

February 8, 2021

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 February 8, 2021.

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

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; Chris Herr, HS Principal; Lisa Slover, ES Principal, Rob Finn, Director of Guidance; Kathy Masterson, Director of Athletics; and approximately 10 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

High School science teacher, Dr. Gobler, and two students from the PALEOS Club, gave a presentation on their science research project. The students are restoring a dinosaur bone they excavated on a PALEOS trip to Wyoming in 2017.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jamie Thom, President of the Teachers Association, requested the board consider giving release time to get the Covid 19 vaccine.

The local PAL lacrosse director asked a question about field use.

A teacher asked if the board would consider doing a survey regarding future opening procedures in light of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the minutes of the January 25, 2021, Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Wright, 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 1/19, 1/21, 1/22, 1/29, 2/03 and CPSE 1/26; to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS & CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to adopt the external auditor's single audit report of Federal Programs, and the District's corrective action plan for the audit for the fiscal year ending June 2020, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health services contract with the Uniondale UFSD for the 2020/21 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health services contract with the Riverhead CSD for the 2020/21 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHER CENTER CONTRACTS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute two contracts (Renee Johnson) for Teacher Center of the Western Hamptons classes, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PAMELA HOROWITZ

On motion of Mr. Rubio, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Pamela Horowitz from her position as a High School Business Ed teacher, effective July 1, 2021, for the purpose of retirement, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JOHN CZARTOSIESKI

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of John Czartosieski from his position as a High School Math teacher, effective July 1, 2021, for the purpose of retirement, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JEANNE STEELE

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resignation of Jeanne Steele from her position as a Middle School Special Education teacher, effective July 1, 2021, for the purpose of retirement, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PAULANN HOFFMAN

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Paulann Hoffman from her position as an Elementary School Teacher Aide, effective March 1, 2021, for the purpose of retirement, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LAUREN O'HEARN

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the request from Lauren O'Hearn for a childcare leave of absence from her position as an ESL teacher utilizing sick days effective April 27 thru June 10, 2021, followed by a Family Medical Leave of Absence through June 25, 2021, and returning to her position in September for the 2021-22 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the following coaching appointments for the 2020/21 winter sports season, to be and hereby are approved:

SPORT	LEVEL	COACH	STEP	SALARY
Boys Basketball	Varsity	Tim McDermott	2	\$ 8,346.89
Boys Basketball	JV	Mike Smith	1	\$ 5,947.28
Girls Basketball	Varsity	Katie Peters	3	\$ 8,598.85
Girls Basketball	JV	Caitlynn Webber	1	\$ 5,947.28
Basketball Cheer	Varsity	Kaidie Florida	1	\$ 4,623.27
Wrestling	JV/V	Andrew Petroulias	1	\$ 4,680.73
Wrestling	JV/V	Conner Miller	1	\$ 4,680.73
Wrestling	JV/V	Peter DeTore	1	\$ 4,680.73

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following substitutes/home tutors, to be and hereby are approved:

Colette Letteri Uncertified Teacher

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS - BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Chris Herr, High School Principal, presented the high school budget requests for the 2021/22 school year.

Rob Finn, Director of Guidance, presented the guidance budget requests for the 2021/22 school year.

Lisa Slover, Elementary School Principal, presented the elementary school budget requests for the 2021/22 school year.

Kathy Masterson, Director of Health, Athletics & Physical Education, presented the athletics budget requests for the 2021/22 school year.

BOARD POLICIES

The first reading of new Board Policy 0101 (Gender Neutral Bathroom Facilities) was held.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

The first reading of new Board Policy 6701 (Procurement: Uniform Grant Guidance for Federal Awards) was held.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Rubio, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:50 PM to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:57 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MUSIC STIPENDS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education the following music stipends for the 2020/21 school year, to be and hereby are approved:

Performing Band	\$4,613.00	Frank Monastero
Performing Chorus	\$4,613.00	Eric Becker

Vote: Yes 6 No 1
(Ms. Donneson opposed)

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 10:58 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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