

December 14, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the High School LGI Room on December 14, 2020.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce L. Donneson, Mr. George R. Kast, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens, and Ms. Heather Wright.

Absent: Ms. Stacy Rubio

Also Present: Michael R. Radday, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; William Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Kathleen O'Hara, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and approximately 12 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne Mensch, President, at 7:05 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Radday gave a presentation on New York State's Covid-19 "Micro-Cluster" Strategy.

Ms. Rubio arrived.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions were raised as to how the District would be reporting any Covid 19 cases during the holiday break and whether the District would consider extending the break to help prevent the spread of cases. One parent made a request for better transparency, communication, responsiveness, and accountability. Members of the Westhampton Beach Junior Ambulance Company requested permission to work with High School students on a community outreach project regarding driving safety awareness.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the November 16, 2020 Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the November 17, 2020 Special Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the recommendations and authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of meetings of 11/13, 11/16, 11/18, 11/20, 11/23, 12/03, 12/07, 12/08 and CPSE 11/10/20; to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH CONSULTANT

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the following resolution to be and hereby is approved:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District has the need to search for a successor superintendent as a result of the impending retirement of the current Superintendent of Schools;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District hereby appoints and indemnifies Julie Davis Lutz, Chief Operating Officer of Eastern Suffolk BOCES, as Search Consultant for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the Westhampton Beach School District at no compensation and agrees to reimburse the Eastern Suffolk BOCES for incidental costs associated with the search process including, but not limited to, expenses for advertising and publishing the notice of vacancy and related information, postage, mileage, travel, meals, lodging, and incidental expenses related to the recruitment and selection of a Superintendent of Schools.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution approving the 2021/22 budget development calendar, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to adopt the District’s corrective action plan in response to the External Auditor’s Report for the fiscal year ending June 2020, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the following budget transfer, to be and hereby is approved:

From	To	Amount
A5540.445.00.06	A1420.400.00.05	\$50,000

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DONATION

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the donation of 2,000 disposable masks valued at \$400 from Mr. Jeremy Linder, CEO of Block Scientific and parent of a WHB High School student, to be used as needed for students and staff, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CONSULTING AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the acceptance of an E-Rate Central Consulting Services quote for the 2020-21 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Item 9.1 was tabled.

SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTIONS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the continuation of Kristin Kalisak’s and Kelly Roesel’s additional .2 FTE special education sections through the remainder of the year, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MIDDLE SCHOOL DETENTION PROGRAM

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following personnel to the Middle School After School Detention Program, at \$25 per hour for the 2020/21 school year, to be and hereby are approved.

Donna Winkler-Flaherty
Richard Michta
Christine DePalo
Claudine DeVelvis
Peter Horan

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

There were no New Business items on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Ms. Rubio left the meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:07 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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