

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



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting
Middle School Library
Monday, October 21, 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, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens

Board of Education members absent: Ms. Jennifer Neumaier

Also present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Rheaume, District Clerk; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Jessica Williams, Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology; Charisse Miller, Middle School Principal; and 10 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

In honor of New York State School Board Recognition Week, Dr. Probst thanked the Board of Education for all the wonderful work they have done and continue to do for the Westhampton Beach School District.

Dr. Probst shared that the Westhampton Beach School District was named to the Best School Districts list ranked by NICHE. The district ranked 8th in Suffolk County and 50th in New York State. This achievement is a credit to all of our staff K-12, our students, parents and community.

Dr. Probst shared a Facilities Committee update. The committee met last week with a consultant from the LandTek Group who provided a soil analysis and some suggestions and potential recommendation paths for the district to consider regarding the softball and baseball fields. The Board will have discussions about the fields in the months ahead. There were questions about the mulch on the playground at the elementary school. Additional mulch will be spread in the coming days. Dr. Probst shared a picture of the newly constructed concession stand and restrooms at the athletic complex.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Middle School principal, Charisse Miller, along with Jessica Williams, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Technology, presented on TSI (Targeted Support and Improvement). The TSI committee has been focusing on the learning practices of ELL students in ELA and Math. The complete presentation can be found [here](#).

Three students spoke about their story and their journey coming into the United States and what school has been like for them and the success they have achieved, whether it has been one year or two years in our school system.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the October 7, 2024 regular board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

FINANCIALS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the Revenue Status Report as of June 30, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL RFP AWARDS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the RFP awards for internal and external audit services as submitted, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the external audit services agreement with R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP for the 2024-25 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the internal audit services agreement with Cullen & Danowski, LLP for the 2024-25 school year, as submitted, to be hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL REPORTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to adopt the external auditor's financial reports for the year ending June 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

DISTRICT COMPREHENSIVE IMPROVEMENT PLAN (DCIP)

On motion of Mr. Bennett, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the District Comprehensive Improvement Plan (DCIP) for the 2024-25 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve a special education services contract with Southampton UFSD, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

TEACHER CENTER CONTRACTS

On motion of Ms. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education president to execute a contract with Renee Johnson and Rachele Bongiovi for two Teacher Center to the Western Hamptons classes, to be and are hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CHANGE ORDER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Bennett, the request to approve a change order for Seaford Avenue Corp. with a deduction of \$15,000 from the original contract, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FIELD TRIP

On motion of Mr. Bennett, second by Mr. Stevens, the field trip request for approximately 30 junior and senior science research students to travel to the Dominican Republic from February 15-22, 2025, for marine life and coastal restoration, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

DONATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the donation from the Theater Booster Club in the amount of \$2,500 to help pay for the HS fall play set, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

DANIELLE BERGH

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the request by Danielle Bergh to extend her medical leave of absence through the end of the 2024-25 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JOSEPH BRUNO

On motion of Mr. Bennett, second by Mr. Stevens, the request by Joseph Bruno to return from his medical leave of absence on October 9, 2024, rather than the previously approved return date of October 15, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONAL CLASS SECTIONS MODIFICATION

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to modify the following appointments to end effective October 10, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Marissa Diveris	0.2 FTE Global II
Carrie Bender	0.2 FTE Global II Inc.
Jacqueline Intravaia	0.2 FTE Global II Inc.
Alison Hansson	0.1 FTE Consultant Services
Matthew Reed	0.2 FTE Global I
Kristin Kalisak	0.1 FTE Skills

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HIGH SCHOOL ADDITIONAL SCIENCE CLASS SECTIONS EXTENSION

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to extend the following appointments to end effective June 30, 2025, 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

Rescind Appointment:
Maria Pepey 0.1 FTE AP Bio Academic Study -
October 16, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to appoint the following substitutes and proctors for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

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

Travis Burton	Substitute Custodial Worker I
Michael Irish	Substitute Custodial Worker I

Proctor:

Susan Nelson	Proctor
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Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ELIZABETH HEALY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Bennett, the recommendation to appoint Elizabeth Healy as an Elementary School Monitor effective October 22, 2024 at \$16 per hour, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

COACHING

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to appoint the following coaches for the 2024-25 early winter season as submitted, to be and are hereby approved.

SPORT	LEVEL	COACH	STEP	SALARY	YEARS as of 6/2025
Basketball B	MS	Pinney, Robert - White	1	\$4,193.37	2
Basketball B	MS	Harpaul, Mike - Green	2	\$4,311.03	8
Volleyball G	MS	Lein, Avery - Green	1	\$4,193.37	1
Volleyball G	MS	Allen-Morabito, Kyle - White	1	\$4,193.37	5
Basketball G	MS	Pinney, Robert - White	1	\$4,193.37	2
Basketball G	MS	Harpaul, Mike - Green	2	\$4,311.03	8
Volleyball B	MS	Tuttle, Josh - Green	2	\$4,311.03	10
Volleyball B	MS	Allen-Morabito, Kyle - White	1	\$4,193.37	5
Wrestling	MS	TBD			

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JOSEPH NAPPI

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Bennett, the recommendation to appoint Joseph Nappi as an Elementary School Monitor effective October 22, 2024 at a rate of \$17.40 per hour, as submitted, to be and it hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was a suggestion to add a crosswalk and lighting at the entrance to the parking lot between the football field and the tennis courts.

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. Arrasate, the Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:40 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes 6 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk