

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALDWIN NEW YORK**

December 8, 2021
[21-22 6R]

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 8:03PM, at Lenox 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

At 6:09PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** will move into Executive Session for the purpose of discuss matters relating to legal.

Unanimous Affirmative

At 8:03PM, it was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the board of education move out of executive session and into the public meeting.

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 November 3, 2021, November 10, 2021 and November 30, 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 October 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A) Comments/Reports to Board of Education and Community

Dr. Camhi shared with the community that Baldwin has begun to participate in a program called the Tri-State Consortium. She stated its purpose is to partake in a peer evaluation of the area of choosing. Participating school systems are as follows: Scarsdale, North Shore, Hewlett-Woodmere, Edgemont, New York State, Connecticut and New Jersey. Dr. Camhi stated it is a good opportunity for the district and is a two-day training that began on December 7th. Dr. Camhi then expressed her thanks to the parents who called and emailed the district this morning to thank them for how the situation was handled regarding this morning's power outage that occurred at the high school. The school district was able to dismiss the high school students orderly and swiftly and have them home on virtual learning within an hour. In closing, Dr. Camhi shared her hopes for happy holidays to the entire community.

COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

A) Liaison Reports

Mrs. Doresca had nothing to report.

Mr. Smyth had nothing to report.

Mrs. O'Hagan reported that she attended The Wedding Singer production put on by the High School arts students and shared it was a funny and excellent performance. Mrs. O'Hagan stated she attended an Energia meeting that consists of representatives from various communities on a panel where a wide range of conversations took place on education issues. In addition, Mrs. O'Hagan shared she attended the Long Island Education Council meeting where they discussed what we get for our education dollars. There was also discussion on forming a partnership between education and business communities.

Mrs. Reid reported on the Health and Safety Committee meeting.

Mrs. Cools read a statement on school issues being addressed on social media.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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

There were no questions submitted via online form.

The following community members submitted questions/comments in public:

- Carl Noel
- Erik Mahler
- Shaquana Beamon
- James Gorrin
- Kathy Englehart
- Maggie Hart

- Melissa Watts

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 December 8, 2021, as addended and detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

Dr. Camhi introduced Melanie Odone as the new Assistant Principal for Steele Elementary School. Ms. Odone stood up and thanked Dr. Camhi and expressed her happiness to be here.

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

It was moved by Karyn Reid 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 October and November 2021, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

HOME TUTORING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

It was moved by Karyn Reid 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 Thomas Smyth and seconded by Mary Jo O'Hagan that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts a donation, with thanks, from the Baldwin Psychology Department of a plaque in memory of MaryAnn Scafidi, who worked as a psychologist in Baldwin Middle School from 1992 to 2013. In memoriam, the department would like to affix the plaque to an Adirondack style chair in dedication to Ms. Scafidi to be placed in the Middle School courtyard for staff and student use, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

DONATION

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts a donation, with thanks, of a large collection of rock samples from Nomi Rosen, Administrator of Professional Development that will be used in the district's secondary Earth Science program, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approve a consent agenda including business items 3 through 10.

Unanimous Affirmative

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

Unanimous Affirmative

AGREEMENT RENEWAL

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the renewal of the agreement with FBA of Syosset, effective January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 as the Flexible Spending Account plan administrator, with a monthly management fee for 2022 of \$4.50 per person which reflects a \$0.50 increase over last year's fee, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

AGREEMENT RENEWAL

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the renewals of the Excess Major medical policies through J.J. Stanis and Company effective January 1, 2022, with no increase in the renewal rates, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

CONTRACT

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Ms. Kimberly Goldman 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

CONTRACTS

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract for the Approved Special Education Programs based upon Strategic Evaluation Data Collection and Analysis & Reporting (SEDCAR-1) applications and their corresponding 10/7/20 child count for the 2021-22 grant year. The per pupil allocation for students placed in a program under Section 619 (3-5 year olds) is \$564.00 and for Section 611(3-21 year olds) is \$1,233.00. The per pupil allocation for students receiving related services only under Section 619 is \$188.00 and for Section 611 is \$411.00, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

OBSOLETE TECHNOLOGY

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

Unanimous Affirmative

OBSOLETE FOOTBALL SLED

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** declares obsolete a 6 Man Football Sled at Baldwin Middle School. The Director of Physical Education, Health Education, Health Services and Athletics, Mr. Eduardo Ramirez, has determined that this football sled is no longer safe to use as it is rusted and not functioning, as detailed in the Friday mailing. *

Unanimous Affirmative

OBSOLETE VEHICLE

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** declares obsolete the 200 Chevy Pick-up 3500. Director of Facilities, Russ Randazzo has determined that the vehicle is unusable, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative

USE OF FACILITIES

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca 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

POLICY FIRST READ

The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** had a first read of the following policies:

Policy 0101 Gender Neutral Single Occupancy Bathrooms-Revised

Policy 2342 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination-Revised

POLICY SECOND READ AND ADOPT

It was moved by Mary Jo O'Hagan and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** has a second read and adopts 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

Unanimous Affirmative

RESOLUTION: APPR HARDSHIP WAIVER

It was moved by Mary Jo O'Hagan and seconded by Karyn Reid that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Baldwin School District has an approved Annual Professional Performance Review ("APPR") Plan in place, effective for the 2021-2022 school year,

WHEREAS, the District has submitted an Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver application to the State Education Department since compliance with the independent evaluator requirement would create an undue burden on the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies the District's November 11, 2021, submission of the Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver application to the State Education Department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies the execution of the Hardship Waiver application by the Superintendent of Schools and the Board.

Unanimous Affirmative

IMPORTANT DATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Cools announced the following important dates:

Baldwin Civic Association:	Thursday, December 9 7:30PM
Baldwin Foundation for Education	Monday, December 13 7:30PM
Orchestra Winter Presentation Symphony Orchestra Chamber Orchestra <i>(Limited Tickets Available)</i>	Monday, December 13 HS, 6:30PM HS, 7:30PM
Progress Report Published To Portal, 2 nd Marking Period	Monday, December 15 th HS & MS
Choral Winter Presentation Vocal Harmonies Concert Choir <i>(Limited Tickets Available)</i>	Monday, December 15 th HS, 6:30PM HS, 7:30PM
Band Winter Presentation Concert Band Symphony Band Wind Symphony	Monday, December 20 th HS, 6PM HS, 6:45PM HS, 7:30PM
District Closed <i>Holiday Break</i>	Friday, December 24 th & Friday, December 31 st
School Returns for All Students	Monday, January 3 rd
Board of Education Meeting:	Wednesday, January 12 th Plaza, 8 PM

RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05PM, it was motioned by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the board of education return to executive session.

Unanimous Affirmative

At 9:47PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the board of education move out of executive session into public.

Unanimous Affirmative

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50PM, it was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the board of education adjourn the public meeting.

Unanimous Affirmative

Respectfully Submitted,



Pamela M. Pratt, District Clerk