

December 11, 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 December 11, 2023.

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

Absent: Mr. George R. Kast

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; Chris Herr, High School Principal; Jay Cohen, Director of Athletics, and approximately 18 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Jay Cohen recognized high school students Julia Stabile and Matilda Buchen who placed first in the NYS championship for doubles tennis this year.

Dr. Herr presented a proposal for a new elective course for next year called Youth and Government.

NEW HS COURSE OFFERING

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution to approve the creation of a new high school elective course called Youth and Government beginning next school year, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the minutes of the November 27, 2023 Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendations and authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of meetings of 11/14, 11/15, 11/16, 11/17, 11/20, 11/28, 11/30, 12/1 and CPSE 11/15, 11/20 & 11/30, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the following reports to be and hereby are approved:

Report	I.D.
Audited and Paid Bills	0069-0094
Budget Status Report	September 2023
Revenue Status Report	September 2023
Trial Balance Report	September 2023
Budget Transfer Report	September 2023
Treasurers & Collateral Reports	September 2023
Extraclass Activities ES, MS, HS	August & September 2023

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACTS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health Services contract with the Southampton School District for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health Services contract with Nassau BOCES for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SURPLUS REQUEST

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

Item	Asset Tag	Serial #	Location
Lincoln Impinger double oven			HS Kitchen
Market Force Steamer	000344		HS Kitchen
Cleveland Kettle	002711		HS Kitchen

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

GERI NIGG

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the execution of a consulting agreement with Geri Nigg for Athletic Office support services, not to exceed \$3,000, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

NYSBDA FIELD TRIP

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the requests from teachers Josh Seifert and Frank Monastero to take one HS and two MS students to the New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) for the Middle School/High School Honor Band Symposium in Syracuse, NY, March 1 through March 3, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

AWARDS OF TENURE

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

Staff Member	Tenure date	Tenure Area
Kerry Pillittier	January 6, 2024	Assistant Principal
Jessica Williams	January 26, 2024	Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JOHN VAHLE

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from John Vahle for a medical leave of absence from his position as a HS Science teacher December 12, 2023 through January 22, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HEIDI KELLY-STRAWGATE

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Heidi Kelly-Strawgate as a HS Science leave replacement teacher beginning December 12, 2023 through January 22, 2024 at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

KELLI FITTER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Kelli Fitter as a MS permanent substitute teacher effective December 12, 2023 through June 7, 2024, at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ERIC REALANDER

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Eric Realander as an ES permanent substitute teacher effective December 12, 2023 through June 7, 2024, at \$150/day, pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CAROLINE HILTVEIT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the provisional appointment of Caroline Hiltveit as a HS Senior Office Assistant, effective December 1, 2023 at Step 1, \$39,674 (prorated), pending fingerprint clearance, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ANA GARCIA

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the provisional appointment of Ana Garcia as a HS 10-month Office Assistant (Spanish speaking), effective January 2, 2024 at Step 1, \$31,317 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

KIRIAN KOMAROVSKI

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Kirian Komarovski as an ES monitor, effective December 12, 2023 at \$15/hr., pending fingerprint clearance, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

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

Maida Berenblatt	Certified Substitute Teacher
Kristin Gray	Certified Substitute Teacher

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of the following volunteer coach, to be and hereby is approved.

JV/V Wrestling	Douglas Els
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Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUPPORT STAFF RATES OF PAY

On motion of Ms. Wright second by Mr. Stevens, the revision to the Driver's Education Teacher's rate of pay for the 2023/24 school year to be \$150/hr. for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

MICHAEL DAVIES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of Michael Davies as the HS Driver Education Teacher for the 2023/24 school year at \$150/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 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 8130.2 (Workplace Violence Prevention)

The first reading of the above new 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 6 No 0

Board Policy 8520 (Free and Reduced Price Meal Services)

The first reading of the above revised policy was held.

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

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 9260 (Conditional Appointment and Emergency Conditional Appointment – Student Safety)

The first reading of the above revised 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 revised, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:17 PM to discuss ongoing special education litigation, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:00 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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