

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALDWIN NEW YORK**

March 10, 2021
[20-21 9R]

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 7:50 PM, virtually by board president, Mary Jo O'Hagan.

Members of the board present:

Mary Jo O'Hagan, President
Susan Cools, Vice President- **absent**
Annie Doresca
Karyn Reid
Thomas Smyth

Also present:

Dr. Shari L. Camhi, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Michelle Gallo, Asst. Superintendent – Human Resources
Mr. Anthony Mignella, Asst. Superintendent – Curriculum
Dr. James P. Robinson, Asst. Superintendent – Business & Admin. Services
Pamela M. Pratt, District Clerk

SALUTE TO THE FLAG/EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Mrs. O'Hagan led the salute to the flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:01 PM, it was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Karyn Reid that the board of education move into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters related to legal and contracts.

Unanimous Affirmative

At 7:49 PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that the board of education move out of executive session and into the public hearing for the purpose of discussing the revised District-wide Safety Plan.

Unanimous Affirmative

PUBLIC HEARING

At 7:49 PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that the board of education move into public hearing for the purpose of discussing the revised District-wide Safety Plan.

Unanimous Affirmative

Mrs. O'Hagan shared that Susan Cools is absent from the meeting due to illness.

Mrs. O'Hagan introduced Russ Randazzo, Director of Facilities, to discuss the revised District-wide Safety Plan along with Michael Lollo.

Mr. Randazzo greeted everyone in attendance and informed all that he will be speaking about amendments to Education Law 2801 regarding pandemic planning.

Mr. Randazzo informed on Sept 7th 2020 Gov. Cuomo signed into law the continuation of operations plan regarding communicable disease. It requires district to include protocol regarding communicable disease. Mr. Randazzo informed of all the protocols that have been added in accordance with the law and that the changes are posted on the district website as required. He requests that the board adopts the changes to the district-wide safety plan as required.

Mr. Randazzo responded to questions from the board. The board thanked Mr. Randazzo for the information shared.

At 7:56 PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the board of education move out of the public hearing and into the regular meeting.

Unanimous Affirmative

The board took a break and returned to the open meeting at 8:00pm.

MINUTES

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts the minutes of the Board of Education meetings held on February 3, February 8, and February 24, 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for January 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A) PTA Reflections

Mrs. O'Hagan introduced Mrs. Ida Zambrano from PTA Council who presented PTA Reflections. She explained PTA Reflections is a PTA program that highlights the arts, music, drama and the graphic arts. Students submitted entries in a variety of categories and the work is then recognized by PTA. Mrs. Zambrano shared that the theme of this year's reflection was "I Matter Because...". The presentation showcased a variety of presentations from Baldwin students who won awards from our elementary schools all the way through high school level.

Mrs. O'Hagan thanked everyone in PTA on behalf of the board as well as the students for their participation in such a wonderful program.

B) Mathematics Presentation K-12: Anthony Mignella

Dr. Camhi then introduced Mr. Mignella and Mr. Yung, the Mathematics Supervisor, who did a thorough presentation of the Math programs from K-12. To view the full presentation, see the following link.

<https://www.baldwinschools.org/MathematicsPresentation2021>

Dr. Camhi thanks Mr. Yung for his leadership in the Math Department as well as Mr. Mignella. Mrs. Reid thanked Mr. Yung and Mr. Mignella for the work that they are doing to make our students Math literate. Mr. Yung and Mr. Mignella responded to further questions and comments from the board.

C) Comments/Reports to Board of Education and Community

Dr. Camhi shared that we are on the cusp of awarding the Smart Schools Bond from the state. The district is doing a complete rewire of all tech and security. A team of young ladies from the high school in the Medical Marvels program came in first place on a video they did on gun control. The Mock Trial Team is entering round three of the competition and wishes them all the luck in the world. Dr. Camhi Congratulates the art students on the cabaret performance and the orchestra students who performed the black national anthem virtually. We have embarked on a journey with an organization called Courageous Conversations. Dr. Camhi stated what brought it to a cusp was the social justice movement this summer. The work was already in progress prior to this summer however, became more prevalent now. Dr. Camhi stated it was open to all staff and 72 people stepped up to participate in the difficult conversations and will continue. Dr. Camhi shared that we were awarded an AP grant for a half million dollars through a collaborative with nine other districts that will be shared amongst those nine districts. Giving the opportunity for more students to participate in AP coursework. Lastly, we are in the process of developing plans for end of year celebrations. Dr. Camhi reminded the community that 100% of what we do is always in the best interest of the health and safety of all the students and staff, and we pride ourselves on always being safe. The pandemic is still going on and it is a reality that we must remember. All that we plan will have the pandemic and safety at its base. Once we have a plan to share, we will do so. Dr. Camhi also stated we are also planning for next year so we can be prepared.

Dr. Camhi addressed the decision by the Governors office to allow high risk sports. We came up with a plan to do so safely. Dr. Camhi addressed a question of why we weren't allowing spectators. She stated that two per athlete will be allowed and further information will come from Mr. Ramirez, Director of Athletics. Outside visitors will not be allowed. All efforts are in effect to keep people safe. We want to support our kids but will do so safely at limited capacity. The core of everything is not forgetting where we are but we must be reflective of how much we have lost.

Dr. Camhi addressed further questions submitted at this point.

VII. COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. O'Hagan opened the floor for comments and reports from the board.

A) Liaison Reports

Mrs. Doresca reported attending the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. She stated they discussed the DRI plan and things going on with the Town of Hempstead in regard to the Downtown Revitalization Project.

Mrs. O'Hagan shared that they attended virtual Founder's Day celebrations and gave kudos to the PTA for how much of a great job they did. She shared information about a survey the LIEC puts out to track the effects of state funding on school programs. She also attended a REFIT meeting about a legislative forum they are holding this Friday and some of the board will be attending.

Mrs. Reid shared the board met with one of our legislators to advocate for the needs of the Baldwin community.

VIII. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Comments and Questions were submitted by the following community members:

- Arianne Reyer
- Penny Kanaras
- Carolyn Ferguson
- Brandi Keryc
- Tanisha Mason
- Erica D. Dworsak
- Pamela Green
- Clinton & Erica Dowding
- Christine Carney

PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Personnel Actions Report as addended, dated March 10, 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

COMMITTEE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION, 504 COMMITTEE, AND COMMITTEE ON PRESCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the recommendations for services of the Committee on Special Education, SubCSE, 504 Committee, and Committee on Preschool Special Education, for services in October, November and December 2020, and January and February 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

HOME TUTORING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE REPORTS

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Home Tutoring and Special Education Service Reports, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that the board of education approve a Consent Agenda for business items 1 through 15.

Unanimous Affirmative

DONATION

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts, with thanks, a donation of four bowling balls from Mr. Alexander, a member of the Baldwin community, to the district's athletic program, to be used by the district's bowling team, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

DONATION

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts, with thanks, the donation of a commercial grade/industrial paper cutter and 3-hole puncher from Mr. Frank Addario. This equipment will be utilized at the Middle School copy center, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

DONATION

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts, with thanks, a donation by the Class of 2021 of a bench to be placed in the circle at the main entrance of Baldwin High School adjacent to the Class of 2020 bench. The bench will be purchased with proceeds from fundraisers held throughout the year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

ELEVATOR BID AWARD

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the recommendation, to award the BID for the Baldwin UFSD Elevator Addition at Plaza Elementary School SED No. 28-02-10-03-0-007-024, to the lowest responsible bidder, Stalco Construction, Inc. of Islandia, NY, total base Bid including alternates: \$967,300.00, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

BID AWARD

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the recommendation, to award Environment Consulting & Testing Services Co-op BID, to vendor, JC Broderick, Hewlett-Woodmere School District, as per the NCSBGA, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

BUDGET TRANSFERS

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the budget transfers over \$10,000 from January 1, 2021, through January 31, 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

AGREEMENT

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves an agreement with Ashleigh Gets It Done! LLC for the period from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022 as transportation consultant. Ashleigh Gets It Done! LLC will review overall Southwest Quadrant requirements and provide recommendations for efficient routing and transportation services, at no increase from the prior year's rate of \$3,759.50, as detailed the Friday mailing.

Unanimous Affirmative

CONTRACT

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the contract with Jericho School District (District of Location-DOL) for special education services for one (1) Baldwin student (Baldwin as District of Residence-DOR) who is parentally placed and attended Long Island Lutheran MS/HS in the 2019-20 school year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

CONTRACT

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Westbury Union Free School District (District of Location-DOL) for special education services for one (1) Baldwin student (Baldwin as District of Residence-DOR) who is parentally placed and attending Holy Child in the 2020-21 school year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

CONTRACT

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the contract with Jericho School District (District of Location-DOL) for special education services to six (6) Baldwin students (District of Residence-DOR) who are parentally placed and attending Long Island Lutheran MS/HS in the 2020-21 school year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

CONTRACT

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the contract with Hicksville Union Free School District (District of Location-DOL) for special education services to four (4) Baldwin students (District of Residence-DOR) who are attending Holy Trinity for the 2020-21 school year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACTS

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves health & welfare contracts for 80 students attending St. Christopher's School in the 2020-21 school year, at a per pupil sum of \$1,558.08, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES CONTRACT

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves health & welfare contracts for 80 students attending five school districts in the 2020-21 school year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.

Unanimous Affirmative

OBSOLETE TEXTBOOKS

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** declares obsolete the 450 Science textbooks at the high school that have been examined by Susan Ferrigno, Science Supervisor for Grades 6-12, and determined that they are outdated and unusable, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

OBSOLETE TECHNOLOGY

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** declares obsolete the varying technology equipment, stored at the District Office that have been examined by Mr. Anthony Mignella, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, and determined that these items are beyond repair and have been stripped of any useful parts, and/or are obsolete, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

XII. USE OF FACILITIES

Suspended until further notice.

DISTRICT-WIDE SAFETY PLAN-REVISED

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the revised 2020-2021 District-Wide Safety Plan, as detailed in the Friday mailing.

Unanimous Affirmative

RESOLUTION FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE BALLOT

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** adopts the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby adopts the Annual School Election and Budget Vote Ballot Notice of Annual Election and Budget Vote for the Baldwin Union Free School District, to take place on May 18, 2021, and further,

RESOLVED, that the District Clerk is hereby authorized to take all necessary steps to publicize the notice, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD, ADMINISTRATIVE COMPENSATION DISCLOSURE AND SIX-DAY BUDGET NOTICE

It was moved by Tom Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** authorizes administration to prepare and file the 2021-2022 Property Tax Report Card, the Administrative Salary Disclosure, the Six-Day Budget Notice, and any other 2021-2022 budget-related documents as required by law.**

Unanimous Affirmative

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Tom Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Nassau County Board of Elections to rent the DS200 Scanning Machines and Automark for the May 18, 2021, Budget Vote and Board Election, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

OTHER

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Mrs. O’Hagan announced the following important dates:

Parent Teacher Conferences: Thursday, March 18
Report Cards K-5 6-9 PM

Parent Teacher Conferences: Friday, March 19
Report Cards K-5 8:30 AM-3 PM

School Closed for Elementary Students: Friday, March 19
Parent Teacher Conferences

Spring Recess Schools Closed: Monday, March 29
Through
Monday, April 5

Board of Education Meeting: Wednesday, April 14
Virtual, 8 PM

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the meeting be adjourned.

Unanimous Affirmative

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela M. Pratt,
District Clerk