

WESTHAMPTON BEACH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
340 Mill Road
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting held in the High School Library

Monday, February 5, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Mr. George R. Kast, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens, and Ms. Heather A. Wright.

Also present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Christopher Herr, High School Principal; Charisse Miller, Middle School Principal; Jeremy Garritano, Elementary School Principal

Board of Education member Ms. Joyce Donneson was absent.

District Clerk, Lisa Rheaume was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, President at 7:00 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Christopher Herr, along with four seniors presented information on Science Research.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the minutes of the January 22, 2024 Board of Education meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, 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 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/9, 1/10, 1/12, 1/17, 1/19, 1/22, 1/23, 1/24 and CPSE 11/30, 1/16 & 1/23, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to adopt the 2024/2025 School District Calendar, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

BUDGET CALENDAR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to adopt the 2024/2025 Budget Calendar, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

STATE AND MUNICIPALITIES (SAM) GRANT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution to approve an application for a State and Municipalities (SAM) grant from DASNY in the amount of \$125,000 in connection with Construction of an Outdoor Learning Space, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the Internal Audit Report on Detailed Testing - Facilities and Capital Projects during the period of July 1, 2022 - October 31, 2023, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HEALTH AND WELFARE SERVICE AGREEMENT - WEST ISLIP UFSD

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the Health and Welfare Service Agreement with West Islip UFSD during the 2023-2024 school year, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

TURF BROTHER'S INC.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the bid extension for field maintenance with Turf Brother's Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

BUG FIGHTERS ETC, INC.

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the bid extension for pest management with Bug Fighters Etc. Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

MELROSE SEWING COMPANY

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the contract agreement with Melrose Sewing Company for the 2024-2025 school year, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

GLORIA MEYER

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of HS Senior Office Assistant, Gloria Meyer, for the purpose of retirement, with her last day of employment to be February 27, 2024, and her retirement to be effective February 28, 2024, is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

FLORENCE WILES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of HS English Teacher, Florence Wiles, for the purpose of retirement, with her last day of employment to be June 30, 2024, and her retirement to be effective July 1, 2024, is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ANNE GASSNER

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of MS Math Teacher, Anne Gassner, for the purpose of retirement, with her last day of employment to be June 30, 2024, and her retirement to be effective July 1, 2024, is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HARK EBSER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of HS Cook, Hark Ebsen, for the purpose of retirement, with his last day of employment to be February 16, 2024, and his retirement to be effective February 17, 2024, is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SAMANTHA REARDON

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of Samantha Reardon from her position as Office Assistant, effective February 7, 2024, is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

KATHERINE TARANTOWICZ

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the recommendation to appoint Katherine Tarantowicz to the position of 0.8 FTE Speech Therapist, effective February 26, 2024 through June 30, 2024, at Step 1E, MA+10, \$63,224 (prorated), is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WINTER RECREATION STAFF REVISED

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation for the Elementary School Winter Recreation staff revisions for the Winter Recreation Program that began on January 22, 2024 and will conclude March 22, 2024, to be and are hereby accepted.

1. Kerri Beaver
2. Taryn Brown
3. Jackie DeCicco
4. Jennifer Ferrantino
5. Kaleigh Locke
6. Tara Mahon
7. Kim Mercready
8. Danielle Musumeci
9. Jessica Nicholson
10. Gabriella Thomasch

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ERICA DEMARTINO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation to appoint Erica DeMartino as a Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the Middle School effective February 26, 2024 through June 7, 2024, at \$150 per day, is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of the following substitute, to be and hereby is approved.

Non Certified Teacher - Chloe Franza

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

REPORTS

Postings for an Office Assistant and a Senior Office Assistant were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

The following presentations were given:

1. High School Budget presentation - Chris Herr, HS Principal
2. Middle School Budget presentation - Charisse Miller, MS Principal
3. Elementary School Budget presentation - Jeremy Garritano, ES Principal
4. Pupil Personnel Services Budget presentation - Jacqueline Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business
5. Town of Southampton Community Center - Dr. Carolyn Probst, Superintendent

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to convene into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss negotiations with several bargaining units, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:32 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Halsey, second by Mr. Kast, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk