



August 6, 2024

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Central Administrative Offices

Roll Call – (Attendees Noted by District Clerk)

Present were:

Board Members

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

BOCES Staff

- Michael Flynn, Chief Operating Officer
- Dr. Hugh Gigante (Exec. Director Personnel)
- Warren Taylor (Chief Financial Officer)
- Nancy Fischetti (Public Relations Director)
- Joanne Klein (District Clerk)
- Nancy Wilson (Exec. Dir. – Special Education)
- Staff Members

Absent

- Mary Ellen Cunningham
- Peter Wunsch
- April Poprilo

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Mr. Sales.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time a motion was made to move into Executive Session to discuss matters involving Security and Safety, an ongoing litigation and the performance of two particular employees by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Santos. At 7:14 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular Meeting on motion made by Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Santos.

REGULAR MEETING

The Regular meeting of the Board resumed at 7:15 p.m. Mr. Sales, Board President led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mr. Sales invited anyone present in the audience who wished to address the Board to please step forward and state their name and address. No one present wished to address the Board.

Approval of Minutes Organizational Meeting – July 9, 2024

The minutes of the Organizational Meeting of July 9, 2024 were approved unanimously on motion of Mrs. Santos and seconded by Mr. Scheid.

Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting – July 9, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2024 were approved unanimously on motion of Mrs. Santos and seconded by Mr. Scheid.

Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer's Report indicating balances in the various financial accounts as of June 30, 2024. (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 June 26, 2024 to July 30, 2024 for expenditures totaling \$15,005,216.18. (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

District Superintendent – Comments/Events

Mrs. Poprilo was unable to attend the meeting.

Chief Operating Officer Report – Comments/Events

Mr. Flynn discussed with the Board the following topics:

- NYSED Blue Ribbon Commission
- Free and Reduced Lunch – Mrs. Santos inquired about the aid for free and reduced lunch
- Rockefeller Institute – Mr. Sales spoke regarding the institute
- Mr. Flynn acknowledged the Award of Grants for 2023-24 and 2024-25
- APPR
- Water Quality Testing

Mr. Flynn introduced Ms. Nancy Wilson. Ms. Wilson reported to the Board regarding the close of the ESY school year and thanked the Board for their ongoing support.

Chief Financial Officer – Update of Capital Projects

Mr. Taylor discussed with the Board the report regarding the Capital Projects. Mr. Taylor mentioned there are 11 projects in design, three projects are at NYSED, one has been there since October 2022 and one since October of 2023, 19 projects are in the contracting phase, 25 projects are scheduled for work and 12 projects are completed for a total of 70 projects. We are working with the State and it has its challenges. The Northport campus needs air conditioning and we are hopeful to get the units in time for next June. The cost keeps rising and this has been on the books for five years.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Business Administration Matters

Approval of Budget Adjustments August 2023-24

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2023-24 budget adjustments/transfers for August 2024 in the following programs:

School Improvement for Standards Implementation Smart Start Grant

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.1.1 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval of Budget Adjustments August 2024-25

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously to approve 2024-25 budget adjustments/transfers for August 2024 in the following programs:

Outdoor Learning Lab	Center for Learning Technology
Center for Learning Technology	SLS – Operating Aid
SLS – Supplementary Aid	SLS – Aid for Automation
Suffolk County Opioid Settlement	

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

Approval of Bid Awards

The members of the Board reviewed the revised bid analysis presented by the Chief Operating Officer. Mrs. Herz moved, Mrs. Santos seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as listed on the revised schedule dated August 6, 2024.

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

Resolution to Participate in Sourcewell Contract for Office Supply Catalog Solutions [R]

On motion by Mrs. Herz, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for approval of Resolution to Participate in Sourcewell Contract for Office Supply Catalog Solutions 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 Sourcewell Contract #012320-SCC, Office Supply Catalog Solutions, for the purpose of procuring office supply products 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 Sourcewell Contract #012320-SCC, Office Catalog Solutions for office supply products 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 Sourcewell Contract #012320-SCC, Office Catalog Solutions.

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

Personnel

Instructional Personnel

Mr. Scheid moved and Mrs. Santos 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 15-page Instructional Report dated August 6, 2024 (Encl. 9.2.1) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Supplementary Services

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

All items listed on the 16-page Supplementary Services Report dated August 6, 2024 (Encl. 9.2.2) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Non-Instructional Personnel

Mr. Scheid moved and Mrs. Santos seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Non-Instructional Personnel matters, agenda items 9.2.3 as follows:

All Non-Instructional Personnel matters listed on the 3-page Non-Instructional Report dated August 6, 2024 (Encl. 9.2.3) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Authorizing Termination of a Unit XII Staff Member [R]

On motion by Mr. Scheid and seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution Authorizing Termination of a Unit XII Staff Member as follows:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the District Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby terminates the employment of Employee #18372, in all positions held by the employee, effective at the end of business on August 6, 2024.

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

Other Action Items

Approval of Disposition of Surplus Property [R]

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Disposition of Surplus Property on motion by Mr. Scheid, 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.)

Authorization for Board Members to Attend a Conference [R]

On motion of Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Board Members to Attend a Conference as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES is committed to providing the best possible leadership to the organization; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing education of Board of Education members assists in achieving this goal;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the following Board Members are authorized to attend the conference noted below:

Brian J. Sales
Jeannette Santos

NYSSBA's Annual Convention
New York City, New York
October 20 - 22, 2024

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

Authorization for Acceptance of Donation [R]

On motion of Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Acceptance of Donation as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from Avalon Park & Preserve Foundation, to donate funds to sponsor students from local Long Island school districts to participate in the 2024 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 Park & Preserve Foundation 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. 9.3.3 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization for Acceptance of Donation [R]

On motion of Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for the Authorization for Acceptance of Donation as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from the Sierra Club, Long Island Group, to donate funds to sponsor students from local Long Island school districts to participate in the 2024 Summer EcoQuest Summer Residential Program. This program is research based and modeled off of the highly successful Marine Studies Enrichment Program. The donation in the amount of \$ 29,725.00 will reduce the program fees from school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Sierra Club is a 501[c]3 organization, whose mission is to explore, enjoy, and protect

the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; and to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment. To this end, the Sierra Club 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:

Sierra Club Long Island Group
Harvey Miller, Treasurer
105 Betty Road
East Meadow, NY 11554-1601 (516) 794-7059
Amount of check: \$ 29,725.00

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

Resolution for Authorization for Affiliation Agreement with New York University (NYU) Grossman School of Medicine [R]

On motion of Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for the Resolution for Authorization for Affiliation Agreement with New York University (NYU) Grossman School of Medicine as follows:

WHEREAS, an agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and NYU Grossman School of Medicine has been developed for the purpose of providing a clinical experience for Western Suffolk BOCES students participating in NYU Outpatient Facilities Diagnostic Medical Sonography educational program; 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 NYU Langone Hospitals. This agreement shall be effective for one year and shall renew automatically for additional one (1) year term unless written notice of termination is given by one party to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the end of the term. In addition, either party may terminate this agreement at any time giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other party.

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

Authorization for Lease Agreement with Deer Park UFSD [R]

On motion of Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for the Authorization for Lease Agreement with Deer Park UFSD as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES leases a portion of the Deer Park Elementary School for BOCES instructional programs as set forth in the lease between BOCES and Deer Park Union Free School District and approved by Resolution dated 7/14/20; 8/10/21, 7/12/22, 8/8/23 and

WHEREAS, both parties desire to renew said lease for an additional one (1) year commencing September 1, 2024 and ending August 31, 2025 upon the terms set forth in the Amendment 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant BOCES enrollment in Special Ed continues to require this additional space;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that BOCES hereby determines that the extension of said lease with Deer Park UFSD of the Deer Park Elementary School as set forth in the Amendment 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

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President is hereby authorized to sign an agreement to enter into the 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. 9.3.6 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Authorization for Lease Agreement with West Babylon UFSD [R]

On motion of Mr. Scheid, seconded by Mrs. Santos, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Lease Agreement with West Babylon UFSD as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Education Law sec. 1950(4)(p), Western Suffolk BOCES (“BOCES”) has the power and duty to rent suitable land, classrooms, offices or buildings upon or in which to maintain and conduct such cooperative educational services and administrative offices for a period not to exceed ten (10) years and to improve, alter, equip and furnish such land, classrooms, offices or buildings in a suitable manner for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, due to the lack of space in current locations for the 2024/2025 school year and beyond, BOCES has explored the rental of a portion of a West Babylon school to meet the needs of the special education enrollment;

WHEREAS, the board has determined that such agreement is in the best financial interests of the supervisory district and as space is needed for the alternative education center program; and

WHEREAS, the rental payment is not more than the fair market value as determined by the board; and

WHEREAS, no lease or other contract for the occupancy of such land, classrooms, offices or buildings shall be enforceable against the board of cooperative educational services unless and until the same shall have been approved in writing by the commissioner; and

WHEREAS, the rental payment is not be more than the fair market value as determined by the board; and

WHEREAS, there are no conflicts of interest or any perceived conflict of interest as no member of the Board or officers or employee has a financial interest in the space to be leased; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, due to the lack of available space in current facilities 2024/2025 school

year and beyond, it is in the best interests of BOCES to seek suitable land, classrooms, and offices upon which to maintain and conduct such cooperative educational and services; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President, be and is hereby expressly authorized and empowered to execute a lease with West Babylon UFSD for a portion of the school to meet the needs of the special education enrollment for the 2024/2025 and beyond, subject to the approval of the commissioner of Education and on such terms and conditions as are authorized by Education Law sec. 1950(4)(p).

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

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 p.m. there being no further business items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mrs. Santos and seconded by Mrs. Herz.

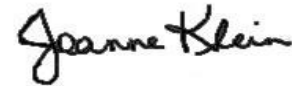
Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT	ATTENDEES
8/13/24	SCOPE Annual Dinner Meeting, Bourne Mansion, Oakdale, Tuesday, 5:00 pm	ME Cunningham, I. Herz, B. Sales, J. Santos
9/25/24	N-SSBA Annual Resolutions Dinner Meeting, Wednesday, The Fox Hollow Woodbury, 6:00 pm Registration 6:30 Program Begins	B. Sales
10/10/24	REFIT Annual Dinner Meeting, Thursday, 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm, The Milleridge Inn, Jericho NY	J. Santos
10/20/24 - 10/22/24	NYSSBA Annual Convention and Education Expo, NYC, NY, Sunday -Tuesday	D. Adams-Kaden, B. Sales, J. Santos

Enclosures:

EAP Pathways, *August 2024*

EAP Pathways, Supervisors, *August 2024*
2024-25 Western Suffolk BOCES Board Member Listing
2024-25 Updated Western Suffolk BOCES Board Members & Administration
NYSSBA Update, *July 14, 2024*
NYSSBA Update, *July 21, 2024*
NYSSBA Update, *July 28, 2024*
N-SSBA Annual Resolutions Dinner Flyer
Van Nostrand & Martin Letter, *July 18, 2024*
Newsday Article, *July 19, 2024*



Joanne Klein
District Clerk