

October 23, 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 MS Library on October 23, 2023.

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

Also Present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Charisse Miller, Middle School Principal; and approximately 36 staff, students, parents and community members.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Middle School students presented their Youth and Government bills.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the minutes of the October 2, 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 9/11, 9/13, 9/19, 9/21, 9/29, 10/2, 10/5, 10/10, 10/11, 10/13, 10/16 and CPSE 10/10, 10/13 & 10/16.

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 7 No 0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

Report	I.D.
Budget Status	July & August 2023
Revenue Status	July & August 2023
Trial Balance	July & August 2023
Budget Transfer	July & August 2023
Treasurer's Reports/Collateral	June, July & August 2023
Extraclass Accounts HS, MS, ES	July 2023
Audited and Paid Claims	0048-0068

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The District's external auditor, Mr. Brendan Nelson of R.S. Abrams, reviewed the District's annual external audit report. He reported that, once again, no material weaknesses were found and that the District is in good financial health.

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to accept the external auditor's report for the year ending June 30, 2023, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

INTERNAL AUDITOR - ENGAGEMENT LETTER

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of the Internal Auditor's engagement letter for Facilities and Capital Projects for the period July 1, 2022 through October 31, 2023, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUMMER TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution authorizing the execution of two (2) Shared Services contracts with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for 2023 summer transportation, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BID AWARD – ELEVATOR & WINDOW REPLACEMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution to award the following 2022 Bond Issue Related Capital Improvement Program bids, to be and hereby is adopted:

Elevator Replacement Award to ACL Construction Corp.	Amount
Middle School	\$260,000.00
High School	\$265,000.00
Window Replacement Award to Arrow Steel Window Corp.	Amount
Middle School	\$1,628,000.00
Elementary School	\$250,400.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

From	To	Amount
A9030.800.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	\$83,500.00
A2630.460.00.03	A2630.490.00.08	\$1,500.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DONATION – GOLF PROGRAM

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the \$8,240 donation from the Farruggia family to be used toward the Youth & Government Conference field trip to Albany, NY, November 19-21, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DONATION - YOUTH & GOVERNMENT FIELD TRIP

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the \$2,000 donation from the Andrews family on behalf of the C.J. Andrews Golf Scholarship Fund to be used for outerwear for the 2023 golf team, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EAST MORICHES CONTRACT

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TAX LEVY

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution setting the amount of tax dollars to be raised for the Westhampton Beach School District for the 2023/24 school year at \$33,584,341, which is the amount approved by the voters on May 16, 2023, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PICKUP PATROL CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute a contract with Pickup Patrol LLC, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ES RISE AFTER SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the request that all District teaching and professional staff be eligible to work the Elementary School RISE After School Instructional Support K-5 program, at the professional rate of \$50.22/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ERIC NICHOLS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the revision to Eric Nichol's retirement so that his last day of work will be October 13, 2023 and his first day of retirement will be October 15, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

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

Kim Kametler & Susan Kearns	Proctors
Amawasri Bottachiarri	Custodian
Raymond Grube, Jr.	Custodian
Franklin Robinson	Custodian
Zebedee Williams	Custodian
Joanna Iannuzzi	Security
Jeffrey Terry	Security

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JAMES FORD

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the request from James Ford for a medical leave of absence from his position as an ES/HS PE Teacher utilizing a FMLA beginning October 2 through October 31, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUPPORT STAFF RATES OF PAY

On motion of Ms. Wright second by Mr. Stevens, the following revision to the daily/hourly rates of pay for support staff for the 2023/24 school year to include Sub Maintenance Mechanic rates, to be and hereby is approved:

Substitute Pay	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
<u>Daily:</u>		
Permanent Substitute (Certified Teacher)	\$150.00	\$150.00
Certified Teacher	\$125.00	\$130.00
Uncertified Teacher	\$110.00	\$116.00
Nurse LPN	\$110.00	\$116.00
Nurse RN	\$150.00	\$150.00
Teacher Aide Subs	\$110.00	\$116.00
<u>Hourly:</u>		
Clerical Subs	\$15.00	\$17.50
Custodial Subs	\$15.00	\$17.50
Guard Subs	\$15.79	\$25.00
Sub Cook	\$15.25	\$16.25
Sub Assistant Cook	\$15.00	\$16.00
Sub Food Service Worker	\$15.00	\$16.00
Sub Monitor	\$15.00	\$16.00
Sub Maintenance Mechanic		\$25.00
<u>Other Positions Hourly:</u>		
Title I	\$25.00	\$30.00
Tutor	\$30.00	\$30.00
Detention	\$25.00	\$25.00
Driver Ed Teacher	\$55.35	\$60.00
We Care Director	\$21.00	\$22.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ES MONITOR

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Patricia Sposato as an ES monitor, effective October 24, 2023, at \$15/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTE

On motion of Mr. Stevens second by Mr. Kast, the rate of pay for substitute Kathleen Walsh as a Proctor to be \$116/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

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

Sport	Level	Coach	Step	Salary
Boys Basketball	MS Green	Robert Pinney	1	\$4,193.37
Boys Basketball	MS White	Mike Harpaul	2	\$4,311.03
Girls Volleyball	MS White	Jenny Price	1	\$4,193.37
Girls Volleyball	MS Green	Kyle Allen-Morabito	1	\$4,193.37

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

The Personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business items on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS - BOARD POLICIES

Board Policy 4321.12 & R (Timeout and Physical Restraint – All Students)

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 and regulation, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Board Policy 5300.55 (Corporal Punishment)

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

Board Policy 6710 (Purchasing Authority)

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 above policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Board Policy 8210.1 (Use of Surveillance Cameras on School Property)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, 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 7:30 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 8:45 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 8:45 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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