

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



**Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Elementary School Library**  
**Monday, November 4, 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 Rheame, District Clerk; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Jeremy Garritano, Elementary School Principal; and 15 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, President at 6:59 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Elementary School principal, Jeremy Garritano, highlighted some of the recent upgrades to the elementary school building over the summer months and thanked all for their support and hard work in getting the upgrades completed and the building ready for the beginning of the school year. Mr. Garritano then spoke about an extension to the 5th grade science program. The program was added as part of the school day, one day/week from 8:30 - 9:00 am and quickly moved to two days/week. The students enjoy the program so much that they began asking to come in from recess to participate in it. In the 5th grade, the students study Chemistry, chemical reactions and physical and chemical changes. This program is an extension of what the students are already doing in the classroom. Six students spoke about the program. They explained how they mix three ingredients together to make slime. They are learning about magnetic fields and chemical reactions that happen when mixing the ingredients together. The students are writing adventure stories about magnetic slime using a storyboard to organize their story elements and will include text explaining how to make slime. They are also making a stop motion animated video using iPads and the stop motion studio app, along with the magnetic slime backgrounds, green screen and props they have created.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the minutes of the October 21, 2024 regular board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, 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 10/1, 10/2, 10/8, 10/9, 10/11, 10/15, 10/16, 10/18, 10/21, 10/23, 10/25 and CPSE 9/24, 10/10 & 10/25, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CHANGE ORDER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the request to approve a change order for Traditional Air Conditioning, Inc. with a deduction of \$7,500 from the original contract, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

2024-25 TAX LEVY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 tax levy, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JEFFREY MARCIANO

On motion of Mr. Bennett, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Jeffrey Marciano from his position as a High School Custodial Worker I, effective November 4, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

*Item 9.2 - Appointment/Coaching Recommendations, was tabled (voted on and approved after coming out of executive session).*

KRISTINE CARONNA-DELGIUDICE

On motion of Mr. Bennett, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Kristine Caronna-Delgiudice for a medical leave of absence beginning on October 17, 2024 through November 15, 2024, returning to her position of HS Teaching Assistant on November 18, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JAMES FORD

On motion of Mr. Bennett, second by Mr. Fay, the request from James Ford for a medical leave of absence beginning on October 28, 2024 through November 8, 2024, returning to his position of ES-HS Physical Education Teacher on November 12, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ROBERT JONES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Bennett, the recommendation to appoint Robert Jones as Per Diem Substitute Guard, effective November 5, 2024, through June 30, 2025, at a rate of \$25 per hour, pending receipt of fingerprint clearance, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ZACHARY ARRASATE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to appoint Zachary Arrasate as a Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the High School effective November 5, 2024 through June 6, 2025 at \$160 per day, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0 Abstain 1 (Ms. Arrasate)

ALYSSA FIGGIANI

On motion of Mr. Bennett, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint Alyssa Figgiani as Assistant Cook assigned to the High School, effective November 5, 2024 at \$18.50 per hour, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member asked about if there was any progress made on discussions or updates to the baseball fields. Dr. Probst responded that the field at the middle school has been scraped and is in the process of being resurfaced so that the baseball and softball teams can play on the field.

A parent spoke about a bus stop and pick up for her children. Dr. Probst said that the district is working to fix the situation with the bus company so that a bus will be available for her kids.

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 7:27 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:16 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to appoint the following coaches for the 2024-25 winter season as submitted, to be and are hereby approved.

SPORT	LEVEL	COACH	STEP	SALARY	YEARS as of 6/2025
Basketball B	Varsity	Davis, Connor	2	\$8,685.23	10
Basketball B	Var Asst	Gaudiello, Cory	1	\$7,299.98	2
Basketball B	JV	Edwards, Shaki	1	\$6,188.34	3
Basketball G	Varsity	Peters, Katie	3	\$8,947.40	
Basketball G	Var Asst	Hempfling, William	1	\$7,299.98	2
Basketball G	JV	Saguto, Santo	1	\$6,188.34	2
Comp. Cheer	Varsity	Bennett-Rosman, Alexa	1	\$4,810.67	2
Wrestling	Varsity	Restrepo, Jakob	1	\$8,423.04	2

Wrestling	Var Asst	Zenie, Jared	1	\$7,299.98	1
Wrestling	JV	Eis, Douglas	1	\$6,188.34	1
Track G	Varsity	Broich, John	3	\$6,140.28	
Track G	Var Asst	Yakaboski, Meghan	2	\$5,317.46	9
Trank B	Varsity	Mensch, Joe	2	\$5,966.38	7
Track B	Var Asst	Habersaat, Erika	3	\$5,477.98	

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, all business being completed, Ms. Lanni-Hewitt declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0




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Lisa Rheume, District Clerk