



February 8, 2022

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Central Administrative Office

Roll Call (Attendees Noted by District Clerk)

Present were:

Board Members

- Jeannette Santos (President)
- Ilene Herz, Esq. (Vice President)
- Mary Ellen Cunningham
- James Kaden
- Brian J. Sales
- Peter Wunsch
- Maryann Zumpano

BOCES Staff

- Michael Flynn (Chief Operating Officer)
- Angelique Johnson-Dingle (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 of Business)
Staff Members

Call to Order (Board President)

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Board President, Mrs. Santos.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss a potential litigation was made by Mr. Kaden, seconded by Mr. Wunsch. At 7:12 p.m. the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn Executive Session and move into the Regular Meeting on motion made by Mr. Kaden, seconded by Mr. Wunsch.

REGULAR MEETING/Pledge of Allegiance (Board President)

The Regular meeting of the Board resumed at 7:12 p.m. Mrs. Santos led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors: ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Mrs. Santos 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.

Report to the Audit Committee.

Mrs. Herz, inquired why have some categories in the report

Administrative Charge and the second is the Capital Charge. The program tuition average charge will be 2.58% to the component school districts for 2022/23.

Mrs. Santos inquired if the other Long Island BOCES, Eastern and Nassau were in a similar situation.

Mr. Flynn discussed WS BOCES will hold the annual legislative program in February. Mr. Flynn mentioned that NYSCOSS usually does not advocate for BOCES issues but these are now included in their top three asks of the State legislators this year.

Treasurer's Report

indicating balances in the various financial accounts as of December 31, 2021. (Copies incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.)

Claims Auditor's Report

equipment, and

WHEREAS, the cost of the West Babylon Technology Project is \$289,192 with \$289,500 to be financed through JP Morgan Chase Bank, the interest rate of the financing will be 1.76 % for fifty-three (53) months, and

WHEREAS the BOCES further desires to take certain preliminary actions to provide such financing, including, but not limited to, the making of certain findings and evaluations of financing alternatives required pursuant to 2 NYCRR Section 39.2, and to execute the Lease Purchase Agreements, subject to the prior review and approval of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools, and the Board of Education of the BOCES and the Board of Education of the West Babylon School District and Martin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the BOCES as follows:

Section 1. The BOCES has evaluated the financing alternatives available to it and hereby determined that it is in the best interest of the BOCES to finance the project pursuant to the Lease Purchase Agreement for the following reasons:

a) As provided by law and regulation, in accordance with 8 NYCRR 170.3, the project may not be financed by the BOCES under the New York Local Finance Law, but may be financed through an equipment lease purchase agreement. The use of an equipment lease purchase agreement pursuant to 109-b of the General Municipal Law provides the BOCES with a means to directly finance the Project.

b) The only other financing alternative available to the BOCES involves the financing of the Project through certain joint action of the component school districts of the BOCES. This alternative is the only one available to the BOCES. This alternative is the only one available to the BOCES.

omissions and insertions as the President of the Board of Education shall approve, the execution thereof by the President of the Board of Education to constitute conclusive evidence of such approval. The President shall not execute the aforesaid documents nor shall the District Clerk affix the seal of the BOCES to said documents as aforesaid until the review and approval of the documents by counsel to the BOCES, Van Nostrand & Martin.

Section 3. The officers, employees and agents of the BOCES are hereby authorized and directed for and in the name and on behalf of the BOCES to do all acts and things required or provided for by the provisions of the Lease Purchase Agreement, including all acts and things necessary to ensure the interest component of the rental payments due under the Equipment Lease Purchase Agreement is excludable from gross income tax

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and to execute and deliver

Personnel

Instructional Personnel

Mrs. Zumpano moved, Mr. Kaden 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 7-page Instructional Report dated February 8, 2022 (Encl. 9.2.1) are incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Supplementary Services

Mrs. Zumpano moved, Mr. Kaden 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 February 8, 2022 (Encl. 9.2.2) are incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Non-Instructional Personnel

Mrs. Zumpano moved, Mr. Kaden 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 February 8, 2022 are incorporated with the official minutes of this meeting.

Approval of Agreement Amendment for District Superintendent [R]

On motion by Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mr. Kaden, the Board voted unanimously for Approval of Agreement Amendment for District Superintendent as follows:

WHEREAS, the above parties have previously entered into an employment agreement dated October 18, 2016, October 15, 2019 and

WHEREAS, the parties now wish to amend that agreement,

WHEREAS, all previous provisions of the agreements between the parties shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be diminished during the term of the employment of Angelique Johnson-Dingle or, if applicable, to

post retirement benefits after the date of retirement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the President of the Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services is hereby authorized to execute certain modifications to the Agreement between Angelique Johnson-

WHEREAS, the Superintendents of Schools have accepted this BOCES calendar;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Suffolk BOCES School Calendar for 2022/2023 as presented to the Board is hereby approved for adoption.

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

Authorization to Accept Scholarship Donation Finkelstein [R]

On motion of Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mr. Kaden, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization to Accept Scholarship Donation Finkelstein as follows:

WHEREAS, in prior action the Western Suffolk BOCES has authorized the establishment of a scholarship program in honor of Sydney Finkelstein; and

WHEREAS, various individuals have offered donations in further support of the above 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 various donations in the total amount of \$500 to be used to fund this scholarship program.

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

Authorization to Accept a Scholarship Donation Kidane [R]

On motion of Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mr. Kaden, the Board voted unanimously for

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 \$600 donation to be used to fund this scholarship program.

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

Authorization for a Board Member to Attend a Conference [R]

On motion of Mrs. Zumpano, seconded by Mr. Kaden, the Board voted unanimously for Authorization for a Board Member 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 Member is authorized to attend the conference noted below:

Brian J. Sales
NSBA Annual Conference
San Diego, CA
April 2 April 4, 2022

