

## MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 11, 2014

A Meeting of the Board of Education, Port Washington Union Free School District, Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, Port Washington, New York was held on March 11, 2014 at the Paul D. Schreiber High School, Port Washington, New York. Mrs. Sloan called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Mrs. Karen Sloan, Mr. William Hohausser, Mr. Alan Baer, Mrs. Nora Johnson, Mr. Lawrence Greenstein, Mr. Vernon McDermott (arrived at 6:20 p.m.), and Mrs. Christina Nadolne.

**Also Present:** Dr. Kathleen Mooney, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Mary Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Elaine Fenick, Human Resources Administrator; Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment; Howard Miller, Esq., and Craig Olivo, Esq., Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC.

### **Executive Session**

The Board of Education voted unanimously to go into executive session at 6:09 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, the status of collective negotiations with the clerical bargaining unit and to obtain legal advice from the District's outside counsel.

### **Reconvene**

When the Board of Education convened in open session at 8:22 p.m., there were approximately 65 members of the public in attendance.

#### **I. Flag Salute**

#### **II. Roll Call**

**Present:** Mrs. Karen Sloan, Mr. William Hohausser, Mr. Alan Baer, Mrs. Nora Johnson, Mr. Lawrence Greenstein, Mr. Vernon McDermott and Mrs. Christina Nadolne.

**Also Present:** Dr. Kathleen Mooney, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Mary Callahan, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Ms. Elaine Fenick, Human Resources Administrator; and Dr. Wafa Westervelt, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

**III. Adoption of Agenda**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Nadolne, the Board of Education unanimously adopted the March 11, 2014 agenda.

**IV. Student and Community Comments**

**V. Opening Statement by the President**

A. Other Comments

**VI. Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

1. Enrollment
2. Student Report
3. General Information

**VII. Approval of Minutes as follows:**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mrs. Nadolne, the Board of Education unanimously approved the minutes of the February 25, 2014 meeting.

**VIII. Discussion Item**

1. Staff Development Update

**IX. Committee Reports**

1. Policy & Personnel
2. Budget & Facilities
3. Curriculum

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Budget & Fiscal**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Hohausser, the Board of Education unanimously approved item 1 as listed below:

1. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, Revenue and Appropriation Report, and Extra Classroom Activity Report dated December 31, 2013.

**B. Facilities**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Hohausser, the Board of Education unanimously approved items 1 through 2 as listed below:

1. WHEREAS, veterans have provided an invaluable service to this country by risking their lives to protect the freedoms enjoyed by all citizens of the United States; and  
  
WHEREAS, in recognition of this service and the sacrifices that it entailed, on December 18, 2013 Governor Cuomo signed a bill to allow school districts to partially exempt property owned by certain qualified veterans; and

WHEREAS, such bill requires the governing body of a school district to pass a resolution to adopt such bill;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Port Washington Union Free School District does hereby adopt the exemption provided for in Real Property Tax Law (“RPTL”) §458-a; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the maximum exempt amount shall be as follows:

15% for all eligible recipients of the exemption provided for under RPTL §458-a

Additional 10% for all veterans who served in a “combat zone” as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a

Additional 50% for all veterans who suffered a “service connected” disability as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Port Washington Union Free School District does hereby adopt the expanded definition of the term “qualified owner,” as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a, to include a “Gold Star Parent” as that term is defined under RPTL §458-a; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Port Washington Union Free School District does allow a cooperative corporation to be eligible to receive such exemption pursuant to RPTL §458-a(6)(d); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Port Washington Union Free School District does hereby allow a qualified veteran under RPTL §458-a to transfer, on a pro-rated basis, his exemption to another home purchased within the Port Washington Union Free School District.

2. Accept a check from the South Salem Elementary School HSA in the amount of \$2,050 to be applied toward two BOCES Cultural Arts programs.

**C. Curriculum**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Hohauser, the Board of Education unanimously approved item 1 as listed below:

1. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve and adopt the terms and conditions of the stipulation of settlement resolving a certain matter between the District and parents of a youngster (ID#50002369) classified by the District’s CSE for the 2013-2014 school year and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the President of the Board to execute the stipulation of settlement as approved on the Board’s behalf.

**D. Personnel**

On motion made by Mrs. Sloan, seconded by Mr. Hohausser, the Board of Education unanimously approved items 1 through 5 as listed below:

1. Approve the resignation of the following non-instructional staff with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Julee Freitas, Educational Assistant, Weber effective 2/26/14
2. Approve the appointment of the following non-instructional staff with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. Alexander Eisen, Educational Assistant, .50 FTE 10 months, Daly, \$10,676, effective 3/12/14
  - b. Julee Freitas, Teacher Assistant, full-time 10 months, Guggenheim, \$29,312, effective 2/27/14, probationary period ending 4/27/15
  - c. Jacqueline Pasko, Sr. Typist Clerk, full-time 12 months, Administration, \$33,968,\* effective 3/24/14
3. Approve the appointments of the following sponsors of Extra Assignments for the 2013-2014 school year (one unit equals \$2,636):
  - a. Mike Widmer, Schreiber, Lacrosse JV – Boys, Spring, 2.25 units, \$5,931
  - b. Arnold Donado, Schreiber, Track & Field V-Asst., Boys, Spring, 2.25 units, \$5,931
  - c. Scott Hosemann, Schreiber, Baseball JV, Spring, 2.25 units, \$5,931
  - d. Jake Sussman, Schreiber, Lacrosse JV – Asst., Boys, Spring, 1.70, \$4,481
4. Approve the appointment of the following instructional and non-instructional substitutes, as per the attached list, with the recommendation of the Superintendent.
5. Approve the appointment of instructional staff for the Continuing Education Program for the Spring 2014, with the recommendation of the Superintendent:
  - a. James Pines, Badminton Teacher, \$25 per hour, 1.5 hours per session for 7 sessions

\*Under contract negotiations

**XI. Old Business**

**XII. New Business**

**XIII. Opportunity for the Community to be Heard**

**XIV. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at

10:47 p.m.

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Mary Callahan

District Clerk

Approved Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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