

March 21, 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 High School Library of the Westhampton Beach Public Schools, Westhampton Beach, New York, on March 21, 2022.

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

Absent: Mr. George R. Kast

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 4 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Probst updated everyone on the status of the 2022-23 school budget.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member commended the Board, administrators and staff for an exemplary job educating and keeping students safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Board of Education meeting to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of 1/24, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, 2/7, 2/14, 2/16, 2/18 and CPSE 2/7 and 2/14/22.

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, 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 6 No 0

SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution to adopt the 2022/2023 School District Calendar, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SINGLE AUDIT OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution to adopt the external auditor's single audit report of Federal Programs for the fiscal year ending June 2021, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT TUITION CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Education to execute an individual student tuition contract for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health Services contract with the South Huntington School District for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Donneson, the following budget transfers, to be and hereby are approved:

From	To	Amount
A1620.413.00.05	A1620.415.00.01	\$3,000.00
A1620.416.00.03	A1620.416.00.01	\$20,000.00
A2250.471.00.05	A2815.400.00.05	\$11,500.00

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SURPLUS – SEWING MACHINES

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the request to surplus the following Middle School sewing machines as they are no longer repairable, to be and hereby is approved:

Asset Tag	Make	Model	Serial#
None	Singer	CG590-C	C52711152
003382	Singer		C72541066
None	Singer	4432	ZHC1816413107
003386	Singer		C50426133
003384	Singer	CG590C	

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION LEGAL NOTICE

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution approving the legal notice for the Annual Budget Vote & Election to be held on May 17, 2022, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

RESOLUTION / VOTE STAFF

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint the following persons as Election Inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and to authorize the District Clerk to fill any vacancies in these positions which may occur on or before such date:

Full Day @ \$200 each
Thomas H. Betjemann (Chief Inspector of Elections)
Marth-ann Betjemann
Patricia Gonce
Doreen Croser
Bea Allen
Dot Berdinka
Suzanne Marie

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

RESOLUTION / CHAIRPERSON OF THE ELECTION

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Thomas Betjemann as Chairperson for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

VIRTUAL ENTERPRISE FIELD TRIP

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Donneson, the request from Amy Demchak to take 9 Virtual Enterprise Business students to compete in the Virtual Enterprise Youth Business Summit in Brooklyn, New York from April 3 through April 6, 2022, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CARSON WHITE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the resignation of Carson White from her position as a .4 FTE MS Study Skills teacher/permanent substitute teacher, effective April 1, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ROBERTA ALIFANO

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Roberta Alifano as a .4 FTE MS Study Skills teacher effective April 4, 2022, at Step 1D, MA, \$59,755 (prorated), pending receipt of official transcripts, and as a .6 FTE permanent substitute at \$150/day (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SANDRA FLORES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Arrasate, the request to modify Sandra Flores's military leave of absence from her position as a HS Foreign Language teacher through March 21, 2022 (rather than April 1, 2022), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HS SPANISH SECTIONS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the request to modify the appointments of the following staff as .2 Spanish leave replacement instructors, to end March 18 (rather than April 1, 2022), to be and hereby is approved.

Micaela Gallucci
Lisa Lagattolla
Dana Mester
Adriana Sedano
Monica Van Essendelft

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ALAINA MAGGIO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the request from Alana Maggio for an extension of her childcare leave of absence from her position as an ES Psychologist an additional two weeks using FMLA through June 21, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

KATHERINE CARR

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the extension of the appointment of Katherine Carr as a .6 FTE ES leave replacement Social Worker through June 17, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HIGH SCHOOL PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Heidi Kelly-Strawgate as a permanent substitute teacher assigned to the high school, effective March 28 through June 10, 2022, at \$150 per day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

MS AFTER SCHOOL DETENTION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the appointment of Ifetayo Bonner as an additional staff member of the MS After School Detention Program for the remainder of the 2021/22 school year at \$25/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the appointment of the following volunteer coaches for the 2021/22 spring sports season, to be and hereby is approved:

Sport	Coaches
JV/V Baseball	Bryan Schaumloffel
JV/V Baseball	Ryan Fay

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

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

Zachary Zieniewicz - Certified Teacher

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

COACHING RESIGNATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of Sewdutt (Mike) Harpaul as a coach of spring season Jr. High Boys Track, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the following spring coaching appointments, to be and hereby are approved:

Sport	Coach	Step	Stipend
Jr. High Baseball	Mike Harpaul	1	\$4,080.39
Jr. High Softball	Pete DeTore	1	\$4,080.39
Jr. High Boys Track	Ellen Griffin	1	\$4,080.39

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EXTRA HELP SUPPORT STAFF

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Donneson, the recommendation to appoint the following staff members for Extra Help Support for Students with Disabilities at the High School for the remainder of the 2021/22 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Kaitlyn Gebhardt
Samantha Zegel

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Fischer presented the Curriculum Development, Personnel, We Care, Winter & Summer Rec budget requests for the 2022/23 school year

Ms. Pirro presented the Transportation & BOCES Program budget requests for the 2022/23 school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:00 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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