

August 21, 2023

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, on August 21, 2023.

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

Also Present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; William Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction, and Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business and 5 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Donneson, the minutes of the July 11, 2023 Reorganizational Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the CSE recommendations from meeting dates 7/19, 7/20, 7/24, 7/25, 7/26, 8/07 and CPSE 6/23 & 8/03, and the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the following reports for the 2022/23 school year, to be and hereby are approved:

Report	Dates
Extraclass Activities ES	April - June
Extraclass Activities MS	Feb - June
Extraclass Activities HS	May - June
Budget Transfer Report	May 2023
Treasurers Reports/Scholarships/Collateral	May & June
Audited and Paid Claims	0221-0250; 0001-0025
Revenue Status Report	May 31, 2023
Trial Balance Report	May 31, 2023
Budget Status Report	May 31, 2023

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DONATION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the donation of \$5,000 from Eli Manning for our football program in accordance with the NFL Foundation's player matching youth football grant program, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the adoption of the following textbook, to be and hereby is approved:

My World Interactive: World History Early Ages
Karpiel, Sabato and Yell, Authors
Savvas Learning Company, Publisher
2019 Edition

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BID AWARD – MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & EQUIPMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation to award the musical instruments & equipment bid to Sweetwater Sound, LLC and Wenger Corporation for the items for which they were the lowest bidder, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BID EXTENSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the recommendation to extend the School Field Maintenance bid with Turf Brothers for the 2023/24 school year at the current pricing, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SURPLUS – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the request to surplus the following Elementary School textbooks, to be and hereby is approved:

Quantity	Title	ISBN#
35	Wonders McGraw Hill 2013 Edition Grade 2	978-0-02-118866-6
1	Wonders McGraw Hill 2013 Edition Teacher's Edition Set 1-6 Grade 2	978-0-02-119790

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SURPLUS – TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the request to surplus technology equipment which has been replaced with new equipment or is no longer functional, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the following eight (8) budget transfers, as submitted, to be and hereby are approved:

1.

From	To	Amount
9060.800.00.05	9060.153.00.05	\$1,223,422

2.

From	To	Amount
2110.130.00.01	various non-instructional salary codes	\$138,913

3.

From	To	Amount
2110.130.00.02	various instructional salary codes	\$359,806
2250.150.00.02		

4.

From	To	Amount
2250.490.00.08	9711.710.00.05	\$140,000

5.

From	To	Amount
A2250.490.00.08	A1621.490.05.00	\$33,000

6.

From	To	Amount
A5540.491.00.05	A5540.490.00.05	\$222,000
A2250.490.00.08		

7.

From	To	Amount
2110.480.02.03	2110.480.11.03	\$458.34

8.

From	To	Amount
A9020.800.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	\$50,000

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FINAL SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BOCES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution approving the final Shared Services Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACH BETTER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution authorizing the execution of a professional development contract with Teach Better for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

NY THERAPY PLACEMENT SERVICES CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

NESCA CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with NESCA for OT services for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REMSENBURG/SPEONK CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with the Remsenburg/Speonk School District for special education services for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HOME TUTORING AGREEMENTS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of five (5) home tutoring agreements with the following agencies for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted:

Education at Mather
Hope for Youth
Fullmind (formerly iTutor)
Out East Therapy
St. James Tutoring

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHER CENTER CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute a contract with Rachele Bongiovi for a Teacher Center of the Western Hamptons class, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MOA – COACHING POSITIONS

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Teachers' Association, for the following additional coaching positions for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted:

Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach
Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach – Girls
Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach – Boys
Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach – Girls
Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach – Boys

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

GERALDINE NIGG

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Geraldine Nigg from her position as a HS Senior Office Assistant for the purpose of retirement, with her last day of employment to be October 27, 2023 and her retirement to be effective October 30, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LILLIAN MARTIN

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of MS Monitor, Lillian Martin, for the purpose of retirement, with her last day of employment to be March 13, 2023 and her retirement to be effective March 14, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MARYKATE HILL

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the request from Marykate Hill for a Childcare Leave of Absence beginning on or about October 2, 2023 through December 22, 2023, using 27 sick days and 3 personal days followed by six weeks of FMLA, returning to her position January 2, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MEGAN LOCANTORE

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Megan Locantore for an extension of her intermittent FMLA and return to her position September 18, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DORENE MONGIELLO

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Dorene Mongiello from her position as a MS Science Teacher, effective August 18, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DANA MESTER

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resignation of Dana Mester from her position as a HS Foreign Language Teacher, effective August 4, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PETER DETORE

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Peter DeTore from his position as a 0.7 FTE HS Physical Education Teacher as well as his coaching positions, effective August 4, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

RICHARD MEDINA

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Richard Medina as a HS Foreign Language Teacher, effective September 5, 2023, with a three-year probationary period through August 31, 2026, in the tenure area of Foreign Language, at Step 7G, MA+30, \$84,046, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JOSEPH MCERLEAN

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Joseph McErlean as a MS Science Teacher, effective September 5, 2023, with a three-year probationary period through August 31, 2026, in the tenure area of Science, at Step 13D, MA, \$95,812, pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JAKOB RESTREPO-BONET

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Jakob Restrepo-Bonet as a .8 Physical Education Teacher, effective September 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024, at Step 1B, BA+15, \$54,524 (prorated), and as a 0.2 FTE Permanent Substitute at \$150/day (prorated), pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EMILY ISSELBACHER

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the modification of the appointment of Emily Isselbacher to a 1.0 FTE HS Special Education Teacher, effective September 5, 2023, with a four-year probationary period through August 31, 2027 in the tenure area of Special Education, at Step 2G, MA+30, \$69,710, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ASHLEY SIGERSON

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Ashley Sigerson as a HS English Leave Replacement Teacher, at Step 1A, BA, at a salary of \$51,877 (prorated), beginning September 1, 2022 through November 22, 2022, pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EMILY BEHR

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Emily Behr as a HS ENL Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 19, 2023 through November 9, 2023 at a rate of \$150/day and as a MS Perm Sub effective November 13, 2023 through June 7, 2024 at a rate of \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ANTONIA OBARA

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Antonia Obara as a MS/HS ENL Leave Replacement Teacher, effective September 5, 2023 through November 21, 2023 at Step 1D, MA, \$61,409 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DIANA DAUTZENBERG

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Diana Dautzenberg as a 0.8 FTE Speech Therapist, effective September 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at Step 3D, MA, \$67,144 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

YOLANDA HOLLANDER

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Yolanda Hollander for the following ES positions for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Effective Dates	Position	Salary
9/5/23 – 6/26/24	0.4 FTE Reading/RTI Teacher	Step 3D, MA, \$67,144 (prorated)
9/5 – 9/22/23 & 6/10 – 6/26/24	Permanent Substitute	4.25 hrs at \$150/day (prorated)
9/26/23 – 6/7/24	Title Teacher	4.25 hrs at \$30/hr.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CYNTHIA HART

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Cynthia Hart to an additional 0.2 FTE MS Gr 6 Writing Support section for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

STEPHANIE SUNDERMAN

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Stephanie Sunderman as an ES Teacher Aide effective September 5, 2023, at a salary of \$21,500, with a twenty-six week probation period through March 22, 2024, as per Civil Service Rules & Regulations, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FALLON SCHMIDT

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Fallon Schmidt as a MS Permanent Substitute Teacher effective September 26, 2023 through June 7, 2024, at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADDITIONAL SECTIONS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following teachers to additional class sections for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby are approved:

Amy Demchak-Connell 0.2 FTE Business Management
Danielle Bergh 0.2 FTE Marine Science
Samantha Zegel 0.2 FTE Introduction to Science Research
Rebecca Sullivan 0.2 FTE ENL English 11

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADDITIONAL SPANISH LEAVE SECTIONS

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following teachers to additional 0.2 FTE Spanish leave sections from September 5 through November 3, 2023, to be and hereby are approved:

Adriana Sedano
Lisa Legatolla
Monica VanEssendelft
Denizzie Kearns
Richard Medina

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

INSTRUCTIONAL COORDINATORS

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of the following teachers as Instructional Coordinators for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby are approved:

English	Melissa Tunstead
ENL	Monica VanEssendelft
Special Education	Joanne Williams
Music	Shaun Johnson
Science	Dianna Berry Gobler

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

WE CARE DIRECTOR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Sandora Mazzella as the ES We Care Director for the 2023/24 school year at \$22/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HOME TUTORS/PROCTORS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following as home tutors/proctors for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby are approved:

Gretchen Jellett (returning)
Dennis Treubig (returning)
General Education Teachers (District Employees)
Special Education Teachers (District Employees)

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SANDRA TUCCI

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Donneson, the provisional appointment of Sandra Tucci as a MS Office Assistant, effective September 1, 2023 at Step 1, \$36,388 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ANTHONY MARTINO

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Donneson, the following actions, to be and hereby are approved:

1. Resolution to create the Civil Service position of Director of Facilities III
2. Resignation of Anthony Martino from his Assistant Plant Facilities Administrator position effective August 21, 2023
3. Appointment of Anthony Martino as Director of Facilities III effective August 22, 2023, with a twelve-week probationary period through November 9, 2023 as per Civil Service Rules & Regulations, with his annual salary and compensation remaining the same

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the following fall coaching appointments, to be and hereby are approved:

Sport	Level	Coach	Step	Salary
Boys Soccer	JV	Louis DiPasquale	1	\$5,500.76
Cheerleading	Var	Alexa Bennett-Rosman	1	\$4,638.78
Girls Volleyball	JV	Lauren Lorifice	1	\$5,156.95
Girls Soccer	MS	Fallon Schmidt	1	\$4,193.37
Girls Soccer	JV	Jakob Restrepo-Bonet	1	\$5,500.76

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

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

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Frederick Bowman
 Jody Geib
 Emily Hilbert
 Emily Ingraffia
 Perry Jacobs
 Elaine Kelsey
 Allan Labbe
 Deborah LoGelfo
 Barbara Mims
 Jessica Nicholson
 Susan Rosenberg

Bernadette Ryan
 James Schulz
 Katherine Sheehan
 Gabriella Thomasch
 Zachary Zieniewicz

SUBSTITUTE PROCTORS

Catharine Nobiletti
 Dale Quinn

**SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL,
NURSES, AIDES, GUARDS,
CUSTODIAL, MONITORS, FSW:**

Theresa DiResta - Clerical
 Jane O'Sullivan – Clerical/Teacher Aide
 Thomas Barnes – Monitor
 Sarah Fabian – Monitor
 Joseph Camelliri - Custodial
 Cathleen Cahill – Nurse RN
 Rebecca Capatosto – Nurse RN
 Danielle Polanish – Nurse LPN

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

GINA NOTO

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Gina Noto as an ES Monitor, effective September 5, 2023 at \$15/hr. to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KRISTY GANGE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Kristy Gange as an ES Perm Sub, effective September 26, 2023 through June 7, 2024 at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS - BOARD POLICIES
Board Policy 5300 (Code of Conduct)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Board Policy 4821 (School Ceremonies and Observances)

The first reading of the above policy 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 7 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:20 PM to discuss ongoing litigation, 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: 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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