

October 18, 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 MS Music Room on October 18, 2021.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Mr. George R. Kast, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens, Ms. Stacy Rubio, and Ms. Heather A. 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; Charisse Miller, Middle School Principal; Jessica Williams, Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology; and approximately 46 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Miller, Ms. Williams, two middle school teachers and several students gave a presentation on Pre-Algebra.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Discussion was held about the mask mandate and the American Rescue Plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the October 4, 2021 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 9/1, 9/10, 9/13, 9/14, 9/20, 9/22, 9/28, 9/29, 9/30, 10/5, 10/6, 10/12 and CPSE 9/29, 10/1 and 10/5/21.

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, 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. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the Trial Balances Report for June & July; Budget Status Report for June & July; Revenue Status Report for June & July; Budget Transfer Report for June & July; Extraclass Activities ES, MS, HS June 4 – October 6; Audited and Paid Claims June 4 – October 6; Treasurer's Reports May - July; Scholarships June & Collateral Report; to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TAX LEVY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution setting the amount of tax dollars to be raised for the Westhampton Beach School District for the 2021/2022 school year at \$32,159,971, which is the amount approved by the voters on May 18, 2021, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFER

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

From	To	Amount
A1620.400.00.05	A1620.417.00.05	\$12,160

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SNOW PLOWING BID

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation to award the snow plowing bid to B&B Maintenance Services, Inc. for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HOMEGROWN ORGANIC FOOD AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute a contract with Homegrown Organic Food, Inc., for the Greenhouse, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to confirm the appointment of Jeffrey Silverson as an impartial hearing officer, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

AWARD OF TENURE
DANA HOYT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to award tenure to Dana Hoyt in the tenure area of Health, effective October 21, 2021, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TARYN BROWN

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Taryn Brown from her position as an ES Teacher Aide, effective the end of the day October 18, 2021, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Taryn Brown as an ES Teaching Assistant effective October 19, 2021 with a four-year probationary period through October 18, 2025 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant at a salary of \$41,305 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Jessica Nicholson as an ES permanent substitute teacher, effective October 19, 2021 through June 10, 2022, at \$150 per day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MIDDLE SCHOOL DETENTION PROGRAM

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following personnel to the Middle School After School Detention Program, at \$25 per hour on an as-needed basis for the 2021/22 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Claudine DeVelvis
Donna Flaherty
Jennifer Raynor
Ellen Griffin

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

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 Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 8:25 PM to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:00 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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