

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



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting
High School Library
Monday, April 7, 2025 (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 and Mr. Halsey C. Stevens

Also present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Rheaume, District Clerk; William Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction, Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and approximately 8 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES
WESTHAMPTON BEACH JUNIOR AMBULANCE

James Monserrate, a senior at Westhampton Beach High School, requested that the board allow funds that he raised, be used to purchase two or three Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) for the district's sports programs. James raised approximately \$3,300 and asked that AED's be purchased as soon as possible so that they will be on the sidelines of all sporting events in case of a cardiac emergency, whether it be a student, coach, parent or anyone else in need. AED's are crucial tools as they provide a life-saving measure for individuals experiencing sudden cardiac arrest.

2025-2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Probst gave a presentation on the 2025-2026 proposed budget. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the minutes of the March 24, 2025 regular board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, 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 1/15, 12/16, 1/27, 1/28, 1/30, 1/31, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/11, 2/12, 2/26, 2/27, 3/7, 3/11, 3/13, 3/14, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/24, 3/25, 3/26, 3/27 and CPSE 3/6, 3/10, 3/24 & 3/27, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FINANCIAL

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the fund balance as of March 31, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the claims audit reports for July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADOPTION OF PROPOSED 2025/2026 BUDGET

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the proposed budget for the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District for the 2025/26 school year in the amount of \$66,756,249 to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

2022 BOND PHASE 3 BID AWARDS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, bid recommendations for the following 2022 Bond Phase 3 projects listed below, to be and are hereby approved.

Contract No. 2 - Masonry Reconstruction	Chase Building Renovations, Inc. 2079 Wantagh Avenue, Suite 4 Wantagh, NY 11793	\$287,000
Contract No. 3A - General Construction	Capitol Renovation Corp. 1596 Vestry Road Wantagh, NY 11793	\$678,600
Contract No. 3B - General Construction	Irwin Contracting, Inc. 671 Old Willets Path Hauppauge, NY 11788	\$1,142,000
Contract No. 4 - Plumbing Reconstruction	Seaford Avenue Corp. 25 Brooklyn Avenue Massapequa, NY 11758	\$242,200
Contract No. 5A - HVAC Reconstruction	Inshallah Mechanical Corp. 193 West Hills Road Huntington Station, NY 11746	\$575,000
Contract No. 5B - HVAC Reconstruction	Central Aid Corporation PO Box 1334 Roslyn Heights, NY 11577	\$294,000
Contract No. 6A - Electrical Reconstruction	Eldor Contracting Corp. 30 Corporate Drive Holtsville, NY 11742	\$953,000
Contract No. 6B - Electrical Reconstruction	VSC Electric, Inc. 322 Third Avenue Bayport, NY 11705	\$45,500

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the memorandum of understanding with the clerical unit, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved:

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT TUITION CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve an individual student tuition contract for the 24-25 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve a health and service agreement with the Hempstead School District, as submitted, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

AMENDMENT TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Fay, the resolution to approve the closing of school on Friday, May 23, 2025, in the event that no further emergency closing days are needed prior to those dates, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FIELD TRIP

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the field trip for the fifth grade to Boston, MA, June 5-6, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SCIENCE LAB SUPPORT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the following teachers for Science Lab Support for the 2024-2025 school year at an hourly rate of \$51.22 per hour, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Lisa Menegio
Rebecca Sullivan

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ELIZABETH HOWSON

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ES SUMMER RECREATION ACADEMY

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve the following teachers for Director/Assistant Director for the ES Summer Recreation Academy for the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted to be and is hereby approved.

ES Summer Academy Director	\$6,180	Anthony Cappiello
ES Summer Academy Assistant Director	\$3,315	Kimberly Higgins (Mercready)

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the following coach for the 2025-2026 fall sport season, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Varsity Boys Soccer	John Paga	1	\$7,508
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Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member asked about the status of the baseball field at the middle school and if it was a possibility for the baseball team to practice in the Elementary School.

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 7:28 p.m. to discuss negotiations.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:00 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk