

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



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting
High School Library
Monday, September 16, 2024 (7:00 PM)

Board of Education members present: Ms. Elizabeth T. Lanni-Hewitt, Ms. Heather A. Wright, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Mr. Daniel A. Bennett, Mr. Ryan M. Fay, Ms. Jennifer Neumaier, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens

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 14 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, President at 7:01 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the August 19, 2024 regular board meeting and the September 9, 2024 special board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, 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 8/6, 8/7, 8/19, 8/20, 8/22, 8/23, 8/26, 8/29, 8/30, 9/3, 9/6, 9/9 and CPSE 8/6 & 8/20, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHER CENTER CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute a contract with Renee Johnson for a Teacher Center to the Western Hamptons class, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MS EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS TREASURER

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Neumaier, the recommendation to appoint Erica Smith as the MS Extra Classroom Activity Funds Treasurer (replacing Laura Manopella) as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HS EXTRA CLASSROOM ACTIVITY FUNDS TREASURER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to appoint Janine Valenti as the HS Extra Classroom Activity Funds Treasurer (replacing Evelyn Overton) as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHING ASSISTANT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve an agreement with Nicole Shea, is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HAWKINS DELAFIELD & WOOD

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve an agreement with Hawkins Delafield & Wood as Bond Counsel for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LAWRENCE UFSD

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve a Health and Welfare Service Agreement with Lawrence UFSD, as submitted to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PECONIC BAY PRIMARY MEDICAL CARE

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve a school physician services agreement with Peconic Bay Primary Care for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SCHOLASTIC, INC.

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Stevens, the request to approve a consultant agreement with software provider Scholastic, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHME, INC.

On motion of Ms. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the request to approve a consultant data service agreement with TEACHME, Inc. for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Stevens, the request to approve consultant services contracts with NESCA, P.C. and Bloom for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

NYSSMA CONFERENCE ALL-STATE FIELD TRIP

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Bennett, the field trip request for two High Students to attend the NYSSMA Conference All-State in Rochester NY on December 5 - 8, 2024 as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DISPOSAL OF ASSETS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to dispose of the unrepairable, damaged or outdated items listed below, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Asset #	Description	Model	Location
0660	4 drawer file cabinet	n/a	Driveway next to custodial office
5272	2 drawer file cabinet	n/a	Driveway next to custodial office
5273	2 drawer file cabinet	n/a	Driveway next to custodial office
0284	Small metal teacher desk	n/a	Driveway next to custodial office
0915	Small metal teacher desk	n/a	Driveway next to custodial office
002713	Hatco Food Merchatiser	n/a	High School
004367	Kyocera Taskalfa Copier	6100i	Middle School near rm. 212

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MERCEDES ZAMBRANO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the resignation of Mercedes Zambrano from her position as a High School Assistant Cook, effective August 26, 2024, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ALEXANDRA EHRHART

On motion of Mr. Fay, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of Alexandra Ehrhart from her position as a Varsity Assistant Boys Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 fall sport season, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LEIGH MACHADO

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint Leigh Machado as a FACS Leave Replacement Teacher assigned to the Middle School effective November 15, 2024 through January 30, 2025, at a rate of \$160 per day; and appointed as a per diem substitute teacher as needed from November 4, 2024 to November 14, 2024 at a rate of \$140 per day, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

YUTING ZHOU

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to appoint Yuting Zhou as a Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the Elementary School effective September 30, 2024 through June 6, 2025, at \$160 per day; and appointed as a per diem substitute teacher from September 3, 2024 through September 27, 2024 and June 9, 2024 through June 27, 2025, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

AMY BARRY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to appoint Amy Barry as a Teacher Aide assigned to the Elementary School, effective August 29, 2024, with a salary of \$21,500, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DANIELLE BERGH

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the request for a medical leave of absence from Danielle Bergh beginning August 29, 2024 through October 15, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DANIELLE MUSUMECI

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Danielle Musumeci to rescind her appointment as an Elementary School Title I Teacher, effective August 29, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve the following substitutes and proctors for the 2024-2025 school year to be and is hereby approved.

Substitute Clerical, Nurses, Aides, Guards, Custodial, and Monitors:

Kerri Tyman	Substitute Monitor
Sandra Tucci	Substitute Clerical

Substitute Teacher:

Natalie Moore	Uncertified Per Diem Substitute
Tyra Lawrence-Schero	Uncertified Per Diem Substitute
Tania Nagel	Uncertified Per Diem Substitute

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADDITIONAL SCIENCE CLASS SECTIONS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint the following staff as 0.2 FTE Science Teachers at the High School from August 29, 2024 through October 15, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Maria Pepey	0.2 FTE Living Environment
John Vahle	0.2 FTE Living Environment
Lisa Menegio	0.2 FTE Biotechnology
Dianna Berry Gobler	0.2 FTE Environmental
Jeanne Lotito	0.2 FTE Applied Chemistry

Maria Pepey - 0.1 FTE AP Bio Academic Study - revised start date from October 16, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADDITIONAL CLASS SECTIONS

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to appoint the following teachers to additional class sections at the Middle School from August 29, 2024 through January 31, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Jennifer Anderson	0.2 FTE Spanish I
Sandra Flores	0.2 FTE Spanish I
Casey O'Hara-Maginier	0.2 FTE Spanish IA
Benjamin Sheldon	0.2 FTE Spanish 6

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

GABRIEL MAGINIER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to appoint Gabriel Maginier as a Foreign Language Teacher assigned to the High School, effective September 23, 2024 with a four-year probationary period through September 22, 2028 in the tenure area of Foreign Language, at Step 8I, MA+60, \$90,585 (prorated), as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORS

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendations for Co-Curricular Advisors for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted, to be and are hereby approved.

High School Advisorships			
Club Name	Advisor(s)	Stipend	Term
9th Grade	Mary Bergmann	1,213	full year
10th Grade	Christy Larson	1,213	full year
11th Grade	Joyce Schmeider	2,362	full year
Art Club	Katie McCurry	1,983	full year
Best Buddies	Alison Hansson	1,000	full year
Business Advisory Board	Amy Demchak-Connell	2,751	full year
Chamber Singers	Laura Mara	2,932	full year
Drama Club	Matthew Andrew	2,648	full year
Environmental Club (C.U.R.E.)	Lisa Menegio	1,748	full year
Fall Play Director	Kimet Speed	2,590	semester 1
Fall Play Producer	Matthew Andrew	1,035	semester 1
French Club	Gabriel Maginier	867	full year
Friends for Friends	Monica Van Essendelft/R. Sullivan	3,500	full year
Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA)	Katie Carr	507	full year

Golden Canes	Lisa Lagattolla	867	full year
Honor Society	Diveris/Sullivan	3,105	full year
Honor Society Foreign Language	Denizzie Kearns	867	full year
Honor Society Math	Jenna Lin	867	full year
Honor Society Music (Tri-M)	Josh Seifert	867	full year
Honor Society Science	Dianna Gobler	867	full year
Interact	Amy Demchak-Connell	4,666	full year
It's Academic	Cynthia Griffin	867	full year
Jazz Ensemble (Instrumental)	Tom Commerford	2,932	full year
Junior Ambulance	Glen Dorskind	867	full year
Key Club	Kristin Dalisak/Brook Russell	2,264	full year
Literacy Magazine	Joyce Schmeider	1,649	full year
Long Island Teen Institute (formerly H.U.G.S.)	Kaitlin Gebhardt	754	full year
Marching/Pep Band	Josh Seifert	3,861	full year
Mathletes	Gina Grillo	1,429	full year
Mock Trial	Cynthia Griffin	1,889	full year
Performing Band	Josh Seifert	5,534	full year
Performing Chorus	Laura Mara	4,106	full year
Robotics	Jon Fletcher	3,779	full year
Robotics Assistant	Dan Caron	1,378	full year
Science Club	Dianna Gobler	1,055	full year
Senior Class Advisor	Fred Walling	5,186	full year
Social Media (Hurricane Watch)	Dariah Luciano/Kirsten Mett	4,106	full year
Spanish Club	Lisa Lagattolla	867	full year
Spring Musical Director	Kimet Speed	2,590	semester 2
Spring Musical Producer	Matthew Andrew	1,035	semester 2
Student Government	Dariah Luciano/Kirsten Mett	3,105	full year
Yearbook	Gina Grillo/Alyssa Tempera	5,279	full year
Youth to Youth	Joe Garvey/Kaitlin Gebhardt	2,194	full year

Middle School Advisorships

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Advisor(s)</u>
Art Club (full year)	\$1,423.00	Erin Roy
Auditorium Manager (full year)	\$4,340.00	Eric Becker
Chamber Choir	\$2,265.00	Eric Becker
Chess Club	\$ 754.00	TBD
Crafty Canes	\$ 610.00	Camille Pedersen
Digital Citizens (Computer Club)	\$3,225.00	Cindy Hart
Drama Club (full year)	\$2,648.00	Claudine DeVelvis
Environmental Club (half year)	\$ 610.00	Greg Izzo
Inclusive Canes (half year)	\$ 610.00	Ellen Griffin
Jazz Band (half year)	\$2,265.00	Frank Monastero
Kiwanis Builders Club (full year)	\$1,418.00	Yvonne Perez
Lego Robotics Club (full year)	\$1,378.00	Richard Michta
M.S. Accompanist (full year)	\$2,751.00	Laura Mara
MS Play Director (half year)	\$2,590.00	TBD
MS Musical Director	\$2,590.00	TBD
Newspaper Club (half year)	\$ 610.00	Yvonne Perez
NJHS (half year)	\$1,285.00	Camille Pedersen
Performing Band (full year)	\$4,800.00	Frank Monastero
Performing Chorus (full year)	\$4,800.00	Shaun Johnson
Performing Chorus (full year)	\$4,800.00	Eric Becker
Stage Manager (full year)	\$3,805.00	Shaun Johnson
Student Council (full year - split)	\$2,566.00	Kelly Massaro
Yearbook (full year)	\$3,524.00	Richard Michta

Elementary School Advisorships						
Club / Activity	Advisor/ Co-Advisor	Salary	Full Salary	Duration	Mid-Year Payment January 2025	End of Year Payment June 2025
Chess Club	Joy Campagna Dara Penn	\$868.50 each \$868.50 each	\$1,737.00	Full	\$434.25 \$434.25	\$434.25 \$434.25
Environmental Club (WAVES)	Dawn Belson	\$1,748.00	\$1,748.00	Full	\$874.00	\$874.00
Glee Club	Ali Gogas	\$2,049.00	\$2,049.00	Full	\$1,024.50	\$1,024.50
Homework Club, Intermediate	Anthony Cappiello Kim Mercready	\$1,927.50 each \$1,927.50 each	\$3,855.00	Full	\$963.75 \$963.75	\$963.75 \$963.75
Homework Club, Primary	Dawn Belson Heidi Kalmus	\$1,927.50 each \$1,927.50 each	\$3,855.00	Full	\$963.75 \$963.75	\$963.75 \$963.75
Literacy Club	Joy Campagna	\$2,476.00	\$2,476.00	Full	\$1,238.00	\$1,238.00
Performing Band	Thomas Comerford	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	Full	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Safety Patrol	Kim Mercready	\$2,049.00	\$2,049.00	Full	\$1,024.50	\$1,024.50
5th Grade Musical	Ali Gogas	\$1,446.00	\$1,446.00	Mid-year Full	\$1,466.00	N/A
Student Council (5th Grade)	Jennifer Kast	\$2,723.00	\$2,723.00	Full	\$1,361.50	\$1,361.50
Yearbook (no students)	Joy Campagna	\$1,608.00	\$1,608.00	Full	\$804.00	\$804.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JANINE VALENTI

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint Janine Valenti as a Senior Office Assistant assign to the High School effective September 26, 2024 at Step 1, \$39,674 (prorated), with a twenty-six week probationary period through May 2, 2025, as per civil service rules and regulations, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MATTHEW LAMBERT

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to appoint Matthew Lambert as a Volunteer Coach for the 2024-2025 fall sport season, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BRANDIE SCIOTTO

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint Brandie Sciotto as a Food Service Workers for the Westhampton Beach School District, effective on or about September 17, 2024, pending receipt of fingerprint clearance at \$16.50 per hour, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CHRISTIE BONEILLO

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Christie Boneillo from her position as a High School Special Education Teacher effective September 10, 2024, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ZEBEDEE WILLIAMS

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint Zebedee Williams as a Custodial Worker I assigned to the Middle School at \$43,748 (prorated) effective September 17, 2024, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PETER HUDECEK

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to appoint Peter Hudecek as a Custodial Worker I assigned to the High School at \$43,748 (prorated) effective September 17, 2024, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SHAUN JOHNSON

On motion of Mr. Fay, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint Shaun Johnson as Middle School Soccer Coach for the 2024-2025 fall sport season at \$4,193.37 (prorated), to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was a request to have banners of the athletic achievements of former students placed in the high school gymnasium.

A parent made a comment with concerns about the basefield fields and the baseball program. She stated that it's difficult for the program to grow when the children don't have proper fields to play on.

Two parents had questions about the number of sections in 6th grade.

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. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:35 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

AVERY LEIN

On motion of Mr. Bennett, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to appoint Avery Lein as Varsity Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach for the 2024-25 school year, to be and hereby is approved

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Bennett, all business being completed, Ms. Lanni-Hewitt declared the meeting adjourned.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk