

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BALDWIN NEW YORK**

December 14, 2022  
[2022-23 6R]

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 8:09 PM in the Lenox 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

Also present:

Dr. Shari L. Camhi, Superintendent of Schools (**absent**)  
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 pledge and read evacuation procedures.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:06 PM, it was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Mary Jo O'Hagan that the board of education move into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters related to legal.

**Affirmative-3Y**

Karyn Reid arrived at 6:08PM.  
Annie Doresca arrived at 6:09PM.

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

**Unanimous Affirmative**

At 8:09 PM, Mrs. Cools called for a one-minute moment of silence in recognition and remembrance of the 10-year anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy.

At 8:10 PM, the open meeting continued.

## **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 meeting held on November 9, 2022 as detailed in the Friday mailing. \*

## **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 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

## **PUBLIC HEARING: Senior Citizens & Persons with Disabilities Exemptions**

At 8:12 PM Mrs. Cools called for the public hearing concerning Senior Citizens & Persons with Disabilities Exemptions. Mrs. Cools introduced Dr. Robinson to further discuss and present what the exception entails. Dr. Robinson explained that Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman signed a local law (8-2022) to increase the maximum allowable household income requirements from \$37,399 to \$58,399 to qualify for a Low-Income Senior Citizens Exemption and Person with Disabilities Exemption.

He stated, while this change in the exemption will certainly impact every school district in Nassau County, unfortunately, the County has not yet provided any of the relevant financial impact analysis needed for school districts to reasonably assess the ramifications of the required "opt-in" to this exemption, nor how that decision will impact all other taxpayers within the community. Representatives from Nassau County have informed school districts that the county itself, along with most towns, have already passed this resolution. However, with very little notice, the county has mandated an "opt-in" deadline for school districts of January 2, 2023, in order for the changes to appear on the 2023-24 tax role. Also required by each district, is a public hearing for school boards to schedule prior to adoption of the necessary opt-in resolution(s).

As a result, it is only residents that apply to the county by April 2023, and qualify - that will receive this exemption on the General and County taxes. As such, only by April 2023, will the Nassau County Assessor's Office then have the information for school districts as to who actually qualifies and the forecasted impact to residents.

Dr. Robinson pointed out, given the current absence of accurate data from Nassau County, coupled with the known adverse impact already unfolding related to the full phase-in of assessments for Class 1 real estate taxes Nassau County has implemented, it does not seem reasonable to endorse this opt-in until the proper analysis can be completed. Based on numerous discussions with colleagues over the past few weeks, it appears that some surrounding school districts will be opting in, with board of education discussions taking place on the topic between next week and the middle of December. Other districts have indicated they will hold off on their opt-in decision until this time next year. Dr. Robinson shared that it in his opinion it would be best to hold off on the opt-in as well.

Board members weighed in with their thoughts and unanimously agreed to hold off on the opt-in pending more information from the county on how the taxes would be balanced out for other residents not in the program.

At 8:17 PM, the public hearing concluded, and we returned to the public meeting.

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. Camhi was not present however, President Cools read the Superintendent Report submitted by Dr. Camhi on her behalf.

## **Comments/Reports to Board of Education and Community**

Dr. Camhi's report read as follows:

Baldwin has been very active in the media over the past few weeks.

Baldwin HS@Shubert was featured in a Newsday article about our students who donated wigs to the women of Bethany House.

Newsday also featured Baldwin's Learning Collaboratory in an article about next generation libraries. WABC and WCBS news covered our "Smart Locker" system.

We were part of the conversation about the report on the future of the Regents exams on CBS 880 talk radio and in the Times Albany Union.

I was honored to be part of an AASA Education Week webinar entitled, "Leading Systematic Redesign: Strategies from the Field" with Linda Darling-Hammond. It was described, "While the challenges facing public education are many, school districts and national organizations are uniting to lead systemic change. The time is now to act and redesign the public school system by intentionally fostering a relationships-based culture that is whole-learner focused, no learner marginalized, and future driven."

Finally, the Baldwin academy program was featured on the Long Island Association's podcast with Matt Cohen.

2. Assemblywoman Judy Griffin has once again come through for Baldwin. She is allocating an additional \$450,000 to Baldwin Schools through the State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM). This money will be used for the construction of Student Wellness Centers within the district's school buildings, as well as the addition/improvement/enhancement of the ventilation systems within the district.

On behalf of the Baldwin School District, I can't thank Assemblywoman Griffin enough. Her dedication to this community has been nothing short of stellar. We owe her many thanks and gratitude.

3. Baldwin was afforded a wonderful opportunity to attend an event dedicated to teachers hosted by Tarte Cosmetics. "Tarte Loves Teachers" is a celebration to give back to the amazing teachers who are shaping the next generation. Tonight, 16 Baldwin teachers were treated to makeovers and beauty products at Tarte headquarters in Manhattan.

4. I am thrilled to share that our Baldwinaut, Jasmin Moghbeli will be spending a day in Baldwin with our amazing students. Additionally, we will be sending Baldwin memorabilia to space. We are very excited to welcome Lt. Col Jasmin "Jaws" Moghbeli back home to Baldwin. More to come on this.

I know no one wants to hear this, but infections are back on the rise. The district will make tests available for anyone who wants them. Distribution will take place at the district office next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8-11am and then again from 1-3 pm. No appointment is necessary. A follow-up message will go out to families this week.

Please accept my wishes for a very happy and healthy holiday.

## **Presentation: Capital Projects Update: Dr. James P. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Mr. Russ Randazzo, Director of Facilities**

Assistant Superintendent of Business, Dr. Robinson and Facilities Director, Mr. Randazzo provided an update on completed and ongoing capital projects throughout the district. They were accompanied by our architects and construction management team who are also a part of the Baldwin community:

### **H2m Architects & Engineers**

- Jason Smith, Assistant Vice President | Studio Director

- John Rinaldi, Project Architect I

### **Elite Construction Managers**

- Michael E. Reed, CCM – Managing Member / Partner-In-Charge
- Eze O. Small, CFM – Project Executive
- Burtland Granvil, RA – Pre-Construction Manager

They each respectively shared their roles and connection to Baldwin as well as their eagerness to exceed the community's expectations in upcoming and in-progress capital projects. For the full presentation, see the following link:

<https://www.baldwinschools.org/CapitalProjectsUpdate2022>

### **COMMENTS/REPORTS FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Cools shared an additional report from Dr. Camhi on the various winter concerts and informances explaining what informances are and the development and concept behind the idea. The report read as follows:

This year, the music department decided to share the process of music instruction with parents, friends and guests during winter performances. Called "informances", teachers provided an "insiders look" into how our students progress from the very beginning of music instruction to actually playing a song. For example, flautists shared how they have to first learn to get a sound out of the flute, clarinetists shared how they put the instrument together and violinists shared how they learn to create sound using the bow. Depending on the grade, parents and guests at different levels of participation. Songs were sung, and music played with both holiday and winter themes. These changes were made over 2 years under the direction of Mr. Popriolo with the active participation of the music department.

### **BoardDocs Discussion**

The board collectively decided to table this discussion to a later date.

### **Liaison Reports**

Mrs. O'Hagan shared that she attended various holiday performances throughout the district and loved the informances. She stated she spoke with teacher, Tricia Wilder and commended her and her team on an exceptional high school musical performance of Mamma Mia. Mrs. O'Hagan shared she attended the Long Island Education Council meeting where they discussed the future of foundation aide and graduation requirements.

Mrs. Reid reported on the November 28<sup>th</sup> Health and Safety Committee meeting. She shared Baldwin's process for extensive cleaning during this heightened flu season and the procedures staff and teachers can take to request supplies they may need in their rooms to combat the spread of germs. She shared the protocol and forms staff can fill out and submit if their rooms are too hot/cold. Mrs. Reid then shared her love for the high school musical Mamma Mia and gave kudos to Mrs. Wilder and the cast.

Mrs. Doresca shared that she attended Brookside and the High School Orchestra concerts, and they were wonderful. Mrs. Doresca shared her kudos for the musical Mamma Mia and can't wait to see what the middle school musical will be.

Mr. Smyth shared he listened to Dr. Camhi's webinar with AASA. He shared that all of the informances he attended were fun and interactive and he thought the musical Mamma Mia was fantastic.

Mrs. Cools shared that she also attended the high school musical Mamma Mia and though it was amazing. Mrs. Cools shared kudos to the Plaza PTA Co-Presidents on a phenomenal event called Holiday's Around the World. She shared it was on the most well attended PTA events she had ever been to in all her years. Mrs. Cools also shared her love for all of the holiday concerts and informances she attended. She shared she is the liaison for Baldwin Civic Association and they elected a new board. She shared that the Town of Hempstead started a redistricting committee. Mrs. Cools also attended the Baldwin Chamber of Commerce meeting where Councilman Carrini attended and shared updates on the Breslin project. He mentioned the Breslin project was put through and should begin in 3 to 6 months and the Baldwin Commons Merrick apartment project should begin in 6 to 8 months. Finally Mrs. Cools gave her report from her attendance at the NYSSBA Convention in October.

### **COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

The following community member asked questions in-person:

- Marie Healey

There were no online question submissions.

### **PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT**

It was moved by Annie Doresca and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Personnel Actions Report for December 14, 2022, 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, October and November 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **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**

### **DONATION**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** accepts a donation, with thanks of \$1,000 from Edventure Partners which will be used by the YCLC to prepare their project for the competition, 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 \$11,379.36 from the estate of Dr. Doris Howell, an alumnus of Baldwin School District. Dr. Howell was a graduate of Baldwin High School circa 1942, 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 for Business items 3 through 18.

**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, 2022, through October 31, 2022, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **AGREEMENT**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the revised agreement with Equifax Workforce Solutions LLC, a provider of Employers Edge, an unemployment insurance consultant company specializing in the evaluation, ongoing monitoring, and protest hearing representation for the unprecedented increase in claims due to the pandemic for the period from December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023, 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, 2023, with no increase in the renewal rates, 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023 as the Flexible Spending Account plan administrator at a monthly management fee for 2023 of \$4.50 per person at the same rate from last year, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **RIDER APPROVAL**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the rider to the agreement with J&R Tours, Ltd requesting an additional rider for the

recent student trip for our Baldwin High School Wind Symphony to attend the NYSSMA Winter Conference in Rochester, New York, which protects the district from extraneous circumstances such as cancellation penalties, as detailed in the Friday mailing. \*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

**HEALTH & WELFARE SERVICES**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the Health and Welfare Services contracts for one school district for the 2022-2023 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>
Seaford UFSD (St. William the Abbot School 4)	4	\$1,145.55	\$4,582.20
Malverne UFSD (Grace Lutheran 6) (Our Lady of Lourdes 2)	8	\$ 624.16	\$4,993.28

**Unanimous Affirmative**

**CONTRACT**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves the use of North Shore Speech-Language Associates for Speech and related services for the Baldwin Union Free School District in the 2022-2023 school year, 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 Bellmore Union Free School District (District of Location-DOL) for Special Education services to three (3) Baldwin students (Baldwin as District of Residence-DOR) who are parentally-placed and attending St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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**

**CONTRACT**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract for two (2) students attending a private/residential school for the 2022-2023 school year, as mentioned below and detailed in the Friday mailing. \*

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>2022-23 COST/STUDENT</b>	<b>2022-23 NUMBER OF STUDENTS</b>	<b>2022-23 TOTAL COST</b>
Brookville Center for Children's Services 10:1:3 Program	\$65,560.00	1	\$65,560.00
Brookville Center for Children's Services 6:1:3.5	\$87,348.00	1	\$87,348.00

**Unanimous Affirmative**

**CONTRACT**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Ms. Stacy Popkin for the 2022-2023 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**

**CONTRACT**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approves a contract with Dr. Julianna LaRossa-Dzerens for the 2022-2023 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**

**SEDCAR-1 CONTRACT**

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 10/6/21 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 allocation amount under Section 619 is \$152.00 and for Section 611 is \$403.00, 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 the use of All Island Kids Therapy, LLC for special education services for the Baldwin Union Free School District in the 2022-2023 school year, 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 for one (1) student attending a private/residential school for the 2022-2023 school year, as mentioned below and detailed in the Friday mailing. \*

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>2022-23 COST/STUDENT</b>	<b>2022-23 NUMBER OF STUDENTS</b>	<b>2022-23 TOTAL COST</b>
Shield of David d/b/a The Shield Institute	\$49,414.00	1	\$49,414.00

**Unanimous Affirmative**



### **OBSOLETE TEXTBOOKS**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** declares the textbooks on the attached list from Baldwin High School that have been reviewed by Dr. Carol McGill, Secondary Supervisor for English and determined that they are outdated and unusable, as detailed in the Friday mailing. \*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **OBSOLETE BOOKS**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Thomas Smyth that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** declares obsolete the books on the Library Weeding Log for Baldwin Middle School that have been reviewed and examined by Mr. Andrew DiNapoli, Principal of the middle school and determined that they are in very poor condition and/or no longer support their respective curriculums, 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 2022-June 2023, as detailed in the Friday mailing.\*

**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **POLICIES**

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

Policy 2310	Regular Meetings-Revised
Policy 2325	Videoconferencing of Board Meetings
Policy 2360	Minutes-Revised

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

Policy 8112	Health and Safety Committee
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**Unanimous Affirmative**

### **SEQRA TYPE II RESOLUTION**

It was moved by Karyn Reid and seconded by Annie Doresca that the **BOARD OF EDUCATION** approve the following resolution, recommended by H2M Architects + Engineers and prepared by our legal counsel, which declares that the following capital improvement project be classified as a Type II action under the current Department of Environmental Conservation's State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Regulations (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(2)) and (Section 6 NYCRR 617.5(c)(8)):

- High School Track and Fields

**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) Synthetic Field Track, Synthetic Turf Multipurpose Field, Grandstands, Paving and Scoreboard at Baldwin High School (hereinafter the "Project"); 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 Project is classified as a Type II Action 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 Project is a Type II Action, 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: IMPORTANT DATES**

Mrs. Cools announced the following important dates:

- 12/15 - Winter Music Presentation, Meadow, Grades 3-5
- 12/16 - 2nd Marking Period Progress Reports Published to Portal, HS & MS
- 12/26 - 1/2 - Schools Closed - Holiday Recess
- 1/12 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, HS, 7:30 PM
- 1/16 - Schools Closed

Mrs. Cools encouraged families to check the district website calendar for school specific PTA/PTSA meetings and events.

Mrs. Cools then announced the next board meeting as follows:  
Wednesday, January 18th at 8PM at Plaza Elementary School.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:30 PM it was moved by Thomas Smyth and seconded by Karyn Reid that the board adjourn the meeting.

**Unanimous Affirmative**

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela M. Pratt, District Clerk