

August 17, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, was held virtually at 7:00 p.m. on August 17, 2020.

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

Also Present: Michael R. Radday, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Kathleen O'Hara, Assistant Superintendent for Business; MaryAnn Ambrosini, Director of Pupil Personnel Services; Chris Herr, HS Principal; Charisse Miller, MS Principal; Lisa Slover, ES Principal; Lisa Menegio, Assistant ES/MS Principal; Robert Finn, Director of Guidance/Data Management; Jessica Williams, Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology; Kathy Masterson, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics; and approximately 424 virtual attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, President, at 7:08 PM.

The pledge was dispensed with.

RE-OPENING PLANS

Mr. Radday and the 3 Principals gave a presentation on the re-opening plans for September. Questions from the community were answered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the July 27, 2020 Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the minutes of the August 11, 2020 Special Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the CSE recommendations from meeting dates 7/27, 8/5, 8/7 and CPSE 7/28, and the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution to confirm the re-appointment of Kenneth Ritzenberg as an impartial hearing officer, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the resolution to confirm the appointment of Roslyn Roth as an impartial hearing officer, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FINAL SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BOCES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution approving the final Shared Services Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2019/20 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BID AWARD – AIR CONDITIONING

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to award the air conditioning repairs & service bid to MOJJ Contracting Services for the 2020/21 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HS SCIENCE WETLAB

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of consulting agreement with Matt Parsons, Owner Living Arts Aquariums, for the 2020/21 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CSDNET

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with CSDNET for backup power supply for the Middle School server room, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with CSDNET for fiber cable installation to the Press Box, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PEAR DECK

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Pear Deck for instructional software to support face-to-face and distance learning for the 2020/21 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HOPE FOR YOUTH

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Hope for Youth for educational services for the 2020/21 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LITTLE FLOWER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Little Flower UFSD for educational services for the 2020/21 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

VERONICA REYNOSO-PEREZ

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the resignation of Veronica Reynoso-Perez from her position as an ES teacher aide in order to be appointed as district-wide translator, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Veronica Reynoso-Perez as a district-wide translator, effective August 18, 2020, at Step 2, at a salary of \$30,656 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CORINNE CONROY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resignation of Corinne Conroy from her position as an ESL teacher effective August 3, 2020, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SAMANTHA ZEGEL

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Samantha Zegel as a Science teacher, assigned to the high school, effective September 1, 2020, with a three-year probationary period through August 31, 2023, in the tenure area of Science, at Step 1G, MA+30, at a salary of \$64,239, pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JULIA VAILLANT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the appointment of Julia Vaillant as a special education leave replacement teacher assigned to the high school, effective September 1, 2020 through January 29, 2021, at Step 1D, MA \$59,017, pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LISA HANNAFORD

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Lisa Hannaford to the position of Confidential Senior Office Assistant assigned to the Office of Personnel & Instruction, effective January 1, 2021, at a salary of \$66,955 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CAROLE HILLMAN

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Carole Hillman to the position of Confidential Senior Office Assistant assigned to the Office of Personnel & Instruction, effective January 1, 2021, at a salary of \$65,199 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TITLE STAFF

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of the following title staff members for the 2020/21 school year effective September 29, 2020 through June 11, 2021, at \$25/hr. to be and hereby are approved:

Jill Stevens	ES Title	5.5 hours/day
Yolanda Hollander	ES Title	6.5 hours/day

Vote: Yes 6 No 0
(Mr. Stevens abstained)

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 Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 10:00 PM to discuss personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:29 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: 7 No 0

SCHOOL BUS STOP ARM ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Rubio, the following resolution authorizing the execution of the Opt-in Agreement to participate in the County of Suffolk School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program, to be and hereby is adopted:

WHEREAS, the Westhampton Beach UFSD intends to participate in the County of Suffolk School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program (hereinafter the "Program").

WHEREAS, the Program is authorized under New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law 1174-a;

WHEREAS, pursuant to NYS VTL 1174-a, in order to participate in the Program, the School District must enter into an agreement with the County.

WHEREAS, the Westhampton Beach UFSD intends to execute the School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program Opt-In Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 1, and enter into the Program.

RESOLVED, the Westhampton Beach UFSD BOE hereby acknowledges and approves the Suffolk County School Bus Stop Arm Enforcement Program Opt-In Agreement made between Suffolk County, Westhampton Beach UFSD, Bus Patrol America LLC, and MBS Fleet, and agrees to be bound by its terms.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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