MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Wantagh Board of Education, Wantagh Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 via video conferencing and was called to order by President, Adam Fisher at

8:01 p.m.

The following were present:

Mr. Adam Fisher President

Mrs. Kera McLoughlin Vice-President

Mrs. Tara Cassidy Trustee

Mr. Anthony Greco Trustee

Mrs. Laura Reich Trustee

Mr. John McNamara Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Marc Ferris Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

Mr. Anthony Cedrone Assistant Superintendent for Business

and those listed on exhibit with supplemental file for these minutes.

A Moment-of-Silence was held for: Father of John Casciotta

Father-in-law of Lisa Abrams and Hank Van Well

Grandfather of Joe and Joseph Abrams

Father of Nancy Perrone

Retirees: Sylvia Katz

Rita Moses

MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by Laura Reich, and passed unanimously:

approving the minutes of July 7, 29, and August 3, 2020.

approving the acknowledgement and acceptance of financial reports and budget transfers as printed.

Communications were received from: Susan Walpole

Sophia Liu

Jenifer Kramer

Jannine Lombardi

David Halpern

Shannon and Joseph Dunn

Falyn Katzman

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Kera McLoughlin, seconded by Anthony Greco, and passed unanimously, approving the following resignation for retirement purposes subject to verification of eligibility for a non-disability retirement under the requirements of the New York State

Teachers’ Retirement System and in accordance with Article XXXI of the WUT contract:

Service Last

Name Position Began Wkg. Day Eff. Date Salary

Dale Reading 11/3/98 6/26/20 8/3/20 $129,127

Coners Teacher

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Tara Cassidy, seconded by Kera McLoughlin, and passed unanimously:

approving the following probationary teaching appointments, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law:

Tenure 2020-21 Eff. Exp.

Name Area Ctf. Status Class Step Date Date Salary

Jared Physical Initial Phys. Ed. M 1 9/1/20 8/31/24 $66,680

Bursky Education

Henry Elem. Ed. Initial CE 1-6 M 3 9/1/20 8/31/24 $69,199

Chiu Initial Bus. & Mktg.

Melissa Physical Initial Phys. Ed. M 1 9/1/20 8/31/24 $66,680

Edwards Education

Erin Special Ed. Prof. SWD 1-6 M 1 9/1/20 8/31/24 $66,680

Gericitano Prof. ETSOL

Victoria Social Initial Social M+30 1 9/1/20 8/31/24 $71,551

Hargreaves Studies Studies 7-12

Danielle Ed. Initial Ed. Tech. M+30 3 9/1/20 8/31/24 $74,162

Luke Tech. Specialist

Alexandra Elem. Ed. Initial CE 1-6 B 1 9/1/20 8/31/24 $57,380

Martinek Initial ECE B-2

Christina Elem. Ed. Initial ECE B-2 M 1 9/1/20 8/31/24 $66,680

Mealey Initial SWD B-2

approving the following part-time appointment for the 2020-21 school year, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law:

P/T Eff.

Name Position Ctf. Status Class Step Frac. Date Salary

Jamie STEAM Initial CE 1-6 M 1 .5 9/1/20 $33,340

Kanner Teacher Initial ECE B-2

Initial SWD 1-6

Initial SWD B-2

approving the following temporary appointments for teachers on leave of absence during the

2020-21 school year unless earlier terminated by the Board of Education:

Eff. Exp.

Name Position Ctf. Status Class Step Date Date Salary

Amanda Sp. Ed. Perm. SE M 2 9/1/20 6/30/21 $67,590

Debel Teacher Perm. Pre. K-6

Bridget Elem. Ed. Perm. ECE B-2 M 1 9/1/20 6/30/21 $66,680

Fielder Teacher Perm. Pre. K-6

Perm. SWD B-2

Perm. SWD 1-6

approving that the appointment of Danielle Luke for up to 20 days of summer service with salary at the daily rate of pay for the 2020-21 school year.

approving that the Board of Education rescind Henry Chiu’s .5 part-time appointment, Danielle Luke’s

.6 part-time appointment and Amanda Albert’s .5 part-time appointment for the 2020-21 school year.

approving that the salary for Laura Capozzi be revised to reflect Bachelors, Step 1 at a salary of $57,380

for the 2020-21 school year.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Laura Reich, seconded by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously:

approving the following salaries be adjusted effective September 1, 2020 for completion of additional courses:

Name From To Salary

Erica D’Allesandro M, Step 4 M+30, Step 5 $ 78,247

Valentina Gatti M+30, Step 6 M+60, Step 7 $ 88,331

Eileen Keener M+30, Step 22 ½ M+60, Step 23 ½ $129,127

Elyse Longo M+30, Step 4 M+60, Step 5 $ 83,248

Courtney Miller B, Step 2 M, Step 3 $ 69,199

Peter Parlagreco M+30, Step 16 M+60, Step 17 $123,713

approving that the Board of Education rescind Julie Rosslee’s administrative stipend of $400 for coordination of Adelphi and Farmingdale college level/dual enrollment programs.

approving the following administrative stipends for the 2020-21 school year:

Julie Rosslee, $200 for coordination of Adelphi college level/dual enrollment programs.

John Watson, $200 for coordination of Farmingdale college level/dual enrollment programs.

approving the following individuals with salary for an additional day worked in accordance with their daily rate of pay for the 2020-21 school year:

Name Assignment Employment

Geraldine Lethbridge Summer Guidance July 1 Services – High School

Marie Malafis “ ”

Christopher Nyberg “ ”

Courtney Prestianni “ ”

Margaret Swanson “ “

approving the attached coaching appointments for the 2020-21 school year.

approving the following permanent substitute teachers, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law, at the approved rate of pay of $110 per day:

Name Location Length of Service

Jamie Kanner Forest Lake Elementary 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

Charlee Timmerman Forest Lake Elementary 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

Kristina Genova Forest Lake Elementary 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

Mackenzie Venezia Mandalay Elementary 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

Mary Louise Cairo Wantagh Middle School 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

Nicole Robinson Wantagh Middle School 11/25/20 - 5/31/21

Susana Tobia Wantagh Middle School 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

Francesca Sacco Colaianni Wantagh High School 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

Alison DiGiacomo Wantagh High School 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

Bret Verini Wantagh High School 9/8/20 - 5/31/21

approving the attached instructional substitute teachers, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law at the approved rates of pay for the 2020-21 school year:

1-20 days $ 90

21-40 $100

41+ $110

Home tutoring rate as per WUT contract.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by Kera McLoughlin, and passed unanimously:

approving the appointment of the following individuals, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law:

Name Position Eff. Date Salary

Brenda Lunch 9/1/20 $13.26/hr.

Avitabile Monitor

Maureen Lunch 9/1/20 $13.26/hr.

L’Eplattenier Monitor

Melissa Physical 9/1/20 $30,500

Luccesi Therapist (part-time)

Lisa Lunch 9/1/20 $13.26/hr.

Mener Monitor

Kerry Typist 9/1/20 $32,714

Murtha Clerk (pro-rated)

David Cleaner 9/1/20 $19,161

Murphy (part-time) (pro-rated)

approving that the salary for Peter Scarano, cleaner, be revised to reflect night differential only at

$600, effective August 31, 2020.

approving the following resignation:

Service Eff.

Name Position Began Date Salary

Catherine Milone Typist Clerk 9/3/19 8/13/20 $30,697

approving unpaid leaves of absence for civil service employees. (Unpaid Leaves of Absence Memorandum for Board Members only).

approving the attached non-instructional substitutes, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law for the 2020-21 school year.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Laura Reich, seconded by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously:

approving the appointment of Eric von Bargen as Wantagh’s Co-Director and Stacey Ranzie as Seaford’s Co-Director of the Wantagh-Seaford TRACT Center for the 2020-21 school year, and further approving a stipend of $11,021 for each Co-Director to be paid pending New York State grant approval.

approving a license agreement between the Wantagh Union Free School District and the 6-12 Association for the purpose of providing a continuing education program to residents and surrounding community members for the 2020-21 school year, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

approving a bid extension agreement for licensed security guard services with Westech Investigations, Inc. for the 2020-21 school year at rates of $25.47per hour and $38.21 premium rate (in excess of 40 hours per week), and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

approving a contract with HMB Consulting, LLC, to provide consulting services related to the District’s Child Nutrition Program for the 2020-21 school year, at a rate of $4,250, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said contract.

approving the following tuition contracts for the 2020-21 school year, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said contracts:

# of

School Students Ref. # Cost per Student

The Hagedorn Little 3 760835342 $ 7,955.00 (summer)

Village School $ 47,727.00 (10 months)

$ 21,116.40 (1:1 Aide)

760835386 $ 7,955.00 (summer)

$ 47,727.00 (10 months)

760834413 $ 7,955.00 (summer)

Abilities, Inc. 3 092030001 $ 13,500.00 (10 months)

Center Based 081750001 $ 13,500.00 (10 months)

092030001 $ 3,500.00 (summer)

Abilities, Inc. 4 080640011 $ 13,000.00 (10 months)

District Based 080640010 $ 13,000.00 (10 months)

073190009 $ 13,000.00 (10 months)

073380004 $ 13,000.00 (10 months)

Little Flower UFSD 1 073310007 $107,608.00 (10 months)

Plainedge UFSD 1 073190014 $ 5,810.00 (summer)

Eden II 2 073520000 $ 8,779.00 (summer)

$ 52,673.00 (10 months)

073190020 $ 17,558.00 (summer)

$ 52,673.00 (10 months)

Cleary School for the Deaf 1 760835281 $ 71,060.40 (10 months)

Mill Neck Manor School 1 760836243 $ 65,575.80 (10 months)

for the Deaf

approving the following health service agreement for the 2019-20 school year, and hereby authorize the

Board President to execute said agreement:

# of Per

School Attended Students Pupil Charge Total

Sacred Heart Academy 12 $912.88 $10,954.56

(Hempstead UFSD)

approving the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Wantagh Union Free School District hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Wantagh United Teachers (WUT) and the Nurses Unit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

approving the Free and Reduced Priced Meal Program Policy Statement and Family Income Eligibility Guidelines for the 2020-21 school year as required by the State Education Department, and hereby authorize the

Board President to execute the necessary agreement.

approving the following price increase for the School Breakfast and Lunch Programs for the 2020-21 school year:

FROM TO

Breakfast Grades K-12 $2.00 $2.25

Lunch Grades K-5 $2.60 $2.75

Lunch Grades 6-12 $2.85 $3.00

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Kera McLoughlin, seconded by Laura Reich, and passed unanimously:

approving a donation from New York Life Foundation of two checks, each for $28, to the Wantagh School District. These checks represent a donation made by individuals who participate in the matching gifts program of the New York Life Giving Campaign.

approving the disposal of the following equipment:

Qty Item Model Serial/Tag # Location

1 Fingerprinting Digit10 Inkless 26705/002799 District-HR

Machine System

1 Printer Canon HS-Rm.104

EcolorSystem 20102549

1 Cutter Machine Challenge Machinery 17394 Print Shop

approving the award of bids to the following vendors for our portion of the 2020-21 New York/Island Cooperative Bid of Educational Data Service administered by the Clarkstown Central School District:

Bids and Vendors Bid Amounts

Special Needs - Bid 9814

School Specialty $ 119.97

School Health Corporation $ 24.54

$ 144.51

Teaching Aids - Bid 9850

Cascade School Supplies, Inc. $ 45.97

School Specialty, Inc. $ 58.60

Kurtz Bros., Inc. $ 65.28

Lakeshore Equipment Co./Lakeshore $ 486.83

Learning Material

United Supply Corp. $ 60.90

Really Good Stuff, LLC $ 4,632.67

EAI Education/Eric Armin, Inc. $ 30.56

$ 5,380.81

Athletic Supplies - Bid 10302

Massapequa Soccer Shop, LLC $ 270.50

Passons Sports & US Games/BSN Sports/ $ 3,607.86

Varsity Sport

Uniforms for All Sports, Inc. $ 420.00

Triple Crown Sports, Inc. $ 1,660.00

Metro Swim Shop $ 130.00

R & R Trophy and Sporting Goods Co. $ 2,094.12

Winning Teams by Nissel, LLC $ 195.52

Riddell $ 3,056.40

Laux Sporting Goods, Inc. $ 807.06

$12,241.46

Athletic Supplies - Bid 9853

Aluminum Athletic Equipment Co. $ 80.00

Passons Sports & US Games/BSN Sports/ $ 2,133.16

Varsity Sport

Pyramid School Products $ 4,166.40

R & R Trophy and Sporting Goods Co. $ 438.40

Sportsman’s dba George L. Haider, Inc. $ 508.94

Longstreth Sporting Goods, LLC $ 29.50

$ 7,356.40

Copy Duplicator Supplies - Bid 10069

W.B. Mason Co., Inc. $ 8,613.70

Custodial Supplies - Bid 9982

Staples Contracts & Commercial, LLC $ 124.47

American Paper Towel Co., LLC $ 1,023.46

$ 1,147.93

Elementary Science Supplies - Bid 9764

Really Good Stuff, LLC $ 115.82

Health and Trainer Supplies - Bid 9811

Henry Schein, Inc./Henry Schein Medical $ 2,983.32

School Health Corporation $ 7,944.25

Performance Health Supply, Inc. DBA Medco Supply $ 1,151.86

$12,079.43

Technology Supplies - Bid 9821

Electronix Express (R.S.R. Electronics, Inc.) $ 117.00

Paxton/Patterson, LLC $ 761.50

Midwest Technology Products $ 1,012.48

$ 1,890.98

Science Supplies - Bid 10012

School Specialty, Inc. $ 2,714.43

Nasco Education, LLC $ 572.49

Arbor Scientific $ 1,010.01

Fisher Scientific Company, LLC $ 190.46

Flinn Scientific, Inc. $ 448.79

Parco Scientific Company $ 33.50

Sargent Welch/VWR International, LLC $ 956.48

Ward’s Science/VWR International,LLC $ 2,202.73

EAI Education/Eric Armin, Inc. $ 29.71

BIO Company, Inc./BIO Corporation $ 363.09

Pitsco Education $ 51.44

$ 9,012.46

Library Supplies - Bid 9810

Cascade School Supplies, Inc. $ 115.73

Demco, Inc. $ 1,806.34

$ 1,922.07

Family/Consumer Science Supplies - Bid 9812

Nasco Education, LLC $ 1,189.55

S.A.N.E. $ 451.47

S 1,641.02

General Classroom Supplies - Bid 9914

School Specialty, Inc. $57,057.59

Fine Art Supplies - Bid 9822

Cascade School Supplies, Inc. $ 98.04

Blick Art Materials, LLC $ 552.79

School Specialty, Inc. $ 399.10

Nasco Education, LLC $ 100.56

W.B. Mason Co., Inc. $ 299.44

$ 1,449.93

Office/Computer Supplies - Bid 9831

Staples Contracts & Commercial, LLC $ 1,082.07

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by

Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously:

approving the BOCES final contract for the 2019-20 school year for a total sum of $4,575,405.14, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said contract.

approving that the Board President sign the Nassau BOCES AS-7 (contract of services) based on the Letter of Intent for the 2020-21 school year at an estimated total of $4,567,437.92.

approving the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 202, the Governor of the State of New York issued a declaration of emergency for the entire State of New York as a result of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, Governor Andrew Cuomo has announced that the reopening of schools for the 2020-2021 school year will be determined by him during the first week of August, 2020;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding that announcement, the School District is required to submit a reopening plan to New York State Education Department for approval by July 31, 2020, prior to the start of the 2020-2021 school year in September;

WHEREAS, such reopening plan must comply with guidance issued by the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health including the District-wide implementation of certain health and safety measures designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among the building occupants on an expedited basis;

WHEREAS, the District must procure equipment, materials and supplies to meet the requirements for its reopening plan in advance of the start of school;

WHEREAS, supplies of these items are extremely limited and lead times for delivery are long;

WHEREAS, this situation requires immediate action which cannot await competitive bidding in order to protect the health and safety of the students, staff, visitors, other building occupants, and the community at large from the spread of COVID-19 and to meet the requirements imposed by the New York State Education Department and the New York State Department of Health;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wantagh Union Free School District hereby declares the above situation to be an emergency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education authorizes the School District to purchase all necessary equipment, supplies, and materials necessary to implement the District’s reopening plan as it relates to COVID-19 as an ordinary contingent expense of the Board and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools or his designee to take the necessary legal steps to effectuate such purchases.

approving a change order for Contract No. 5A, HVAC Reconstruction from HVAC, Inc. as follows, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said change order:

The contract documents shall be amended as follows:

Furnish and install condenser, refrigeration piping and condenser pump to Nurse’s Office unit ventilator. Add $6,500.

approving the following salaries for non-represented employees for the 2020-21 school year:

Name Salary

Anthony Cedrone $222,360

Marc Ferris $214,200

Jeanne Love $169,175

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Laura Reich, seconded by Kera McLoughlin, and passed unanimously:

approving the recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education as specified in the minutes of the meetings of April 1, 2, 20, 22, 27, May 12, 19, June 24, July 24, 27, August 4, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 17, 2020.

approving the attached revised 2020-21 calendar for the Wantagh Public Schools.

MOTION was made by Kera McLoughlin, seconded by Anthony Greco, and passed unanimously, approving to enter Executive Session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss the review of security and safety matters, and employment of particular staff members.

The meeting reconvened at 9:45 p.m.

MOTION was made by Kera McLoughlin, seconded by Laura Reich, and passed unanimously, approving to adjourn at 9:46 p.m.

Submitted,

Elaine McGuigan

District Clerk

The following reports/presentations/information was given:

* Superintendent’s Report

John McNamara gave a report on the following item:

Gave an update on the preparations for Reopening 2020

