

WESTHAMPTON BEACH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
340 Mill Road
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978



Minutes of Budget Hearing held in the High School Library
Monday, April 13, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Elizabeth T. 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; Lisa Rheaume, District Clerk; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business and approximately 12 staff and community members.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, President at 7:03 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

Ms. Mensch announced that this is a Budget Hearing Meeting only, on the proposed expenditures of the School District for the 2024/25 school year, and that voting on the proposed budget shall be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM in the High School LGI Room, (behind the District Auditorium), Westhampton Beach, New York.

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, it was moved to open discussion of the proposed budget.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

Ms. Danielle Waskiewicz, Westhampton Free Library Director, presented information about the library's proposed budget.

Mr. Herman Bishop, The Greater Westhampton Historical Museum President, presented information about the museum's proposed budget.

Dr. Probst gave a presentation on the District's proposed 2024/25 school budget.

A community member asked for an explanation if special education services would be affected by the budget cuts.

Ms. Mensch advised the public that all voting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM in the High School LGI Room.

- Ms. Mensch presented the propositions and Board vacancies as follows:
 - Proposition 1 - SHALL the Budget of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, in the amount of \$64,879,213 the fiscal year 2024/2025 be approved, and a tax levied therefor upon the taxable property of the school district?

- Proposition 2 - SHALL the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, be authorized to raise the sum of \$2,633,248 for payment of operational and bond financing expenses of the Westhampton Free Library for the fiscal year 2024/2025, and to levy the necessary tax therefor?
- Proposition 3 - SHALL the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, be authorized to raise the sum of \$100,000 for payment of operational and maintenance expenses of The Greater Westhampton Historical Museum for the fiscal year 2024/2025, and to levy the necessary tax therefor?
- Board Member – Election of **three (3)** members of the Board of Education, for a term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2024, and expiring June 30, 2027. Candidates are Jennifer Neumaier, Ryan Fay, Daniel Bennett, Bryan Beasley, Robert Macedonio and Joyce Donneson (incumbent).

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0



Lisa Rheaume, District Clerk