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Western Suffolk BOCES

May 14, 2024
Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Start Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Wheatley Heights Conference Center

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

Board Members

- Ilene Herz, Esq. (President)
- Brian J. Sales (Vice President)
- Debbie Adams-Kaden
- Mary Ellen Cunningham
- Peter Wunsch

BOCES Staff

- Michael Flynn (Chief Operating Officer)
- April Poprilo (District Superintendent)
- Warren Taylor (Chief Financial Officer)
- Dr. Hugh Gigante (Exec. Dir. – Personnel)
- Nancy Fischetti (Public Relations Director)
- Joanne Klein (District Clerk)
- Nancy Kelsey (Exec. Dir. Career and Tech. Education)

- Nancy Wilson (Exec. Dir. - Special Education)
- Lorraine Hein (Director Business)
- Staff Members

Absent

- Jeannette Santos

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President, Mrs. Herz.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time a motion to move into Executive Session regarding the performance of three particular employees, a potential legal matter, the hiring of counsel and ongoing negotiations with Unit V and future negotiations was made by Mr. Sales, seconded by Mr. Wunsch. At 7:10 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular Meeting on motion made by Mr. Sales, seconded by Mr. Wunsch.

REGULAR MEETING/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Regular meeting of the Board resumed at 7:13 p.m. Mrs. Herz led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mrs. Herz 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 Regular Meeting – April 9, 2024

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 9, 2024 were approved unanimously on motion of Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mr. Sales.

Approval of Minutes Annual Meeting – April 9, 2024

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of April 9, 2024 were approved unanimously on motion of Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mr. Sales.

Treasurer's Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer’s Report indicating balances in the various financial accounts as of March 31, 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 April 3, 2024 to May 2, 2024 for expenditures totaling $21,168,420.61 (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORTS

District Superintendent – Comments/Events

Mrs. Poprilo reported to the Board regarding the following topics:

- Blue Ribbon Commission – High School Graduation Recommendations
- Proposed Amendments from the Commissioner to the Board of Regents
- NYSED
- Literacy Initiatives

Chief Operating Officer Report – Comments/Events

Mr. Flynn shared with the Board the WS BOCES Budget/Election voting results from April 16, 2024. Mr. Flynn shared the 16 component school districts passed the BOCES budget. Mr. Flynn congratulated Mr. Robert Scheid, newly elected trustee to the Board of Education, Mrs. Debbie Adams-Kaden and Mrs. Mary Ellen Cunningham on their re-election to the WS BOCES Board of Education.

Mr. Flynn updated the Board regarding the following topics:

- Maintenance Items Update/Central Office
- Orange Ulster BOCES Letter

Chief Financial Officer – Update of Capital Projects

Mr. Taylor updated the Board regarding the Update of Capital Projects. There are four projects in design, three projects are at NYSED awaiting approval, eight projects are in the bid process, 31 projects are underway and four projects have been completed.

Mr. Taylor discussed and summarized the Capital Project Multi Year Plan report.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Business Administration Matters

Approval of Budget Adjustments May 2023-24

On motion by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of 2023-24 budget adjustments/transfers for May 2024 in the following programs:

Outdoor Learning Lab	Center for Learning Technology
Model Schools	Planning
Services Other BOCES	Career and Technical Education
Special Aid Fund	

(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 by the Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Wunsch moved, Mrs. Cunningham seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve awards to the lowest bidders meeting specifications as listed on the schedule dated May 14, 2024.

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

Adoption of Program, Administrative and Capital Budgets 2024-25 [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Adoption of Program, Administrative and Capital Budgets 2024-25 as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Supervisory District No. 2 of the County of Suffolk hereby adopts the 2024-25 Administrative Budget as approved by the component school districts in the amount of $16,739,112.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for Supervisory District No. 2 of the County of Suffolk hereby adopts the following budgets for 2024-25 as follows:

Capital Budgets	-- $ 4,105,000
General Fund Program Budgets	-- $212,565,032
Special Aid Program Budgets	-- $ 12,215,361
School Lunch Program Budgets	-- $ 1,979,732

TOTAL BUDGETS -- $247,604,237

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

Approval of Capital Projects 2024-25 [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Capital Projects 2024-25 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, without additional assessment to the districts, from various funds; and

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

WHEREAS, the following projects in the total amount of $2,850,000 should be funded in the Capital Projects Fund:

Project Name	Location	Estimated Cost
Roof Top Unit Replacement	Administration	98,600
Roof Top Unit Replacement	Taukomas	100,000
Roof Top Unit Replacement *(H931)	WT Dix Hills	93,150
Window Replacement Phase C *(H962)	WT Dix Hills	392,400
Roof Replacement	WT Republic	1,308,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades	District Wide	54,000
Kitchen Renovation	Chestnut Hill	288,850
Asphalt Replacement	WT Northport	150,000
Renovations to Caleb Smith OLL/Phase II *(H910)	Caleb Smith	250,000
Utility Metering/Logging/Dashboard	JEA Dix Hills/Melville & WT Northport	115,000
Total		$2,850,000

*additional funding for projects previously approved

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the amount of $2,850,000 hereby transferred to the Capital Fund from the following sources:

Source of Funds	Amount
2024-25 Appropriation/Capital Budget	2,850,000

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

Authorization Rate Increase for ALC Use of Classrooms [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch, seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization Rate Increase for ALC Use of Classrooms as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES for many years provided services to appropriate Special Ed students in district buildings consistent with requirements for student placement regulations, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has compensated the districts providing classroom and treatment space at nominal rates which have been unchanged since 2011-12, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of both Western Suffolk BOCES and the providing districts to adjust the payment rates consistent with increased costs for districts providing such services,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the payments to districts for the space and services provided in connection with ALC classrooms be increased effective 9/1/24 to: Classroom ($3,000 each), mainstream services ($14,000/class).

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

Resolution to Retain Legal Counsel [R]

On motion by Mrs. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted for Resolution to Retain Legal Counsel as follows:

WHEREAS, current labor counsel to Western Suffolk BOCES has previously withdrawn from their commitment, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has appointed interim labor counsel firms for the period January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has reviewed and analyzed proposals from four (4) eligible firms and, after analysis of services and costs, has determined that Guercio & Guercio LLP best meets the needs of Western Suffolk BOCES,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the firm of Guercio & Guercio LLP be appointed as Western Suffolk BOCES labor counsel for the period beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the rates contained in their proposal dated March 2024 (retainer of $65,000 and attorney rate of $280/hr).

The Board voted 4-1 in favor with Mr. Wunsch voting in opposition.

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

Resolution to Retain Special Legal Counsel [R]

On motion by Mrs. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted for Resolution to Retain Special Legal Counsel as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has several outstanding matters involving ongoing collective bargaining and mediation between Western Suffolk BOCES and Unit 5, and

WHEREAS, these matters have been assigned to Keane & Beane PC whose services have been viewed as positive and effective, and

WHEREAS, it would not be efficient and/or cost effective to transition these matters to a new firm,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board appoint Keane & Beane PC as special counsel for the period July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 or until conclusion of this matter to complete the above matter at the prorated retainer rate contained in their proposal dated March 2024 (retainer of $5,417/month plus attorney rate of $285/hr.)

The Board voted 4-1 in favor with Mr. Wunsch voting in opposition.

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

Resolution to Retain Special Legal Counsel [R]

On motion by Mrs. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted for Resolution to Retain Special Legal Counsel as follows:

WHEREAS, by separate resolution, Western Suffolk BOCES has appointed the firm of Guercio & Guercio LLP as special labor counsel effective July 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, it is logical and appropriate to assign matters that may develop during the period May 15, 2024 through June 30, 2024 to the above firm, and

WHEREAS, Guercio & Guercio LLP have indicated a willingness to accept assignments of such matters at a prorated rate based on the retainer rate contained in their proposal,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Guercio & Guercio LLP be appointed as labor counsel for newly identified matters for the period May 15, 2024 through June 30, 2024 at the rates contained int heir proposal of March 2024 (retainer of $5,417/month, attorney rate of $280/hr.) and authorizes the Board President to execute the contract.

The Board voted 4-1 in favor with Mr. Wunsch voting in opposition.

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

Personnel

Instructional Personnel

Mr. Wunsch moved and Mr. Sales 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 2-page Instructional Report dated May 14, 2024 (Encl. 9.2.1) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Supplementary Services

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

All items listed on the 8-page Supplementary Services Report dated May 14, 2024 (Encl. 9.2.2) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Non-Instructional Personnel

Mr. Wunsch moved and Mr. Sales 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 4-page Non-Instructional Report dated May 14, 2024 (Encl. 9.2.3) is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Resolution Implementing Disciplinary Decision and Award [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted unanimously for Resolution Implementing Disciplinary Decision and Award as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is in receipt of the April 16, 2024 decision and award of Barry Peek, Esq. (the "Hearing Officer") concerning the November 13, 2023 Education Law Section 3020-a charges preferred against a tenured BOCES employee with the Employee Identification Number 04065 ("the Employee"); and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer found the Employee guilty of Charge 1 (Specifications 1 and 2), Charge 2 (Specifications 1 and 2) and Charge 4 (Specifications 1, 2 and 3); and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer dismissed Charge 3 (Specifications 1 and 2) and Charge 5 (Specifications 1 and 2); and

WHEREAS, the Hearing Officer determined that the Employee will be terminated from her employment with BOCES; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Hearing Officer's decision will be implemented effective immediately and that the employment of the Employee is hereby terminated effective immediately.

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

Authorization for Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA Custodians and Maintenance Personnel - Unit V [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for Memorandum of Agreement with CSEA Custodians and Maintenance Personnel - Unit V as follows:

RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the Chief Operating Officer, the Board hereby ratifies the May 7, 2024 agreement with Western Suffolk BOCES Custodians & Maintenance Personnel Unit V of the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, CSEA.

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

Adoption of Salary Schedules for Central Office Administrators [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted unanimously for Adoption of Salary Schedules for Central Office Administrators as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Second Supervisory District of Suffolk County, New York, desires to provide salary increases to various Central Office Administrators for the 2024-25 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, they have determined that the individual salary increases will be equal to 3.0% of current base salaries for each of the individuals named below for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that said salary adjustments will be approved for Hugh Gigante, Nancy Kelsey and Nancy Wilson.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.2.6 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

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

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mr. Sales, the Board voted unanimously for Adoption of Salary Schedules for Non-Represented Employees 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 2024-25 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, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.2.7 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 of Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham 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 of Agreement with SCOPE [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization of Agreement with SCOPE as follows:

WHEREAS, an agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and SCOPE has been developed, and

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has contracted with SCOPE to facilitate programming & administration of certain outdoor education programs & suites as specified in the agreement,

THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Operating Officer is authorized to sign an agreement with SCOPE for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 in the amount of $524,907.24.

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

Approval of Agreement between Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County and Western Suffolk BOCES Outdoor Environmental Education Program [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Agreement between Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County and Western Suffolk BOCES Outdoor Environmental Education Program as follows:

WHEREAS, the Western Suffolk BOCES Outdoor Environmental Education Program has the need to provide residential outdoor / environmental education experiences, and

WHEREAS, a BOCES administrator has inspected such available facilities & reviewed the programs & finds them to be suitable for the Outdoor Environmental Education Marine Studies Enrichment Program;

THERFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Operating Office is authorized to sign contracts on behalf of Western Suffolk BOCES with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County, Dorothy P. Flint 4-H Camp, effective June13, 2024 through July 26, 2024.

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

Authorization to Accept Donated Equipment and Supplies - Suffolk County Community College [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to

Accept Donated Equipment and Supplies - Suffolk County Community College as follows:

WHEREAS, Western Suffolk BOCES has received an offer from Suffolk County Community College, Central Administration, 533 College Road, Selden, NY 11784-2899 to donate:

- one (1) 2015 Cadillac Escalade, VIN Number 1GYS4BKJ0FR239674
- one (1) 2015 Chevrolet Suburban VIN Number 1GNSKJKC5FR559314
- one (1) GMC Terrain VIN Numbers 2GKFLUEK0H6330389

to be used by the students attending the Automotive Technology 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. 9.3.4 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

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

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, 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:

- Roof Top Unit Replacement at Administration
- Roof Top Unit Replacement at Taukomas
- Roof Top Unit Replacement at WT Dix Hills
- Window Replacement at WT Dix Hills
- Roof Replacement at WT Republic

- Fire Alarm System Upgrades District Wide
- Kitchen Renovation at Chestnut Hill
- Asphalt Replacement at WT Northport
- Renovations at Caleb Smith OLL
- Study/Review Energy Usage/Savings District Wide
- Miscellaneous construction district wide (Alterations)

Central Office	WT Huntington	Taukomas
M&O Facility	JEA Dix Hills	Brennan
WT Dix Hills	JEA Melville	Caleb Smith OLL
WT Northport	Chestnut Hill	Sunken Meadow OLL
WT Republic		

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

Approval of Multi-Year Technology Agreements Babylon UFSD, Cold Spring Harbor CSD, Commack UFSD, Elwood UFSD, Harborfields CSD, Kings Park CSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, N. Babylon UFSD, Northport UFSD, S. Huntington UFSD and W. Babylon UFSD [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Multi-Year Technology Agreements Babylon UFSD, Cold Spring Harbor CSD, Commack UFSD, Elwood UFSD, Harborfields CSD, Kings Park CSD, Lindenhurst UFSD, N. Babylon UFSD, Northport UFSD, S. Huntington UFSD and W. Babylon UFSD as follows:

WHEREAS, the Division of Instructional Support Services has been working with Babylon, Commack, Elwood, Harborfields, Kings Park, Lindenhurst, N. Babylon, Northport, S. Huntington, and W. Babylon 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
Babylon UFSD	5 Year	$899,753
Cold Spring Harbor CSD	5 Year	$614,756
Commack UFSD	4 Year	$1,658,166
Elwood UFSD	4 Year	$396,812
Harborfields CSD	5 Year	$131,814
Kings Park CSD	3 Year	$130,342
Lindenhurst UFSD	5 Year	$1,184,944
N Babylon UFSD	4 Year	$499,676
Northport UFSD	4 Year	$129,111
S Huntington UFSD	4 Year	$536,738
S Huntington UFSD	5 Year	$590,949
W Babylon UFSD	4 Year	$449,141

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

Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Horodnicki [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Horodnicki as follows:

WHEREAS, in prior action the Western Suffolk BOCES has authorized the establishment of a scholarship program in honor of Ryan T. Horodnicki; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship would recognize students in the Western Suffolk BOCES Special Education program, 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 $300 to be used to fund this scholarship program.

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

Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Stomber [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation – Stomber as follows:

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephen E Stomber, 3111 Benjamin Road, Oceanside NY 11572, has offered to fund two (2) scholarships, and

WHEREAS, the scholarship would recognize a student in the Electronics/Robotics/Computer Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship would recognize a student in the Certified Personal Trainer Program; and

WHEREAS, such scholarships would benefit the Career and Technical Education program and is endorsed by the administration of the program; 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 the donation in the amount of $750 to be used to fund these scholarship programs.

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

Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Suffolk County Chapter of New York State School Facilities Association [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Suffolk County Chapter of New York State School Facilities Association as follows:

WHEREAS, Suffolk County Chapter of New York State School Facilities Association, PO Box 1252, Ronkonkoma NY 11779, has offered to fund a scholarship, and

WHEREAS, the scholarship would recognize a student in the Career and Technical Education program; and

WHEREAS, such a scholarship would benefit the Career and Technical Education program and is endorsed by the administration of the program; 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 the donation in the amount of $1,000 to be used to fund this scholarship program.

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

Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Colandrea [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation – Colandrea as follows:

WHEREAS, Maria Colandrea and George Donaldson, 600 Elan Hall Road, Cary, NC 27519-1597, has offered to fund a scholarship in honor of John and Angela Colandrea; and

WHEREAS, the scholarship would recognize a student in the Career and Technical Education program; and

WHEREAS, such a scholarship would benefit the Career and Technical Education program and is endorsed by the administration of the program; 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 the donation in the amount of $1,000 to be used to fund this scholarship program.

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

Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation - Herz [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, 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. 9.3.11 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Approval of Affiliation Agreement - Quinnipiac University - Physical Therapy [R]

On motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Approval of Affiliation Agreement - Quinnipiac University - Physical Therapy as follows:

WHEREAS, an agreement between Western Suffolk BOCES and Quinnipiac University has been developed for the purpose of providing a clinical site for students from Quinnipiac to fulfill their educational program in the discipline of Physical Therapy; 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 May 14, 2024.

(Listing referred to is designated as Encl. 9.3.12 and is incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wunsch discussed the new State budget and the apparent changes to Tier 5 and Tier 6.

Mr. Sales discussed sessions held at the NSBA Convention recently. One informative session pertained to artificial intelligence. The future of AI will be unstoppable in schools.

At 7:30 p.m. there being no further business items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Mr. Wunsch and seconded by Mrs. Cunningham.

Student Recognition Program:

At 7:33 pm, the Board trustees recognized outstanding students from both Career & Tech and Special Education divisions. In total, 18 students received honors and awards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/30/24	N-SSBA 64th Annual Business Meeting, N-SSBA 64th Annual Business Meeting, The Hamlet Golf & Country Club 1 Clubhouse Drive Commack, Thursday, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm	
6/6/24	Adult Recognition Ceremony (p.m. students), Thursday, 6:30 pm, Wilsonian Room, Dix Hills	J. Santos
6/7/24	Adult Recognition Ceremony (a.m. students), Friday, 10:00 am, Wilsonian Room, Dix Hills	M.E.Cunningham, P. Wunsch
6/12/24	Graduation Ceremony, Wednesday, 9:45 am, James E. Allen Jr/Sr High School	M.E Cunningham, J. Santos, P. Wunsch
6/17/24	Health Careers Graduation – Sonography, Monday, 6:00 pm, Wilson Tech Dix Hills	J. Santos

6/18/24	Secondary Recognition Ceremony – Huntington, Northport, Republic, Tuesday, 7:00 pm, Half Hollow Hills H.S. East	P. Wunsch
6/20/24	Center for Alternative Education Recognition Ceremony, Thursday, 1:00 pm, Wilsonian Room, Dix Hills	M.E Cunningham, J. Santos, P. Wunsch
6/20/24	Secondary Recognition Ceremony – CTE/ Dix Hills, Thursday, 7:00 pm, Half Hollow Hills H.S. East	P. Wunsch
6/21/24	Moving Up Ceremony, Friday, 10:00 am, Brennan Middle School	J. Santos, P. Wunsch
6/21/24	Moving Up Ceremony - James E. Allen Elementary School, Lincoln Elementary, Chestnut Hill Elementary, Friday, 10:00 am, JEA Dix Hills for all 3 buildings	M.E Cunningham
6/25/24	Graduation Ceremony, Tuesday, 10:00 am, ASPIRE Academy	J. Santos, P. Wunsch
6/25/24	Graduation Ceremony, Tuesday, 10:00 am, Manor Plains High School	M.E Cunningham
6/26/24	Graduation Ceremony, Wednesday, 9:30 am, JEA Alternative School	M.E Cunningham
6/26/24	Graduation Ceremony, Wednesday, 10:00 am, Brennan High School	J. Santos, P. Wunsch
6/27/24	Health Careers Graduation – LPN, Thursday, 6:00 pm, Wilson Tech Dix Hills	P. Wunsch
8/13/24	SCOPE Annual Dinner Meeting, Bourne Mansion, Oakdale, Tuesday, 5:00 pm	
10/20/24 - 10/22/24	NYSSBA Annual Convention and Education Expo, NYC, NY, Sunday - Tuesday	

Enclosures:

Save the Date, N-SSBA Annual Business Meeting, *Thursday, May 30, 2024*
Separation Notifications
EAP Pathways, *May 2024*
EAP Pathways for Supervisors, *May 2024*
NYSSBA Advocacy Update, *April 12, 2024*
NYSSBA Advocacy Update, *April 18, 2024*
NYSSBA Advocacy Alert, *April 19, 2024*
NYSSBA Update, *April 21, 2024*
NYSSBA Advocacy Update, *April 23, 2024*
NYSSBA Update, *April 28, 2024*
NYSSBA Advocacy Update, *April 30, 2024*
NYSSBA Update, *May 5, 2024*

NYSSBA Area Director Update, *May 7, 2024*

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