

November 6, 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 November 6, 2023.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, President; Ms. Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt, Vice President; Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce L. Donneson; Mr. George R. Kast, Jr.; and Ms. Heather A. Wright.

Absent: Mr. Halsey C. Stevens

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; Christopher Herr, High School Principal; and approximately 25 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

The following students were recognized and given Certificate of Achievement:

- National Merit Scholarship commended students: Jessica Curran, Kate Pomroy, Jack Hendrickson and Meghan Kelly
- 2 Perfect Scores in AP Research: Jessica Curran and Meghan Kelly

Dr. Herr provided an overview of the Robotics team, discussed upcoming competitions, and Robotics Team students demonstrated the robot.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A question was raised about a girls field hockey team.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the October 23, 2023, 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 10/11, 10/16, 10/20, 10/23, 10/30, 10/31 and CPSE 10/19.

On motion of Mr. Kast, 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

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to adopt the District's corrective action plan in response to the External Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ending June 2023, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ST. JAMES TUTORING

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the execution of an addendum to the St. James Tutoring agreement which was approved at the August 21, 2023 Board of Education meeting, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MOA - CLUB STIPENDS

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with the Teachers' Association regarding club stipends, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

DONATIONS

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the donation from the Elementary Parent Teacher Association of a new outdoor sign valued at \$5,000 for the front of the ES building, to be and hereby is accepted with many thanks.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the donation from MS Music Teacher Frank Monastero of a 1971 Yamaha G3 Grand Piano valued at \$8,000, to be used for MS Choral rehearsals, to be and hereby is accepted with many thanks.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CROSS COUNTRY FIELD TRIP

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the request from John Broich to take Cross Country student athletes on an overnight trip to attend the Federation Cross Country Championship Meet in Bowdin Park, NY from November 17 through November 18, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

MUSIC IN THE PARKS FIELD TRIP

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the request from Joshua Seifert to take Chamber Singers and Pep Band members (grades 8-12) on an overnight trip to attend the Music in the Parks adjudications in Hershey, PA from June 1-2, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

PHILIP MASTERSON

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the request from Philip Masterson for a medical leave of absence from his position as a Maintenance Mechanic IV, using personal, sick, vacation, and sick bank time, effective November 3, 2023 through February 3, 2024, and returning to his position on February 5, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JAMES FORD

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the request from James Ford for an extension of his FMLA medical leave of absence approved at the October 23 Board of Education meeting through November 27, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JAKOB RESTREPO-BONET

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Jakob Restrepo-Bonet as a 0.2 FTE HS Physical Education leave replacement teacher beginning November 7 through November 27, 2023, at Step 1C, BA+30, \$57,882 (prorated), after which time he will continue his 0.8 FTE Physical Education teacher position and 0.2 FTE perm sub teacher position, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SANTO SAGUTO

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Santo Saguto as a 0.8 FTE ES/HS Physical Education leave replacement teacher and a 0.2 FTE HS permanent substitute teacher at \$150/day beginning November 7 through November 27, 2023, after which time he will continue his position as a HS perm sub teacher, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CHEMICAL HYGIENE OFFICER

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Benjamin Grodski as the Chemical Hygiene Officer for the 2023/24 school year at the professional rate of pay of \$50.22/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Anthony Capiello as Elementary School Winter Recreation Program Director for the 2023/24 school year at a stipend of \$1,976, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

MARY TUTTLE

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Mary Tuttle as a Food Service Worker effective November 7, 2023 at \$16.50/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the following coaching appointments for the 2023/24 Winter sports season , as submitted, to be and hereby are approved:

SPORT	LEVEL	COACH	STEP	SALARY
Basketball B	Varsity	Davis, Connor	2	\$8,685.23
Basketball B	Var Asst	TBD		
Basketball B	JV	Edwards, Shaki	1	\$6,188.34
Basketball G	Varsity	Peters, Kathleen	3	\$8,947.40
Basketball G	Var Asst	Hempfling, William	1	\$7,299.98
Basketball G	JV	Doroski, Jeffrey	2	\$6,380.98
Comp. Cheer	Varsity	Bennett-Rosman, Alexa	1	\$4,810.67
Wrestling	Varsity	Restrepo-Bonet, Jakob	1	\$8,423.04
Wrestling	Var Asst	Petroulias, Andrew	1	\$7,299.98
Wrestling	JV	O'Hara, Brice	1	\$6,188.34
Track G	Varsity	Broich, John	3	\$6,140.28
Track G	Var Asst	Yakaboski, Meghan	2	\$5,317.46
Track B	Varsity	Mensch, Joseph	2	\$5,966.38
Track B	Var Asst	Habersaat, Erika	3	\$5,477.98
Basketball G	MS	Price, Jenny - Green	1	\$4,193.37
Basketball G	MS	Harpaul, Sewdutt (Mike) - White	2	\$4,311.03
Volleyball B	MS	Tuttle, Joshua	2	\$4,311.03
Volleyball B	MS	TBD		
Wrestling	MS	TBD		

Vote: Yes 5 No 1
(Joyce Donneson opposed)

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following as volunteer coaches, to be and hereby is approved.

Girls Winter Track Annmarie McAuley
JV/V Wrestling Logan O'Hara

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

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

Carter Baron Teacher
Kelli Billish Fitter Teacher

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JENNY PRICE

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resignation of Jenny Price from her position as a Middle School Teaching Assistant, effective December 1, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

TARA BISHOP

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the request from HS ENL Teacher Tara Bishop for an extension of her childcare leave of absence which was approved at the July 11, 2023 Board of Education meeting through November 20, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EMILY BEHR

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the extension of the appointment of HS ENL Leave Replacement Teacher/MS Perm Sub Emily Behr which was approved at the August 21, 2023 Board of Education meeting through November 17, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 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 Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discuss special education litigation matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:40 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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