

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BALDWIN NEW YORK**

November 9, 2022
[2022-23 5R]

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 8:04 PM in the Steele Elementary, Gymnasium by board president, Susan Cools.

Members of the board present:

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

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 (**absent**)
Pamela M. Pratt, District Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURES

Mrs. Cools led the pledge and read evacuation procedures.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:06 PM, it was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the board of education move into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel.

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

At 7:57 PM, it was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the board of education move out of executive session and into the open meeting.

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

MINUTES

It was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts the minutes of the board of education meetings held on October 4, 2022 and October 19, 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing. *

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

TREASURER'S REPORT

It was moved by Mary Jo O'Hagan and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** acknowledges receipt of the Treasurer's Report for September 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mrs. Cools turned the meeting over to Dr. Shari Camhi.

Comments/Reports to Board of Education and Community

Dr. Camhi shared this is one of her favorite meetings where our young people come do their performances. She shared the two presentations for tonight are the HS Preview of Mamma Mia and our Mindfulness Program Presentation by LeeAnn Burke and Ashley Occhino. She encouraged everyone to stay for both presentations. She shared it will be an innovative, informative and relaxing presentation. Dr. Camhi then introduced Andre Poprilo, Director of Fine & Performing Arts who introduced the student performers.

HS Preview: Mamma Mia: Andre Poprilo, Director of Fine & Performing Arts

Mr. Poprilo welcomed the families and Baldwin community. Mr. Poprilo stated that this year's BHS musical production is Mamma Mia: ABBA's hits tell the hilarious story of a young woman's search for her birth father. He stated that this sunny and funny tale unfolds on a Greek island paradise. He shared on the eve of her wedding, a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father brings three men from her mother's past back to the island they last visited 20 years ago. Mr. Poprilo stated tonight, you will see a preview of two numbers: Money Money and Dancing Queen, performed by the entire cast as directed by Tricia Wilder. Mr. Poprilo stated tickets are on sale at showtix4u.com, show dates are November 17th at 4PM, Nov. 18 at 7:30PM, Nov. 19th at 2PM and again at 7:30PM. All are welcome.

The following students were a part of the production:

- Christina Tephly
- Laila Elie
- Mikayla Rodriguez
- Jaylynn Valentin
- Camryn Lyttleton
- Mikayla Keryc
- Brandon Firth
- Adam Magwood
- Lucas Duet
- David Orlep
- David Kreutz
- Cornelius Johnson
- Sophia Tephly Asia Dowe
- Layla Gentles Alanah Angus
- Mia Smith Rose Altschuler
- Maxandra Julien Daniel Altschuler
- Nia Cox Ash Bregel
- Ava Celeste Iraola Velazquez Kirsten Williams
- Angelina Alvarado

- Luke Lastique
- Catherine Weyer
- Cristiana McCoy
- Lauren Ephraim

Presentation: Mindfulness & Wellness: LeeAnn Burke & Ashley Occhino

Dr. Camhi then introduced LeeAnn Burke and Ashley Occhino who are teachers that facilitate the Mindfulness Initiative Program in the district. Ms. Burke and Ms. Occhino began by implementing a relaxation technique with all in attendance. They then shared their years of teaching experience and how long they have been trained and certified yoga instructors. They stated their mission is to provide wellness support for our students, staff, and the Baldwin community in order to cultivate mindful learning environments in which every member is supported to thrive. They shared video demonstration and explained how the program is implemented throughout the elementary schools for both students and staff using different individual and class group techniques as well as explaining how the RULER program is utilized in the classrooms. For the full presentation see the following link: [The Wellness Initiative Program](#)

COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mrs. Cools called for reports from the board of education.

Liaison Reports

Mrs. Doresca shared as the liaison for the Community Coalition of Baldwin that the Baldwin Library is looking to present a bond to the community and create focus groups on the needs of the library and community. She also shared that Baldwin Grand Festival is rescheduled to April 29th, 2023. Mrs. Doresca congratulated the JV Field Hockey team on their Nassau County Championship. She shared she attended the NYSSBA Convention at the end of October with her fellow board members and Superintendent Camhi. She attended sessions on topics such as, mental health, anxiety and depression in students, equity and inclusivity, basics of special education and a talk with the Commissioner of Education on CTE. Mrs. Doresca also share she attended the NYS PTA Convention in November and learned a lot on the state level of advocacy.

Mr. Smyth reported that he attended the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting right before the board meeting at Basil Leaf. He shared he also attended the NYSSBA Convention and stated the workshop on special education was extremely helpful.

Mrs. Cools shared that the October Festival and Art Show at the Baldwin Community Garden was absolutely wonderful, and she enjoyed it. She shared her attendance at the NYSSBA Convention and also found the special education session very informative.

Mrs. O'Hagan shared that the PTA Legislative Forum with our local candidates brought forth fruitful conversation among the attendees. She also attended the Long Island Education Council meeting where they also discussed the election and the impact it will have on education. They also discussed wellness and mental health and ways to partner with the community on those topics. She expressed that the pandemic gave schools an upper hand on creating those partnerships. Mrs. O'Hagan also shared her attendance at the NYSSBA Convention. She stated the workshop that discussed rights and responsibilities of school board members was very informative.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

The following community members submitted questions in person:

- Shaun White

The following community member submitted an online question:

- Sandhya Gosine

PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Mary Jo O'Hagan that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Personnel Actions Report for the November 9, 2022, as addended and detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

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

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Mary Jo O'Hagan 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 August, September and October 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

HOME TUTORING AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE REPORTS

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-4Y

DONATION

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts a donation of \$42,000 with thanks from the Herman Auerbach Memorial Trust Fund to support professional development, curriculum enrichment, and innovative programming in Baldwin schools as approved by the Superintendent of Schools and detailed in the mailing.

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN 2022

It was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts the attached Corrective Action Plans for the Internal Audit: four cycle reports which include payroll, journal entries, budget transfers and cash receipts and the annual risk assessment, as well as the External Audit based on year-end June 30, 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing. *

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the board approve a Consent Agenda for business items 3 through 9.

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y**BUDGET TRANSFERS**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the budget transfers over \$10,000, for the period September 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y**CONTRACT**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the contract established with Frontier Behavior Services, LLC to provide special education services to the Baldwin Union Free School District for the 2022-2023 school year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y**SEDCAR-1 CONTRACT**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca 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 10/06/21 child count for the 2022-23 grant year. The per pupil allocation for students placed in a program under Section 619 (3-5 year olds) is \$456.00 and for Section 611(3-21 year olds) is \$1,210.00. The per pupil allocation for students receiving related services only is one-third of the per pupil amount under Section 619 is \$152.00 and for Section 611 is \$403.00, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y**CONTRACT**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Westbury Union Free School District (District of Location-DOL) for Special Education services to one (1) Baldwin student (Baldwin as District of Residence-DOR) who is parentally-placed and attending Holy Child in the 2022-23 school year. The DOL will invoice Baldwin UFSD for the actual cost only of the special education services provided, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y**CONTRACT**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Hicksville Union Free School District (District of Location-DOL) for Special Education services to eight (8) Baldwin students (Baldwin as District of Residence-DOR) who are parentally-placed and attending Holy Trinity in the 2022-23 school year. The DOL will invoice Baldwin UFSD for the actual cost only of the special education services provided, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y**CONTRACT**

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Locust Valley Central School District (District of Location-DOL) for Special Education services to one (1) Baldwin student (Baldwin as District of

Residence-DOR) who is parentally-placed and attending Portledge School in the 2022-23 school year. The DOL will invoice Baldwin UFSD for the actual cost only of the special education services provided, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

CONTRACT

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract for services with Symantha Melhado to provide Evaluation Services and Counseling Services to the Baldwin Union Free School District for the 2022-2023 school year at the same rate from the previous year, as detailed in the Friday mailing. *

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

USE OF FACILITIES

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Updated Use of Facilities Report from July 2022-June 2023, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

POLICY FIRST READ

The **BOARD OF EDUCATION** had a first read of the following policy, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Policy 8112 Health & Safety Committee

POLICY READ & ADOPT

It was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** reads and adopts the following policy revision, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Policy 4531 Leaving to Learn Expeditions

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

At 9:07PM, Annie Doresca excused herself.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: MOLLOY UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Mary Jo O'Hagan that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves an agreement between the Baldwin Union Free School District and Molloy University to provide after school virtual enrichment programs to learners in grades PreK to 5 that support literacy and social emotional development at no cost to the district of Baldwin families, as detailed in the Friday mailing.*

Affirmative-3Y

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT: SMART TECH INSURANCE

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Mary Jo O'Hagan that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves an agreement between the Baldwin Union Free School District and Smart Tech Insurance to provide optional insurance coverage at a cost to families, for laptops and other school district electronics issued to students enrolled in the school district at no cost to the district, as detailed in the Friday mailing. *

Affirmative-3Y

At 9:11PM, Annie Doresca returned to the open meeting.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING: TEACHER'S COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves an agreement between the Baldwin Union Free School District and Teacher's College Center for Professional Education of Teachers to provide professional development through in-person, synchronous online and asynchronous online courses to staff for the period October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, as detailed in the mailing. *

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

SEQRA TYPE II RESOLUTION

It was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Annie Doresca 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) District Wide Bathroom Renovations; (2) Health and Wellness Center at Baldwin Middle School; (3) Soffit Remediation at Schubert 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-4Y

OTHER: IMPORTANT DATES

President Cools announced the following Important Dates:

11/11 - Schools Closed

11/17 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (Option 2), HS 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM, MS 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
or 6:30 PM- 9:30 PM

11/17 - Musical Production, Mamma Mia, HS, 4:00 PM

11/18 - Musical Production, Mamma Mia, HS, 7:30 PM

11/19 - Musical Production, Mamma Mia, HS, 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM

11/21 - Academic Academies Informational Meeting for 8th Grade Families, MS, 6:30 PM

12/1 - 12/2 - Report Cards (K- 5)

Mrs. Cools then announced the next board meeting:

APPROVED
12/14/2022

Wednesday, December 14th at 8PM at Lenox Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:16 PM it was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the board adjourn the meeting.

Unanimous Affirmative-4Y

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Pratt', written in black ink.

Pamela M. Pratt, District Clerk