

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BALDWIN NEW YORK**

November 10, 2021  
[21-22 5R]

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 8:17PM, at Steele Elementary School Gymnasium by board president, Susan Cools.

Members of the board present:

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES**

Mrs. Cools led the salute to the flag and identified all emergency exits.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** move into Executive Session to discuss matters relating to personnel and legal matters.

**Unanimous Affirmative**

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts the minutes of the board of education meetings held on October 13, 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing. \*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**Unanimous Affirmative**

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Mrs. Cools turned the meeting over to Superintendent, Dr. Shari Camhi. Dr. Camhi then introduced Andre Poprilo, Director of Fine & Performing Arts.

### **A) HS Preview: *The Wedding Singer***

Mr. Poprilo thanked Dr. Camhi for the introduction. Mr. Poprilo shared how therapeutic participation in the arts is for these students considering the last year they had. He stated the arts bring joy into households and was happy to introduce their excerpt from, "The Wedding Singer" performing the song, "*It's Your Wedding Day!*"

The following students participated in the performance:

- Matt Torres
- Bobby Croshere
- Cornelius Johnson
- Jaylynn Valentin
- Sophia Tephly
- Camryn Lyttleton
- Edmund Lee
- Daniel Polonia
- Brianna Mcleod
- Alanah Angus
- Hailey Tovar
- Victoria Salerno
- Nia Clement
- Daniella McCoy
- Christina Tephly
- Cristiana McCoy
- David Orlep
- Jasmine Polonia
- Macaiah Calixte
- Melissa Portillo
- Mikayla Rodriguez
- Anaya Henry
- Dakota Scarlett-Stephney

### **B) Physical Education & Health: Mr. Eduardo Ramirez, Director of Athletics**

Dr. Camhi then introduced Eduardo Ramirez, Director of Athletics, Health & Physical Education. Mr. Ramirez presented an update on the K-12 Physical & Health Education program. Mr. Ramirez shared that the NYS Learning Standards increased from three to six. The elementary curriculum focuses on more movement and eye-hand coordination activities. Middle schoolers have a choice between team sport sequence, or a fitness sequence and high schoolers have three sequences. They can choose from a team sport sequence, leisure activity sequence and an intro to physical education sequence. All levels of programing have an adaptive program to accommodate and include all special need students. For the full presentation, see the following link:

[https://www.baldwinschools.org/site/K\\_12 PE Health Update](https://www.baldwinschools.org/site/K_12 PE Health Update)

The floor was opened for questions. The following board members asked questions following the presentation:

Annie Doresca and Mary Jo O'Hagan

C) **The Budget Process: Dr. James P. Robinson, Asst. Sup of Business**

Dr. Camhi introduced Dr. James P. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent for Business. Dr. Robinson thanked Dr. Camhi for the introduction. Dr. Robinson gave a thorough explanation of the budget process and provided a graphic timeline of the process throughout the school year as well as explained the budgets sustainability from year to year. For the full presentation, see the following link:

[https://www.baldwinschools.org/site/Budget\\_Overview](https://www.baldwinschools.org/site/Budget_Overview)

D) **Comments/Reports to Board of Education and Community**

**COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Cools asked for reports from members of the board.

A) **Liaison Reports**

Mr. Smyth stated he attended the NYSSBA Convention virtually and represented the entire board. He shared the meeting was four hours long. Although long, very informative to hear the struggles of virtual learning and meetings throughout the state. He shared what might seem easy for us to downstate is more of a struggle upstate in rural spaces.

Mrs. Reid shared as the liaison for the Health & Safety committee, she attended the last meeting.

Mrs. O'Hagan attended workshops for the NSBA Convention where they discussed learning loss. She also attended the REFIT meeting and the Long Island Education Council meeting and NYSED co-chair.

Mrs. Doresca as well as Mrs. Cools respectively shared they visited Nuvu The Innovation School in Cambridge Massachusetts along with Dr. Camhi using the district hybrid vehicle as transportation. The purpose of the visit was to see and explore new and innovative ideas to bring back to the Baldwin School's community. Nuvu boasts self-directed, open concept learning in a non-conventional setting. Mrs. Cools stated it was an interesting experience.

**COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Mrs. Cools opened the floor to questions and comments from the public.

The following community members asked questions/comments in public:

Marie Healey  
Elissa Kirschner  
Melissa Watts  
Yvonne Salerno

**PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Personnel Actions Report for the November 10, 2021, as addended and detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

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

It was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth 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 in September and October 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **HOME TUTORING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Home Tutoring and Special Education Service Reports, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **DONATION**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts a donation, with thanks, of \$500 from Bethpage Cares Charitable Giving Program of Bethpage Federal Credit Union that will be used to support the Annual Mentor-Mentee Breakfast at Baldwin High School, as detailed in the Friday mailing .\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

The board of education expressed their thanks.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the board approve the consent agenda for business items 2 through 10.

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **OBSOLETE SALE**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** acknowledges receipt of \$500.00 from Hesh's Recycling, Inc. for the sale of a 2003 Chevy Van (obsoleted at the October 13, 2021 board meeting). This sale is pursuant to Baldwin UFSD Board Policy #6900, as detailed in the Friday mailing. \*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **BUDGET TRANSFERS**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the budget transfers over \$10,000, for the period September 1, 2021, through September 30, 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Corrective Action Plan for both the Internal Audit Risk Assessment, and the External Audit based on year-end June 30, 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing. \*\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the inter-municipal agreement between Nassau County and Baldwin UFSD for a \$100,000 grant to support the construction of a School Based Health center and Nurses' Office at Baldwin High School to assist in the physical and mental health of the students, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Mr. Maxo Jouissaint for the 2021-2022 school year, to provide evaluation services and counseling services to the Baldwin Union Free School District at the same rate, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Ms. Chantay Ceylin to provide evaluation and counseling services for the 2021-2022 school year with no increase in rate from last year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.

**Unanimous Affirmative**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract for one student attending a private/residential school for the 2021-2022 school year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

<u>School District</u>	<u>No. of Pupils</u>	<u>Amt. Per Pupil</u>	<u>Total</u>
SCO Family Services/ Madonna Heights	1	\$55,298.00	\$55,298.00

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<u>School District</u>	<u>No. of Pupils</u>	<u>Amt. Per Pupil</u>	<u>Total</u>
Shield of David d/b/a The Shield Institute	1	\$49,426.00	\$49,426.00

**Unanimous Affirmative**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** declares obsolete 315 Science textbooks, at the high school, which were examined by Susan Ferrigno, Science Supervisor for Grades 6-12, and deemed outdated and no longer being used as detailed in the Friday mailing. \*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Updated Use of Facilities Report from July 2021-June 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** has a first read of the following policies, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

Policy 5460                      Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting

Policy 8220                      Buildings and Grounds Maintenance and Inspection

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** has a second read and adopts the following policy as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

Policy 8110                      School Building Safety

**Unanimous Affirmative**

**SEQRA TYPE II RESOLUTION: STEELE ELEVATOR, PLAZA WINDOW PROJECTS & BALDWIN HIGH SCHOOL WELLNESS CENTER**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the following resolution:

**SEQRA RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Baldwin Union Free School District desires to embark upon the following capital improvements at the District's facilities: (1) Addition and Renovation of the Elevator at Steele Elementary School; (2) Renovation of the Windows at Plaza Elementary School; and (3) reconstruction of existing space to create a Wellness Center at Baldwin High School (hereinafter the "Projects"); and

**WHEREAS**, said capital improvements are subject to classification under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA); and

**WHEREAS**, maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(1)); and

**WHEREAS**, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or a facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 are classified as Type II Actions under the current Department of Environmental Conservation SEQR Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c)(2)); and

**WHEREAS**, routine activities of educational institutions, including expansion of existing facilities by less than 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and school closings, but not changes in use related to such closings (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(10));

**WHEREAS**, the SEQR Regulations declare Type II Actions to be actions that have no significant impact on the environment and require no further review under SEQR; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education, as the only involved agency, has examined all information related to the capital improvement projects and has determined that the Projects are classified as Type II Actions pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(1),(2) and (10) of the SEQR Regulations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares itself lead agency in connection with the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby declares that the Projects are Type II Actions, which require no further review under SEQR; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby shall forward an official copy of this Resolution to the New York State Education Department together with a copy of the correspondence from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in connection with its request for approval of the listed project from the New York State Education Department.

**Unanimous Affirmative**

**OTHER**

There were no additional items.

**IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Cools announced the following important dates:

<b>District Closed</b> <b><i>Veteran's Day</i></b>	<b>Thursday, November 11</b>
Report Cards Published to Portal 1 <sup>st</sup> Marking Period	Wednesday, November 17 HS & MS
Musical Production <i>"The Wedding Singer"</i>	Friday, November 19 HS, 7:30PM (In-person, limited tickets) Saturday, November 20 HS, 2PM & 7:30PM (In-person, limited tickets)
SEPTA Thanksgiving Pie Pickup	Tuesday, November 23
<b>District Closed</b> <b><i>Thanksgiving Break</i></b>	<b>Thursday, November 25 &amp; Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup></b>
Report Cards K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences:	Thursday, December 3 6-9PM Friday, December 4

8:30AM-3PM

**Board of Education Meeting:**

**Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
Lenox, 8 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:18PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the BOARD OF EDUCATION adjourn the public meeting.

**Unanimous Affirmative**

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela M. Pratt, District Clerk