

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



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting
Elementary School Library
Monday, February 24, 2025 (7:00 PM)

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

Absent: Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Mr. Daniel A. Bennett, Ms. Jennifer Neumaier

Also present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Rheaume, District Clerk; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Jeremy Garritano, Elementary School Principal, and approximately 30 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES

Elementary School Presentation:

Dr. Garritano explained how students are spending time on social emotional work in two programs. The first being the D.A.R.E. program which was brought by SRO Tony Vecchio. Officer Vecchio spoke about the program and three students shared their winning essays.

Dr. Garritano then spoke about the No Drama Club led by Ms. Phillips. Ms. Phillips, Social Worker, spoke about what the club is and stated that all of the girls in the 5th grade participate in the club. Three students shared their experiences in the club.

The full presentation can be found [here](#).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the minutes of the February 3, 2025 regular board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the minutes of the February 11, 2025 special board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

FINANCIAL

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve audited and paid claims 0103-0112, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve the budget status report as of December 31, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the revenue status report as of December 31, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the trial balances through December 31, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Mr. Fay, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve the budget transfer report December 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

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

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve the extraclass activities report for December 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

TEACHER CENTER INSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

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

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS TO THE EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES BOARD

No nominations were made.

FIELD TRIPS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve the field trip for the Robotics Club to participate in the Tech Valley Regional at the MVP Arena in Albany, NY on March 26-30, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the field trip for the Robotics Club to participate in the First Robotics Competition Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, NY on March 13-17, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

ALFRED MUSUMECI

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the resignation of Alfred Musumeci from his position as an Elementary Special Education Teacher for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025, with retirement beginning on July 1, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

JAMES FORD

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the resignation of James Ford from his position as a Elementary/High Physical Education Teacher for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025, with retirement beginning on July 1, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

DONNA WINKLER-FLAHERTY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of Donna Winkler-Flaherty from her position as a Middle School English Teacher for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025, with retirement beginning on July 1, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

SHAUN JOHNSON

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the resignation of Shaun Johnson from his position as a Middle School Music Teacher for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025, with retirement beginning on July 1, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

STEVEN LACKER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of Steven Lacker from his position as a High School Science Teacher for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025, with retirement beginning on July 1, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

DEBORA ERICKSON

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the resignation of Deborah Erickson from her position as a High School Science Teacher for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025, with retirement beginning on July 1, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

LISA MONTI

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Fay, the resignation of Lisa Monti from her position as a Middle School Senior Office Assistant for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2025, with retirement beginning on July 1, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

TEACHER COLUMN MOVEMENT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve the salary step increases for the following teachers, effective February 1, 2025, as submitted, to be and are hereby approved.

Name	Prior Column	New Column
Harmony Dileo	MA+10 (E), \$87,881	MA+20 (F), \$89,730
Matthew Reed	MA+30 (G), \$85,727	MA+42 (H), \$87,576
Anthony Cappiello	MA+42 (H), \$122,669	MA+60 (I), \$124,563

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

HS ROBOTICS ADVISOR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the resignation of Jonathon Fletcher from his position as the High School Robotics Advisor, effective January 31, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Jordan Manowitz as Interim High School Robotics Club Advisor, effective February 1, 2025, with a contractual stipend of \$3,779 (prorated), as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

2024-25 SPRING COACHING

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the 2024-2025 spring sport season coaching recommendations listed below, are hereby accepted.

SPORT	LEVEL	COACH	STEP	SALARY	YEARS as of 6/2025
BASEBALL	V	Grunenwald, Asa	2	\$7,444.47	7
BASEBALL	Var Asst	Pulick, Daniel	1	\$6,257.11	3
BASEBALL	JV	Smith, Michael	2	\$6,260.82	7
BASEBALL	MS - Green	Kern, Bruce	1	\$4,193.37	
BASEBALL	MS - White	Saguto, Santo	1	\$4,193.37	2
BOYS LAX	V	Peters, Drew	3	\$7,669.17	
BOYS LAX	Var Asst	Hoyt, Cody	3	\$6,646.64	
BOYS LAX	JV	McDermott, Timothy	3	\$6,390.99	11
BOYS LAX	JV	Duca, Rob	1	\$6,016.44	5
BOYS LAX	MS	Zenie, Jared	1	\$4,193.37	1
GIRLS LAX	V	Bergmann, Mary	3	\$7,669.18	
GIRLS LAX	JV	Montpetit, Sean	3	\$6,391.00	
GIRLS LAX	JV	Locke, Kaliegh	3	\$6,391.00	
GIRLS LAX	MS	TBD			
SOFTBALL	V	Doroski, Jeffrey	2	\$7,444.46	7
SOFTBALL	Var Asst	Lynch, Christian	1	\$6,257.11	3
SOFTBALL	JV	Fabian, Sarah	1	\$5,156.95	3
SOFTBALL	MS	TBD			
BOYS TENNIS	V	Reed, Matthew	1	\$6,446.19	5
BOYS TENNIS	JV	Williams, Korey	3	\$5,021.47	
BOYS TENNIS	MS	Bender, Carrie	1	\$4,193.37	2
BOYS TRACK	V	Mensch, Joseph	2	\$6,934.34	8
BOYS TRACK	Var Asst	Habersaat, Erika	3	\$5,477.98	
BOYS TRACK	MS	Griffin, Ellen	1	\$4,193.37	3
GIRLS TRACK	V	Broich, John	3	\$7,131.23	
GIRLS TRACK	Var Asst	Yakoboski, Meghan	2	\$5,317.46	10
GIRLS TRACK	MS	TBD			

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACHES

On motion of Mr. Fay, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint the following volunteer assistant coaching positions for the 2024-25 spring season, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

GIRLS LAX	Varsity	Webber, Caitlynn
BOYS LAX	Varsity	Naglieri, Ralph
BOYS LAX	MS/JV	Arrasate, Zachary
SOFTBALL	Varsity	Maloney, John
SOFTBALL	Varsity	McKay, Brooke
BASEBALL	Varsity	Moran, Terry
GIRLS TRACK	Varsity	McAuley, Annemarie

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

MARITZA HOWSON

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to terminate Martiza Howson from her position as a Food Service Worker, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

SUBSTITUTE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve the following substitute for the 2024-2025 school year, pending fingerprint clearance, as submitted to be and is hereby approved.

Substitute Teachers, Home Tutors:

Robin Held Uncertified

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member asked for clarification for the purpose for appointing counsel at the February 11, 2025 special board meeting.

A community member asked the superintendent for clarification of her message to parents regarding testing and help for all students.

REPORTS

Personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Short presentations were given to the board on the following 2025-26 Budgets:

1. Elementary School
2. Technology
3. Winter/Summer Recreation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:40 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

NICA STRUNK, PLLC

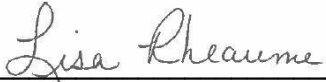
On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve a retainer agreement with Nica Strunk, PLLC, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens second by Ms. Wright, all business being completed, Ms. Lanni-Hewitt declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Vote: Yes 4 No 0

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Rheume". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Lisa Rheume, District Clerk