

January 22, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the Middle School Library of the Westhampton Beach Public Schools, Westhampton Beach, New York, on January 22, 2018.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Claire Bean, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Mr. James N. Hulme, and Mr. George R. Kast.

Also Present: Michael R. Radday, Superintendent of Schools; Judy McCarthy, District Clerk; Kathleen O'Hara, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Charisse Miller, Middle School Principal; Lisa Menegio, Assistant Middle School Principal; and approximately 60 students, staff and community members.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne Mensch, President, at 7:04 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Miller introduced social studies teacher Josh Tuttle and 24 of his 7th grade students who demonstrated a live debate on whether the acts of the colonists during the Boston Tea Party were justified or not justified.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the January 8, 2018, Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of January 3, 8, 9, 11, as well as CPSE meetings of January 8, 2018.

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education has no objections to the recommendations of the Committee and approves the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Mr. Kast, the Tuition and Tax Payments through December 31, 2017, Cash Flow, Trial Balances, Budget Status Report as of December 31, 2017, Revenue Status Report through December 2017, Budget Transfer Report, Treasurer's Report – Scholarships, Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the MS for August thru November 2017 and HS for November 2017, and the Audited and Paid Claims November 7, 2017 through January 10, 2018; to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HOPE FOR YOUTH

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute an agreement for services with Hope for Youth for the 2017/18 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PECONIC SPEECH SERVICES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Bean, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute an agreement with Peconic Speech Services for the 2017/18 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHER CENTER CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Bean, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract for the Teacher Center of the Western Hamptons with Edward Schneyer, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PALEOS FIELD TRIP

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the request from middle school science teacher Robert Coleman to take approximately fourteen 8th grade Paleos students to America's Badlands for an introduction to paleontology research, from June 24 thru July 1, 2018, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CURE CLUB FAMINE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Mr. Kast, the request from Jok Kommer, CURE club advisor, to organize and facilitate a 30-hour famine relief fundraiser program with approximately 40 students, to be held in the high school from Friday, January 26 through Saturday, January 27, 2018, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ERIN JACOB

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the recall of Erin Jacob as a 1.0 FTE Art teacher assigned to the middle school, effective February 7, 2018, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ALICIA NIOSI

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Alicia Niosi for a Childcare Leave of Absence from her position as a MS English teacher, effective May 9 through September 12, 2018 followed by FMLA, returning to her position on October 9, 2018, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CAITLYNN WEBBER

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Caitlynn Webber as an English leave replacement teacher assigned to the middle school effective May 9 through October 8, 2018 at Step 1D, MA, \$57,141 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JAMES RUBICK

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of James Rubick from his position as a Custodial Worker I, effective January 23, 2018, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of James Rubick as a Maintenance Mechanic III, effective January 23, 2018, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MARK CHIESA

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Mark Chiesa as a Network & Systems Technician assigned to the elementary school, at \$50,567 (prorated), effective February 5, 2018 with a twenty-six week probationary period through August 6, 2018 as per civil service rules & regulations, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FOOD SERVICE WORKERS

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Rocio Argote and Gabriela Argote Albrecht as food service workers, effective January 23, 2018 at \$11/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING RESIGNATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the following coaching resignation, to be and hereby is accepted.

Sport	Coach
MS Girls Basketball	Charles Hess

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENT

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Mr. Stevens, the following coaching appointment for the 2017/18 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Sport	Coach	Salary	Step
MS Girls 7 Basketball	Bryan Schaumloffel	\$4,120.98	3

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business on the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Bean, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Ms. Bean, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:15 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Hulme, second by Ms. Arrasate, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Judy McCarthy, District Clerk

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