

September 18, 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 September 18, 2023.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Mr. George R. Kast, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt, and Mr. Halsey C. Stevens 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; and 2 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 Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the minutes of the August 21, 2023, Board of Education meeting to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of 8/21, 8/28, 8/30, 8/31, 9/5, 9/6, 9/8 and CPSE 8/22.

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 7 No 0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Report	Date/#
Budget Status	June 30
Revenue Status	June 30
Trial Balance	June 30
Budget Transfer	June 30
Audited and Paid Claims	0001-0047

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

INTERNAL AUDITOR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to adopt the Internal Auditor’s Risk Assessment Update Report dated August 21, 2023, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

From	To	Amount
A9711.710.00.05	A9760.710.00.05	\$140,000.00
A2110.123.00.02	A2110.153.00.05	\$24,110.00
A2630.460.00.01	A2630.490.00.08	\$10,000.00
A2630.460.00.02		\$5,000.00
A2630.460.00.03		\$5,000.00
A9089.800.00.05	Various	\$31,242.00
A2110.130.00.02	2020.150.00.02	\$100,946.00
	2110.123.00.02	
A1680.160.00.05	A2020.160.00.03	\$19,170.00
A9060.800.00.05	A9760.710.00.05	\$118,000.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

IMAGINE LEARNING

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a consulting agreement with Imagine Learning for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ALL SUFFOLK DRIVING SCHOOL

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution authorizing the execution of a driver’s ed agreement with All Suffolk Driving School for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LAWRENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health Services contract with the Lawrence School District for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

WAINSCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SAG HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a special education services contract with the Sag Harbor School District for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION MOA

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement with the Westhampton Beach Teachers Association regarding a teacher certification, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ANNUAL HERBICIDE APPLICATION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution to approve the annual application of herbicide to the district's athletic fields and common areas, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SURPLUS REQUEST

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the request to surplus the following items as they are unrepairable, to be and hereby is approved:

Item	Asset Tag	Serial #	Location
Frigidaire refrigerator	002923		ES Nurse
AED	000442		HS AD's office

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JAKOB RESTREPO-BONET

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing an adjustment to Jakob Restrepo-Bonet's salary to a 0.8 FTE Physical Education Teacher at Step 1C, BA+30, \$57,882 (prorated), effective September 5, 2023, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CATHERINE MCGLONE

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Catherine McGlone for the purpose of retirement from her position as an ES Speech teacher, effective January 31, 2024, with retirement beginning on February 1, 2024, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PATRICIA BROSINAN

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the request to change the retirement date of HS Social Studies Teacher Patricia Brosnan to October 18, 2023, with her first day of retirement being October 19, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KRISTY GANGE

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Kristy Gange from her position as an ES Permanent Substitute Teacher prior to her start date which was to be September 5, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

GINA NOTO

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Gina Noto from her position as an ES Monitor effective September 8, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JANINE PRATT LAVERY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Janine Pratt Lavery as the ES/MS Leave Replacement Assistant Principal effective September 26, 2023 through December 22, 2023 at a per diem rate of \$600, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MICHELLE DUFFY

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Michelle Duffy to an additional 0.2 FTE MS STEM Workshop Section for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL ED SECTIONS

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following special education teachers to teach an additional 0.2 FTE section, effective September 5 through September 29, 2023, to be and hereby are approved:

Caitlin Montpetit	Resource Room
Christine DePalo	Resource Room
Cynthia Griffin	ICT US History
Matthew Reed	ICT English 11
Joseph Bruno	Skills

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORSHIPS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the HS, MS & ES Co-curricular Advisorships for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HS PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following people as permanent substitute teachers assigned to the High School at \$150/day, effective September 26, 2023 through June 7, 2024, to be and hereby is approved:

Elaine Kelsey
Allan Labbe
Barbara Mims
Bernadette Ryan
Santo Saguto

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ES PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following people as permanent substitute teachers assigned to the Elementary School at \$150/day, effective September 26, 2023 through June 7, 2024, to be and hereby is approved:

Deborah LoGelfo
Jessica Nicholson
Gabriella Tomasch

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MS TEAM LEADERS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following staff members as MS Team Leaders for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Team Storm	Grade 6	Michelle Duffy
Team Riptide	Grade 7	Michelle Bennett
Team Ibis	Grade 7	Asa Grunenwald
Team Jetty	Grade 8	Greg Izzo
Team Surge	Grade 8	Erika Coiro

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENT

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following coach for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Alexandra Ehrhart	Varsity Assistant Boys Soccer	Step 1	\$5,943.40
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Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following substitutes for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Ou Wang-Hartline	Certified Teacher
Tara Bonawandt	Certified Teacher
Zachary Arrasate	Uncertified Teacher
Sarah Fabian	Uncertified Teacher
Justin Fren	Uncertified Teacher
William Ponce	Uncertified Teacher
Susan Nelson	Proctor
Kathleen Walsh	Proctor
Beatrice Allen	Monitor/Clerical
Curtis Hoover	Security

Vote: Yes 6 No 0
(Ms. Arrasate abstained)

POSTINGS

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. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:10 PM to discuss ongoing special education litigation, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:10 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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