

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



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting
High School Library
Monday, May 12, 2025 (7:30 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: Mr. Daniel A. Bennett

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 1 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, at 7:30 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the April 28, 2025 regular board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Ms. Wright, the minutes of the May 6, 2025 special board meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 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 1/28, 2/5, 2/25, 2/26, 2/27, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/11, 3/14, 3/25, 3/26, 4/1, 4/3, 4/4, 4/8, 4/9, 4/21, 4/22, 4/23, 4/29, 4/30 and CPSE 4/1, 4/8 & 4/10.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HEALTH AND WELFARE AGREEMENT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve a Health and Welfare Agreement with South Huntington UFSD, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

WITHDRAWAL FROM EAST END HEALTH PLAN - TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Neumaier, the recommendation to approve the below resolution, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Motion to allow the current and retired members of the Westhampton Beach Teachers Association to withdraw from the East End Health Plan effective at 12:00 am on January 1, 2026 and to enroll in the New York State Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP) Empire Plan effective 12:00 am January 1, 2026.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

WITHDRAWAL FROM EAST END HEALTH PLAN - CLERICAL UNIT

On motion of Ms. Neumaier, second by Ms. Wright, the recommendation to approve the below resolution, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Motion to allow the current and retired members of the Westhampton Beach Clerical Unit to withdraw from the East End Health Plan effective at 12:00 am on January 1, 2026 and to enroll in the New York State Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP) Empire Plan effective 12:00 am January 1, 2026.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES (TAN)

Board Member Dawn Arrasate, offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 12, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$13,500,000 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$13,500,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33 -a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

- (a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.
- (b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.
- (c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.
- (d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute tax certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of one of the following: the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member Halsey Stevens and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Elizabeth T. Lanni-Hewitt	VOTING	YES
Heather A. Wright	VOTING	YES
Dawn Arrasate	VOTING	YES
Ryan M. Fay	VOTING	YES
Jennifer Neumaier	VOTING	YES
Halsey C. Stevens	VOTING	YES

AYES: 6

NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ALL SUFFOLK AUTO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Fay, the recommendation to approve a Driver's Education Contract with All Suffolk Auto for the 2025-2026 school district, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

APPROVAL OF INDIVIDUAL STUDENT TUITION CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to approve an individual student tuition contract, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

	From		To		Amount
	Code Number	Code Title	Code Number	Code Title	
1.	9060-800-00-05	Medical Insurance	9787-610-00-05	Installation Debt Laptops	\$181,316.70
2.	9060-800-00-05	Medical Insurance	9020-800-00-05	Teacher Retirement	\$176,294.17
3.	9711-610-00-05	Term Bond Principal	9731-710-00-05	Bond Anticipation Note	\$1,975,720.00
	9711-71-00-05	Term Bond Interest			\$493,930.00

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

NYS HESC FAFSA AGREEMENT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to approve the agreement with the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation ("HESC") Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), as submitted, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

AS-7 BOCES SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the request to approve the AS-7 Initial BOCES Shared Services Agreement for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted, to be and is hereby adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

INTERNAL CONTROL TESTING ENGAGEMENT LETTER

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the request to approve the internal control services provided by Cullen & Danowski, LLP, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

DANIELLE RUFANO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to appoint Danielle Rufano as an English Teacher assigned to the Middle School effective September 1, 2025 with a three-year probationary period ending on August 31, 2028, in the tenure area of English, at Step 8D, MA, \$84,352, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

MARYKATE HILL

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Neumaier, the request from Marykate Hill for a childcare leave of absence beginning on or about July 14, 2025 through September 26, 2025, with an expected return to work on September 29, 2025, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

KAREN STRUPINSKY

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint Karen Strupinsky as a per diem substitute teacher, effective May 13, 2025 through June 30, 2025, at a rate of \$125 per day, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EMMA SACCO

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint Emma Sacco as a per diem substitute teacher, effective May 13, 2025 through June 30, 2025, at a rate of \$125 per day, as submitted, to be and is hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A community member/parent spoke to the board about special education services provided to her child.

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 Ms. Neumaier, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education convened into Executive Session at 7:46 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 9:07 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.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk