

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



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting
High School Library
Monday, January 13, 2025 (7:00 PM)

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

Absent: Ms. Dawn Arrasate

Also present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Rheume, District Clerk; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and 4 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, President at 7:00 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

Ms. Lanni-Hewitt and Dr. Probst presented information regarding the assessment scores for ELA and Math, specifically focusing on the 3rd grade results of those assessments. A lengthy discussion took place in regard to those scores. The discussion can be viewed [here](#).

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the board agreed to put into place the necessary curriculum and professional development for students and teachers, respectively, in an attempt to improve the third grade test results in both math and ELA.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Ms. Neumaier left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the minutes of the December 9, 2024 regular board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the minutes of the January 6, 2025 special board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 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 12/3, 12/4, 12/5, 12/9, 12/11, 12/12, 12/13, 12/16, 12/17 and CPSE 12/12 & 12/18, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

FINANCIALS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve audited and paid claims 0093-0102, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve budget status report as of November 30, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

On motion of Mr. Fay, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve the revenue status report as of November 30, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve the trial balances through November 30, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the monthly treasurer's reports for November 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (WHBTA)

On motion of Mr. Fay, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution ratifying the "Memorandum of Agreement" executed by and between the representatives of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District and the Westhampton Beach Teachers Association, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (UPSEU)

On motion of Mr. Fay, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution ratifying the "Memorandum of Agreement" executed by and between the representatives of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District and the Westhampton Beach Food Service Workers Association United Public Service Employees (UPSEU), as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Ms. Neumaier returned to the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

2025-26 BUDGET CALENDAR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget Calendar, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CHANGE ORDERS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the request to approve a change order for GTS Construction Corp. with a deduction of \$12,000 from the original contract, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the request to approve a change order for Arrow Steel Window Corp., relating to the Middle School window replacement bond work, with a deduction of \$25,059 from the original contract, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the request to approve a change order for Arrow Steel Window Corp., relating to the Elementary School window replacement bond work, with an increase of \$22,500 from the original contract, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the request to approve a change order for ACL Construction Corp., relating to the Middle School elevator reconstruction, with a deduction of \$10,000 from the original contract, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the request to approve a change order for ACL Construction Corp., relating to the High School elevator reconstruction, with a deduction of \$10,000 from the original contract, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

TEACHER CENTER INSTRUCTION CONTRACT

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

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

FIELD TRIPS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the recommendation to approve the field trip for the Varsity Cheerleaders to participate in the UCA High School Nationals in Orlando, FL on February 6-11, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Mr. Fay left the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve a field trip for one student to participate in the NAFME All Eastern Conference in Hartford, CT on April 24-27, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

CHLOE FRANZA

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the resignation of Chloe Franza from her position as a Middle School Teachers Aide, effective January 10, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

MICHAEL IRISH

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the recommendation to appoint Michael Irish as a Custodial Worker I assigned to the High School, effective January 14, 2025, at a salary of \$43,748 (prorated), as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

COACHING

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the coaching recommendation for the 2024-2025 late winter sport season as listed below, to be and is hereby approved.

Douglas Els MS Wrestling Step 1 \$4,193.37

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

WINTER RECREATION STAFF

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the appointment of the following Elementary School Winter Reaction staff members beginning January 27, 2025 through March 28, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

2024 Winter Recreation Program

<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Salaries</u>
Anthony Cappiello	Director	K-5	5 days	\$1,976
Kaleigh Locke	Sports	2-3-4-5	3 days (6 weeks)	\$540
Taryn Brown	Sports	2-3-4-5	4 days	\$960
Fred Musumeci	Sports	2-3-4-5	4 days	\$960
Gabriel Thomasch	Board Games	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Jen Cucinotta	General Recreation	K	2 days	\$480
Lauren Gomez	General Recreation	1	2 days	\$480
Kim Mercready	Dance	2-3-4-5	1 day	\$240
Kerri Beaver	Coding	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Tom O'Leary	Board Games	2-3-4-5	1 day	\$240
Jen Kast	S.T.E.M.	2-3-4-5	1 day	\$240
Mary Milano	Scrapbooking	4-5	1 day	\$240
TBD	Art	2-3-4-5	3 days	\$720
Total Salaries				\$8,036

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

DIANA COSAJAY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to appoint Diana Cosajay as an Art Leave Replacement Teacher assigned to the Elementary School effective January 27, 2025 through June 27, 2025, MA, Step 1, \$61, 409 (prorated), to be and is hereby approved. Diana Cosajay is also appointed as a per diem substitute teacher from January 21, 2025 through January 24, 2025 at a rate of \$140 per day.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

COACHING

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the coaching recommendation for the 2024-2025 spring sport season as listed below, to be and is hereby approved.

Natalie Badolato Varsity Assistant Girls Lacrosse Step 1 \$6,257.11

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Mr. Fay returned at 8:08 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member asked if, because of the change orders that were approved for funds that were not spent on expected construction costs, those funds could be used toward other projects. Dr. Probst explained that those bond funds could potentially be used in future upgrades.

A question was asked if the district compares the scores of the NWEA to the State test scores to see if they are comparable. Dr. Probst stated that when the district compares student performance on these assessments, students show a greater level of achievement on the NWEA. She explained that the NWEA is administered to all students, where some students do not participate in the state assessments.

A community member asked if the 3rd grade scores on the NWEA assessments were comparable with other districts nationwide. Dr. Probst stated that she would look into that.

REPORTS

Personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Board Policy 0110-R, Sexual Harassment Regulation

The first reading to abolish the policy above was held.

On motion of Mr. Halsey, second by Ms. Neumaier, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and abolish the above policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 0110-E, Sexual Harassment Complaint

The first reading of the revised policy above was held.

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 1120, School District Records

The first reading of the revised policy above was held.

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 2450, Policy Dissemination

The first reading of the revised policy above was held.
On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 2460, Policy Review and Evaluation

The first reading of the revised policy above was held.
On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 2461, Policy Manual Accuracy Check

The first reading of the revised policy above was held.
On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:44 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, all business being completed, Ms. Lanni-Hewitt declared the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk