



April 9, 2024

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Start Time: 7:30 p.m.

Location: Central Administrative Office

Welcome, Call to Order – Mrs. Ilene Herz

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. by Western Suffolk BOCES Board President, Mrs. Herz.

Annual Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2023

Mrs. Herz, Board President acknowledged the previously approved minutes from the Annual Meeting of April 13, 2023.

Members of Cooperative Board

Mrs. Herz welcomed all to the meeting. Mrs. Herz announced the names of the three candidates seeking election to the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education, Debbie Adams-Kaden, South Huntington School District, Mary Ellen Cunningham, Lindenhurst School District and Robert Scheid, North Babylon School District.

Mrs. Herz introduced the members of the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education: Debbie Adams-Kaden, Mary Ellen Cunningham, Brian J. Sales, Jeannette Santos and Peter Wunsch. Mrs. Herz mentioned Mr. Sales was unable to be in attendance this evening.

Meet-the-Candidates for Election to the Board of Western Suffolk BOCES

Mrs. Herz mentioned there are two seats up for election and one vacancy on the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education. Mrs. Herz stated there are three nominees who are seeking election to the BOCES Board of Education. Two

candidates are seeking re-election and one candidate is seeking election to the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education. Debbie Adams-Kaden and Mary Ellen Cunningham are incumbent Board members seeking re-election and Robert Scheid is seeking election to the Western Suffolk BOCES Board of Education.

Mrs. Herz invited Debbie Adams-Kaden to address those in attendance. Mrs. Adams-Kaden addressed the Board and thanked everyone for their support. Mrs. Adams-Kaden discussed her experience and years of service.

Mrs. Herz thanked Mrs. Adams-Kaden and introduced the next candidate seeking re-election to the BOCES Board of Education, Mary Ellen Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham thanked everyone for their support and spoke regarding her experience and years of service.

Mrs. Herz thanked Mrs. Cunningham and introduced the next candidate seeking election to the BOCES Board of Education, Robert Scheid.

Mrs. Herz invited Mr. Scheid to address the audience. Mr. Scheid addressed the Board and those in attendance summarizing his years of service and experience as a Board Trustee.

Mrs. Herz thanked Mr. Scheid and the candidates seeking election to the WS BOCES Board.

Candidates listed in alphabetical order:

Debbie Adams-Kaden, 6 Fairview Lane, Huntington Station, NY 11746, has been nominated for election by formal action of the Board of Education of the Amityville UFSD, Babylon UFSD, Commack UFSD, Copiague UFSD, Elwood UFSD, Half Hollow Hills CSD, Harborfields CSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, North Babylon UFSD and Smithtown CSD.

Mary Ellen Cunningham, 835 Canal Street, Lindenhurst, NY 11757, has been nominated for election by formal action of the Board of Education of the Amityville UFSD, Babylon UFSD, Commack UFSD, Copiague UFSD, Elwood UFSD, Half Hollow Hills CSD, Harborfields CSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, North Babylon UFSD and Smithtown CSD.

Robert Scheid, 135 Monarch Avenue, West Babylon, NY 11704 has been nominated for election by formal action of the Board of Education of the North Babylon UFSD.

Question & Answer Period for the Audience Concerning the Board Candidates

No one present in the audience had questions concerning the Board candidates.

Introduction of the Central Administration Staff

Mr. Flynn welcomed the Board members and all in attendance to the Annual Meeting. Mr. Flynn introduced the Central Administrative staff; April Poprilo, District Superintendent, Nancy Kelsey, Executive Director – Career and Technical Education, Nancy Wilson, Executive Director – Special Education, Warren Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Hugh Gigante, Executive Director – Personnel, Nancy Fischetti, Public Relations Director and Lorraine Hein, Director of Business. Mr. Flynn recognized the hard work of the Central Administration staff and thanked them for their efforts.

BOCES Annual Meeting Letter from the NYSED Commissioner

Mr. Flynn introduced Mrs. Poprilo, District Superintendent. Mrs. Poprilo acknowledged and spoke briefly regarding the letter received from Commissioner, Betty A. Rosa of the NY State Education Department regarding the BOCES Annual Meeting.

Western Suffolk BOCES Component School Districts – 2024-25 Expenditures & Estimated BOCES State Aid for WSB Services

Mr. Flynn discussed the 2024-25 Expenditures and Estimated BOCES State Aid for WS BOCES services.

Administrative, Capital & Program 2024-25 Budgets

Mr. Flynn gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the administrative, capital and program budgets for the 2024-25 school year.

Question & Answer Period for the Audience Concerning the BOCES Budget

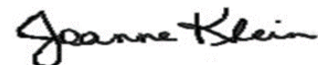
Mr. Flynn asked if there were questions. Since there was no further discussion, Mr. Flynn thanked everyone for attending the Annual Meeting.

2022-23 BOCES Report Card

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2022-23 BOCES Report Card recently submitted to the New York State Education Department.

Adjournment

At 8:35 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham and the Annual meeting was adjourned.



Joanne Klein, District Clerk