

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 28, 2025 (6:00 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 3 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, at 6:07 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Neumaier, the board entered into executive session to discuss negotiations.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Neumaier, the Board of Education reconvened from Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND UPDATES
2025-2026 BUDGET PRESENTATION

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the minutes of the April 7, 2025 regular board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the minutes of the April 23, 2025 special board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

FINANCIALS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve audited and paid claims 0123-0130, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the budget status report 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 Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve the revenue status report as on March 31, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Neumaier, the recommendation to approve the trial balances through March 31, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve the budget transfer report March 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve the monthly treasurer's reports for March 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Neumaier, the recommendation to approve the extraclass activities report for February 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, 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

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Fay, recommendation to approve the memorandum of understanding with the Teacher's Association to withdraw from the East End Health Plan effective December 31, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LITIGATION

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the following resolution authorizing litigation, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

RESOLVED, the Board of Education hereby authorizes the litigation of Westhampton Beach UFSD against the Town of Southampton in connection with a PILOT program for the Preserve at South Country.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to adopt the 2025-2026 property tax report card, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved:

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HOME TUTORING AGENCIES

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve the following home tutoring agencies for the 25-26 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

- Education at Mather
- Hope for Youth
- Imagine Learning/Edgenuity
- St. James Tutoring

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HOME TUTORS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the following home tutors for the 25-26 school year, as submitted, to be and are hereby approved.

- Gretchen Jellett
- General Education Teachers (District Employees)
- Special Education Teachers (District Employees)

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SWORDFISH CLUB

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Fay, the space agreement with the Swordfish Club for summer recreation swimming lessons, July 7 - August 1, 2025, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the following budget transfer, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

	From		To		Amount
	Code Number	Code Title	Code Number	Code Title	
1.	various	Supplies & Equip. Repair	1621-403-00-01	Equipment Repair - HS	\$13,500.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Fay, the resolution authorizing the awards and disbursement of funds from the following scholarship accounts for the 2024/25 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby adopted:

Cory Hubbard Memorial Scholarship
Reina Nash Foundation Scholarship
Melissa J. Payne Memorial Award
Suffolk ASBO Scholarship
NYS School Facilities Scholarship
Gordon A. Werner Scholarship
Jennifer Tufo Feuerman Memorial Scholarship
Doreen Kandell Memorial Scholarship
Mees Scholarship

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the request to approve a special education service agreement with the East Quogue UFSD for the remainder of the school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JUNE REGENTS PREP STAFF

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation for the following teachers to provide June Regents Prep sessions at the high school for two hours per week at a rate of \$51.22 per hour, to be and is hereby approved.

Maria Pepey
Bernadette Ryan
Joseph Bruno
Brooke Russell
Vanessa Tucker
Alyssia Tempera
Cynthia Griffin
Lisa Lagattolla
Adriana Sedano

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PHYLLIS SCOTT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to appoint Phyllis Scott as a Middle School Monitor effective April 29, 2025 at a rate of \$16.50 per hour pending fingerprint clearance, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENT SUPERVISION

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve the following teachers for Special Education Student Supervision, at an hourly rate of \$51.22 per hour, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Varsity Lacrosse Games: Bruce Kern
Varsity Lacrosse Practices: Denise Flynn

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member asked for an update of the baseball fields.

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. Neumaier, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:49 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk