ceremony - Chestnut Hill Elementary, Monday 12:30 pm, 600 South Service Road Dix Hills, NY	
6/24/2026	Moving Up Ceremony & Student Awards - Forest Ave Elementary Wednesday, 9:30 am, 200 Forest Avenue West Babylon, NY	D. Adams-Kaden
6/24/2026	Graduation Ceremony, Wednesday, 9:30 am, Manor Plains High School, 200 Little Plains Rd. Huntington, NY	B. Sales
6/24/2026	Recognition Ceremony, Center for Alternative Education, Wednesday, 1:00 pm, Wilsonian Room, Dix Hills	
6/24/2026	Allied Health Sciences Graduation Ceremony – Surgical Technology, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Wilsonian Room, Dix Hills	B. Sales, D. Adams-Kaden

6/25/2026	Allied Health Sciences Graduation Ceremony – Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Thursday, 5:00 pm, Elwood Middle School Auditorium	
6/26/2026	Graduation Ceremony, Friday, 9:30 am, JEA Alternative School, 31 Lee Ave. Wheatley Heights, NY	D. Adams-Kaden
6/26/2026	Graduation Ceremony, Friday, 10:00 am, Brennan High School, 550 Mount Ave. North Babylon, NY	B. Sales
8/11/2026	SCOPE Annual Dinner Meeting, Bourne Mansion, Oakdale, Tuesday, 5:00 pm	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:
Child Abuse & Neglect Memo
Thank You Letter Sent to West Babylon UFSD
Thank You Letter Sent to EAP
Forest Avenue Moving Up Ceremony Invitation
Save-the-Date, SCOPE Annual Dinner Meeting
Separation Notifications
NYSSBA Update, *May 17, 2026*
NYSSBA Update, *May 31, 2026*
NYSSBA Update, *May 25, 2026*
NYSSBA Advocacy Alert, *May 25, 2026*
NYSSBA Advocacy Update, *May 2026*
EAP Pathways, *May 2026*
EAP Pathways for Supervisors, *May 2026*
Letter Sent from April Poprilo
Fox Tales Newsletter, *January to March Review*

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