

September 13, 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 September 13, 2021.

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

Absent: Mr. George R. Kast and Ms. Heather Wright

Also Present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and 11 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A parent thanked the Board, Administration, and Staff for all their efforts to open the 2021-22 school year smoothly and safely.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the August 23, 2021, Board of Education meeting to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of 8/18, 8/24, 8/27 and 9/2/21.

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, 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 5 No 0

INTERNAL AUDITOR - ENGAGEMENT LETTER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the resolution authorizing the execution of the Internal Auditor's AUP engagement letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

MASTERCARD

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution authorizing the District to apply for a Mastercard Business Card with People's United Bank in lieu of the current American Express Account, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SURPLUS TEXTBOOKS

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Rubio, the request from Jacqueline Pirro to surplus elementary school textbooks so they may be disposed of or sold, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

COMPUTER HARDWARE RESELLER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to award the computer hardware reseller bid to Teksavers to purchase our remaining laptop assets, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

DONATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the donation from Peconic Bay Medical Center of athletic equipment formerly owned by Mercy McGann High School (1 football sled & 1 football chute), to be used by the athletic department, as submitted, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

NYSCOSS CONFERENCE – SARATOGA SPRINGS

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the Superintendent to attend the NYSCOSS Fall Leadership Summit in Saratoga Springs 9/25 thru 9/28/21, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ANTHONY MARTINO

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Anthony Martino as the Assistant Plant Facilities Administrator effective October 12, 2021 at a salary of \$120,000 (prorated), with a twenty-six week probationary period through April 8, 2022, as per civil service rules & regulations, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

JESSICA MORO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the appointment of Jessica Moro as an office assistant assigned to the High School, effective September 20, 2021 at Step 1, \$35,320 (prorated), with a twenty-six week probationary period through March 18, 2022 as per civil service rules & regulations, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ANDREW RIGGIO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resignation of Andrew Riggio from his position as a MS Title Teacher and HS Learning Specialist effective August 24, 2021, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

NICOLE IANNONE

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Nicole Iannone as a Middle School .2 FTE Math Teacher at Step 1B, BA+15, \$53,055 (prorated), and as a Title Teacher assigned to the Middle School (3.75/hrs/day) at \$25/hr., and as a Learning Specialist assigned to the High School (2 hrs/day) at \$25/hr., effective September 1, 2021 through June 24, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

JOSHUA TUTTLE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the appointment of Joshua Tuttle to an additional .2 FTE MS Social Studies section for the 2021/22 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

DANA MESTER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Dana Mester as a Foreign Language Teacher assigned to the High School, effective September 1, 2021 with a four-year probationary period through August 31, 2025 in the tenure area of Foreign Language, at Step 1, MA+60, \$68,617, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of the following people as permanent substitute teachers assigned to the Elementary School at \$150 per day, to be and hereby is approved:

Brittney White	September 2, 2021 – June 10, 2021
Deborah LoGelfo	September 27, 2021 – June 10, 2021
Carolyn Beyenheimer	September 27, 2021 – June 10, 2021

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

MIDDLE SCHOOL PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the appointment of the following people as permanent substitute teachers assigned to the Middle School at \$150 per day, to be and hereby is approved:

Roberta Alifano	September 14, 2021 – June 10, 2021
Devin Laube	September 27, 2021 – June 10, 2021

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ES CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORSHIPS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the Elementary School Co-curricular Advisorships for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

HS CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORSHIPS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the High School Co-curricular Advisorships for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

CARRIE BENDER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Carrie Bender to provide services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) Support, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the hourly professional rate of pay (\$48.87/hr), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the following coaching appointments for the 2021/22 Fall sports season, to be and hereby are approved:

Sport	Coach	Salary	Step
JV Girls Volleyball	Eric Ferrante	\$5,018.01	1
Jr. High Girls Soccer	Caitlynn Webber	\$4,080.39	1
Jr. High Boys Soccer	Michael Smith	\$4,080.39	1

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the following volunteer coaching appointments for the 2021/22 Fall sports season, to be and hereby are approved:

Sport	Coach
JV/V Football	Steve Arrasate
JV/V Girls Volleyball	Emma Citarelli
JV/V Golf	Connor Davis
Jr. High Soccer	Jenn Price

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following substitute, to be and hereby is approved:

Kristin Houdlett Uncertified Teacher

Vote: Yes 5 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. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:15 PM to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Mr. Kast arrived at 7:21 PM

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:32 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Kast, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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