

January 24, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the Middle School Chorus Room of the Westhampton Beach Public Schools, Westhampton Beach, New York, on January 24, 2022.

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

Absent: Ms. Stacy Rubio and Ms. Heather Wright

Also Present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; William Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Charisse Miller, Middle School Principal; and approximately 46 students, staff and community members.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Ms. Miller and several Middle School students gave a presentation on their plans for an Outdoor Learning Space at the Middle School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions were raised regarding the mask mandate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the January 10, 2022, 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 12/8, 12/9, 12/10, 12/14, 12/15, 12/20, 12/22, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6 and 1/14/2022.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, 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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Tuition and Tax Payments through December 31, 2021; Trial Balances through December 31, 2021; Budget Status Report as of December 31, 2021; Revenue Status Report through December 31, 2021; Budget Transfer Report Oct - Dec 2021; Treasurer's Reports Oct - Dec 2021, Treasurer's Scholarships 2nd quarter; Collateral Reports Oct - Dec 2021; Extra Classroom Activity Reports for the ES Oct - Nov 2021 and HS for Dec 2021, the Audited and Paid Claims Dec 10 – Jan 11, 2022; to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

APPR HARDSHIP WAIVER APPLICATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the following resolution authorizing the submission of an APPR Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver Application, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the submission of an Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver application to the New York State Education Department and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President to execute and submit such application on behalf of the District.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFER

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

From	To	Total Transfer Amount
A9760.710.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	\$100,000.00
A9050.800.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	70,000.00

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution to adopt the District's corrective action plan in response to the External Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending June 2021, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

RESOLUTION / BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE DATE

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the following resolution, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to hold the Budget Hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022, in the High School at 7:00 p.m. and to hold the Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, in the High School LGI room with voting hours from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

RESOLUTION / CANVASS VOTE STAFF

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the following resolution, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the District Clerk to canvass individuals to serve as Election Inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., as well as individuals for the purpose of delivering absentee ballots to qualified residents of Westhampton Care Center, and where necessary, to assist such qualified residents in casting absentee ballots, and to authorize the District Clerk to fill any vacancies in these positions which may occur before such date.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

RESOLUTION / WESTHAMPTON FREE LIBRARY

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the following resolution, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED to place the following proposition on the May 17, 2022 ballot: to authorize the Westhampton Beach UFSD Board of Education to contract with the Trustees of the Westhampton Free Library in an amount to be determined for support and maintenance of said Library for the 2022/2023 year and that a necessary tax be levied therefor.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

NY THERAPY

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the Board President to execute an addendum to the agreement with NY Therapy for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

EDWARD J. VINSKI, PH. D.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the Board President to execute an agreement with Edward J. Vinski, Ph. D. as a School Psychologist at \$85/hr. for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

RESCIND SURPLUS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution to rescind the surplus of a Ford vehicle which was approved at the December 6, 2021 board meeting, to be and hereby is adopted.

Asset #	Make	Model	VIN #	Location
003319	Ford	250	1FTNF21528EC88175	B&G

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

JONATHAN HILLMAN

On motion of Ms. Donneson second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Jonathan Hillman as an Elementary School Custodial Worker I, with his last day of work being January 25, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

MIRIAM NUNEZ OLEAS

On motion of Mr. Stevens second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Miriam Nunez Oleas as a HS Food Service Worker, with her last day of work being December 23, 2021, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the following coaching appointment for the 2022 late winter sports season, to be and hereby is approved:

Sport	Coach	Salary	Step
MS Boys Volleyball	Randy Lein	\$34,309.45	3

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

BRITTNEY WHITE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Brittney White as a Special Education leave replacement teacher assigned to the Elementary School effective January 12 through June 24, 2022 at Step 1D, MA, \$59,755 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

KATHERINE CARR

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Katherine Carr as a .6 FTE Social Worker leave replacement assigned to the Elementary School effective January 25 through June 3, 2022 at Step 1D, MA, \$59,755 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

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. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 8:15 PM to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:05 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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