

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



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting
High School Library
Monday, June 3, 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; Chris Herr, High School Principal; Jeremy Garritano, Elementary School Principal; and approximately 25 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, President at 7:36 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

HS STUDENT RECOGNITION

Dr. Herr introduced Meghan Kelly, Valedictorian, and Jessica Curran, Salutatorian, of the Class of 2024 and spoke about their accomplishments during their tenure at Westhampton Beach High School. Ms. Mensch presented the students with certificates of recognition for their outstanding academic achievements.

NEWLY TENURED STAFF

This year's newly tenured staff members were recognized: Marisa DeMarco, Sarah Drake, Kerry Pillittier, Jacqueline Pirro, Rebecca Sullivan, Jessica Williams

STAFF RETIREES

This year's retirees were recognized for their years of service to the District: Patricia Brosnan, Patricia DeCiccio, Lois Langhorne, Gloria Meyer, Geraldine Nigg

SCHOOL SAFETY PLAN

Dr. Probst gave a presentation on the School Safety Plan. The plan is posted on the District's website and can be viewed under the "District" tab, "Important Information and Required Notifications", "School Safety Plan".

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No comments were received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the May 13, 2024 Budget Hearing, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the May 13, 2024 Board of Education meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the May 21, 2024 Annual Budget Vote and Election of Board Members special meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, 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 2/28, 3/18, 3/22, 3/26, 3/27, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5, 4/8, 4/9, 4/10, 4/11, 4/12, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, 4/30, 5/6, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/13, 5/17, 5/20, 5/21 and CPSE 4/5, 4/11, 4/12, 4/19, 5/10 & 5/13, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION RESULTS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the results of the Annual Budget Vote and Election of Board Member, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICE PROVIDERS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the RFP Awards for Special Education and Related Service Providers, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SHARED SERVICES CONTRACT WITH BOCES

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the execution of a Shared Services Contract with Eastern Suffolk BOCES for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES JOINT MUNICIPAL COOPERATIVE BIDDING PROGRAM

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the BOCES Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program Resolution A for the 2024/2025 school year, to be and hereby is adopted:

WHEREAS, various educational and municipal corporations located within the State of New York desire to bid jointly for generally needed services and standardized supply and equipment items; and

WHEREAS, the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, an educational/municipal corporation (hereinafter the "Participant") is desirous of selectively participating with other educational and/or municipal corporations in the State of New York in joint bidding in the areas mentioned above pursuant to General Municipal Law § 119-o and Education Law Section 1950; and

WHEREAS, the Participant is a municipality within the meaning of General Municipal Law § 119-n and is eligible to participate in the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, First Supervisory District of Suffolk County (hereinafter Eastern Suffolk BOCES) Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program (hereinafter the "Program") in the areas mentioned above; and

WHEREAS, the Participant acknowledges receipt of the Program description inclusive of Eastern Suffolk BOCES' standard bid packet and the general conditions relating to said Program; and

WHEREAS, with respect to all activities conducted by the Program, the Participant wishes to delegate to Eastern Suffolk BOCES the responsibility for drafting of bid specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, evaluating bids, awarding via Eastern Suffolk BOCES Board approval, and reporting the results to the Participant.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Participant hereby appoints Eastern Suffolk BOCES to represent it and to act as the lead agent in all matters related to the Program as described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant hereby authorizes Eastern Suffolk BOCES to place all legal advertisements for any required cooperative bidding in Newsday, which is designated as the official newspaper for the Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Participant Meeting shall be held annually consisting of a representative from each Program Participant. Notice of the meeting shall be given to each representative at least five (5) days prior to such meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an Advisory Committee will be formed consisting of five to ten representatives of Program Participants for a term of three (3) years as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Agreement with the Participant shall be for a term of one (1) year as authorized by General Municipal Law §119-o.2.j.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Participant agrees to pay Eastern Suffolk BOCES an annual fee as determined annually by Eastern Suffolk BOCES to act as the lead agent for the Program.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CONTRACT AMENDMENT FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the amendment to the contract for the Superintendent of Schools, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

1.

From	To	Amount
A2630-460-00-03	A2630-490-00-08	\$974.88

2.

From	To	Amount
A2110.436.19.01	A2630-500.00.01	\$10,550.00

3.

From	To	Amount
A1620.411.00.01	A1620.400.00.05	\$35,667.00

4.

From	To	Amount
A2630.220.00.02	A2110.200.01.01	\$1,865.00

5.

From	To	Amount
A2110.438.19.01	A2110.500.31.01	\$7,140.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REMSENBURG-SPEONK CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with the Remsenburg/Speonk School District for special education services for the 2024/25 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

RIVERHEAD CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with the Riverhead Central School District for special education services for the 2024/25 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT TUITION CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve one individual student tuition contract, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COMMUNITY CARE COMPANIONS, INC.

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the contract with Community Care Companions, Inc. for the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LAURA GRABLE

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the contract with Laura Grable for the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HEALTH SOURCE GROUP

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the contract with Health Source Group for the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

METRO THERAPY, INC.

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the contract with Metro Therapy, Inc. for the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

NEW YORK THERAPY PLACEMENT SERVICES, INC.

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the contract with New York Therapy Placement Services, Inc. for the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ELIZABETH SCHNEINER-HOPE

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the contract with Elizabeth Schneiner-Hope, Licensed Behavior Analyst, PC for the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ZYCRON INDUSTRIES, LLC

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the contract with Zycron Industries, LLC for the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KIDZ EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the contract with Kidz Educational Services, SLP, OT, PT, LMSW, Psychology, Audiology, PLLC for the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JOSEPH GIANOTTI

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation to appoint Joseph Gianotti as a volunteer football coach, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KIMBERLY CACECI

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation that Kimberly Caceci be appointed as an uncertified per diem substitute teacher, effective May 21, 2024 through June 26, 2024 at a rate of \$116 per day, is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LOIS LANGHORNE

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Lois Langhorne from her position as an elementary school Teacher Aide for the purpose of retirement, with her last day of employment to be June 26, 2024, and retirement beginning June 27, 2024, is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUMMER SPECIAL EDUCATION TESTING

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to appoint the following teachers for summer special education testing, are hereby approved:

Speech Testing - Diana Dautzenberg
Educational Testing - Jennifer Cucinotta, Alison Hansson, Kaleigh Locke
Psychological Testing - Allaine King, Elizabeth Martrano

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KATHERINE CARR

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation to appoint Katherine Carr as a 0.6 FTE School Social Worker, effective August 29, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at Step 3F, MA+20, \$70,770 (pro-rated), to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KATHERINE TARANTOWICZ

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to appoint Katherine Tarantowicz as a 0.8 FTE Speech Therapist, effective August 29, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at Step 1E, MA+10, \$63,224 (pro-rated), to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CUSTODIAL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the request to approve the Custodial Holiday Schedule for the 2024/25 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MARICA FIGUEROA

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the childcare leave of absence request by Marica Figueroa beginning or on about October 3, 2024 through March 7, 2025 with her return to work on March 10, 2025, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

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 Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 7:31 p.m. to discuss negotiations with bargaining units.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:27 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk