

November 1, 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 November 1, 2021.

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

Absent: Ms. Stacy Rubio

Also Present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Judith Iannone, District Clerk; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Chris Herr, High School Principal; Rob Finn, Director of Guidance; and approximately 70 students, staff and community attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

Ms. Marianne VanDuyne of R.S. Abrams reviewed the District's annual external audit report. Ms. VanDuyne once again stated that no material weaknesses were found, and that the District is in good financial health.

Item 8.1 was moved up on the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution to accept the external auditor's report for the year ending June 30, 2021, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Herr recognized this year's National Merit Scholarship Commended Students: Ali Jedlicka, Joseph Litjens, James Daniels, Josephine Perl, Andre Insalaco, and Madison Quinn; as well as National Merit Scholarship Semi-Finalist Gavin Ehlers. Ms. Mensch presented achievement awards to the students.

Dr. Herr and Golden Canes Club students Sydney Anastasia and Kaitlyn McDermott gave a presentation on their fundraising efforts to support children with cancer. They have raised \$10,000 to date.

Dr. Herr and Dr. Finn reviewed some possible course book additions/changes in regards to AP Human Geography, Intro to Science Research, Advanced Science Research, and Geometry.

COURSE BOOK CHANGES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the proposed course book additions/changes to AP Human Geography, Intro to Science Research, Advanced Science Research, and Geometry, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Probst reviewed the history of the American Rescue Plan Bill, the assurances that are part of the grant application, the plans for the grant money, as well as the status of the District's application.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several community members addressed the Board regarding their concerns about the assurances in the ARP Grant. Specifically, community members spoke about assurance 4 and concerns for student data and privacy, assurance 17 and concerns regarding COVID-19 vaccine mandates, and assurance 20 and potential federal involvement in curriculum.

Dr. Probst and the Board shared that all assurances had been reviewed by District counsel and administration. The assurances were found to be in standard form and comparable to those associated with other grants for which the District applies and accepts funds. Further, Dr. Probst, the Board, and counsel do not interpret the assurances, particularly assurances 4, 17, and 20, in the manner presented by some community members. The Board confirmed its intention to stand behind those interpretations in the future, if needed.

Community members also spoke about Critical Race Theory, the Equity Committee, and communication with the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the minutes of the October 18, 2021, Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFER

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

From	To	Amount
A2110.130.00.02	A2110.153.00.05	\$119,855.30
A2110.130.00.01		\$165,000.00
A9050.800.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	\$50,000.00
A9060.800.00.05		\$50,000.00
A5540.445.00.01	A5540.490.00.01	\$28,150.00
A5540.445.00.02	A5540.490.00.02	\$11,610.00
A5540.445.00.03	A5540.490.00.03	\$14,925.00
A5540.445.00.05	A5540.490.00.05	\$945,328.35
A5540.445.00.06	A5540.490.00.06	\$227,540.00
A5540.446.00.05	A5540.491.00.05	\$521,644.00

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

MADLINE ALBIN

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Madeline Albin as a food service worker, effective November 2, 2021 at \$14/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HS ENL SUPPORT STAFF

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following HS After School Support ENL Instructors to be compensated at the professional rate of pay (\$48.87) for the 2021-22 school year, to be and hereby are approved:

Christie Larson
Tara Bishop
Rebecca Sullivan

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES & HOME TUTORS

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

Sandra Boyajian Uncertified
Emily Hilbert Uncertified
Andrew Riggio Home Tutor (Effective September 1, 2021)

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS

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

Sport	Coach
JV/V Wrestling	Connor Miller, Paul Bass
MS Girls Volleyball	Emma Citarelli, Eric Ferrante
JV/V Girls Basketball	Connor Davis
V Girls Winter Track	Charles Mason

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the following winter sports coaching appointments, to be and hereby are approved:

SPORT	SEASON	LEVEL	COACH	STEP
BASKETBALL B	WINTER	V	McDermott, Tim	2
BASKETBALL B	WINTER	JV	Harpaul, Mike	1
BASKETBALL G	WINTER	V	Peters, Katie	3
BASKETBALL G	WINTER	JV	Webber, Caitlynn	1
BASKETBALL CHEER	WINTER	V	Florida, Kaidie	1
WRESTLING	WINTER	JV/V	Petroulius, Andrew	1
WRESTLING	WINTER	JV/V	DeTore, Peter	1
TRACK G	WINTER	V	Broich, John	3
TRACK G	WINTER	Var Asst.	Yakaboski, Megan	2
TRACK B	WINTER	V	Mensch, Joe	1
TRACK B	WINTER	Var Asst.	Habersaat, Erika	3
BASKETBALL B	WINTER 1	MS - Green	Gholson, Ron	1
BASKETBALL B	WINTER 1	MS - White	Laube, Devin	1
VOLLEYBALL G	WINTER 1	MS - White	Intravaia, Jackie	3
VOLLEYBALL G	WINTER 1	MS - Green	Iannone, Nicole	1
BASKETBALL G	WINTER 2	MS - White	Laube, Devin	1
BASKETBALL G	WINTER 2	MS - Green	Davis, Conner	2
VOLLEYBALL B	WINTER 2	MS - Green	Tuttle, Josh	2

VOLLEYBALL B	WINTER 2	MS - White	Intravaia, Jackie	3
WRESTLING	WINTER 2	MS	TBD	

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

Board Policy 4311.1-R (Display of the Flag)

The first reading of Board Policy 4311.1-R was held.

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

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 9:10 PM to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:01 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 10:01 PM.

Judith Iannone, District Clerk

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