

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



Minutes of Budget Hearing held in the High School Library
Monday, May 12, 2025 (7:00 PM)

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

Members absent: Daniel A. Bennett

Also present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Rheaume, District Clerk; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business and approximately 11 community members.

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

The Chamber Choir performed a song for the board.

Ms. Arrasate arrived at 7:10 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

Ms. Lanni-Hewitt announced that this is a Budget Hearing Meeting only, on the proposed expenditures of the School District for the 2025/26 school year.

Dr. Probst gave a presentation on the District's proposed 2025/26 school budget.

Ms. Danielle Waskiewicz, Westhampton Free Library Director, presented information about the library's proposed budget.

Mr. Herman Bishop, The Greater Westhampton Historical Museum President, presented information about the museum's proposed budget.

Ms. Lanni-Hewitt advised the public that all voting will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM in the High School LGI Room.

➤ Ms. Lanni-Hewitt presented the propositions and Board vacancies as follows:

- Proposition 1 - SHALL the Budget of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, in the amount of \$66,756,249 for the fiscal year 2025/2026 be approved, and a tax levied therefor upon the taxable property of the school district?
- Proposition 2 - SHALL the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, be authorized to raise

the sum of \$2,726,245 for payment of operational and bond financing expenses of the Westhampton Free Library for the fiscal year 2025/2026, and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

- Proposition 3 - SHALL the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, be authorized to raise the sum of \$102,000 for payment of operational and maintenance expenses of The Greater Westhampton Historical Museum for the fiscal year 2025/2026, and to levy the necessary tax therefor?
- Board Member – Election of **two (2)** members of the Board of Education, for a term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring June 30, 2028. Candidates are Elizabeth T. Lanni-Hewitt (incumbent) and Dawn Arrasate (incumbent).

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, all business being completed, Ms. Lanni-Hewitt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk