

October 3, 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 Elementary School Cafetorium, on October 3, 2022.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Mr. George R. Kast, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens 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 approximately 35 parents, students, staff and community members.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, President, at 7:02 PM.

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Elementary School ENL teacher Thomas O'Leary and several students gave an ENL presentation.

Dr. Probst once again reviewed the Bond Project and answered questions from community members.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several parents requested that different strategies be considered in order to address the issues related to vaping in the high school bathrooms.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the September 12, 2022 Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TAX LEVY

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution setting the amount of tax dollars to be raised for the Westhampton Beach School District for the 2022/23 school year at \$32,849,387, which is the amount approved by the voters on May 17, 2022, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

From	To	Amount
A9030.800.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	\$81,700.00
A2250.470.00.05	A9787.610.00.05	\$158,187.00
A9010.800.00.05	A9040.800.00.05	\$138,000.00
A9060.800.00.05		\$100,000.00
A9060.801.00.05		\$ 14,469.00
A9089.800.00.05	A2010.150.00.05	\$7,983.00
A2250.164.00.03	A2250.164.00.01	\$24,000.00
A2250.164.00.05	A2250.164.00.02	\$20,000.00
A9060.800.00.05	A9760.710.00.05	\$97,777.78
A1480.500.00.05	A1480.490.00.08	\$10,000.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

YOUTH & GOVERNMENT FIELD TRIP

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the request from Kelly Massaro to take approximately 35 students on an overnight field trip to attend the Youth & Government Conference in Albany, NY, November 20 - 22, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DONATION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the donation from The Town of Southampton Youth Bureau of a Hampton Jitney charter bus to take Youth & Government students to the conference in November 2022, to be and hereby is accepted with gratitude.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

AWARDS OF TENURE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation to award tenure to the following staff, to be and hereby is approved:

Staff Member	Tenure date	Tenure Area
Kimberly Hall	November 3, 2022	Elementary Education
Caitlin Mancuso	November 5, 2022	Speech

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JOSEPH GANGI

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Joseph Gangi from his position as a Custodial Worker I, effective September 26, 2022, for the purpose of retirement, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JESSICA WILLIAMS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Jessica Williams for a childcare leave of absence from her position as the Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology beginning on or about November 2 through February 10, 2023, utilizing 40 sick days, 8 vacation days, followed by 3 weeks of FMLA, and returning to her position on Monday, February 13, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KAITLIN GEBHARDT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Kaitlin Gebhardt for a childcare leave of absence from her position as a District Social Worker, beginning on or about December 9, 2022 through March 31, 2023, utilizing 25 sick days, followed by 9 weeks of FMLA, and returning to her position on Monday, April 3, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KAREN PETROWSKI

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of Karen Petrowski from her position as a Middle School Teaching Assistant, effective October 12, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

RACHAEL TORNEY

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Rachael Torney from her position as a Middle School Food Service Worker, effective September 16, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

THOMAS MOSCATIELLO

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Thomas Moscatiello as a MS monitor effective October 4, 2022 at \$15/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ES PERM SUB

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Jill Stevens as an ES Permanent Substitute Teacher effective September 1, 2022 through September 23, 2022 and June 12, 2023 through June 23, 2023 at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0
(Mr. Stevens abstained)

KATHLEEN PETERS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resignation of Kathleen Peters as equipment manager for the 2022-23 sports season, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DANA HOYT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Dana Hoyt as equipment manager at a stipend of \$6,042.93 for the 2022-23 sports season, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 1
(Ms. Donneson opposed)

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

NEW BUSINESS - BOARD POLICIES

Board Policy 1130 (Media Relations)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Board Policy 1131 (News Releases)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Board Policy 1135 (News Coverage of Sports & Special Events)

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution to delete the above policy, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Board Policy 1140 (Use of Students in Public Information Program)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:45 PM to discuss contract negotiations with the Aides/Monitors Unit, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:00 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 9:00 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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