

February 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the High School Library, on February 7, 2022.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Mr. George R. Kast, Ms. Stacy Rubio, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens, and Ms. Heather Wright.

Absent: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch

Also Present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; William Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Chris Herr, HS Principal; Jessica Williams, Director of Curriculum & Instructional Technology; Charisse Miller, MS Principal; Rob Finn, Director of Guidance; Kathy Masterson, Director of Athletics; and approximately 25 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Vice President, at 7:00 p.m.

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Herr, Ms. Williams, and two HS students gave a presentation on the high school's Mastery Grid Method.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions were raised regarding the mask mandate and legal counsel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the minutes of the January 24, 2022, Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, 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 1/14, 1/18, 1/19, 1/20, 1/21, 1/25, 1/27, 1/28, 1/31, 2/1 and CPSE 1/12, 1/18 and 1/19; to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT TUITION CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution authorizing the President of the Board of Education to execute an individual student tuition contract for the 2021/22 through 2023/24 school years, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CHANGE ORDER

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, Change Order #1 with Milcon Construction Corp., for the Middle School roof replacement project in the amount of \$6,612.25, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ANNUAL HERBICIDE APPLICATION

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution to approve the application of herbicide to the district's athletic fields and common areas for Spring 2022, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

KEEPING YOUR BOOKS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Rubio, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Keeping Your Books, for accounting services February 1 through June 30, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ANA GARCIA

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Ana Garcia from her position as an ES Office Assistant, effective February 4, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CAITLYNN WEBBER

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution to rescind the appointment of Caitlynn Webber as a MS ELA teacher due to low enrollment, effective January 28, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HIGH SCHOOL PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the appointment of Thomas Cummings as a permanent substitute teacher assigned to the high school, effective February 8 through June 10, 2022, at \$150 per day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Holly Bittner as a permanent substitute teacher assigned to the high school, effective February 8 through June 10, 2022, at \$150 per day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of the following substitute, to be and hereby is approved:

Ana Garcia Clerical

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SANDRA FLORES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Rubio, the request from Sandra Flores for a military leave of absence from her position as a HS Foreign Language teacher, November 30, 2021 through April 1, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HS SPANISH SECTIONS

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the extension of the appointments of the following staff as .2 Spanish Instructors, through April 1, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS - BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Chris Herr, High School Principal, presented the high school budget requests for the 2022/23 school year.

Rob Finn, Director of Guidance, presented the guidance budget requests for the 2022/23 school year.

Kathy Masterson, Director of Health, Athletics & Physical Education, presented the athletics budget requests for the 2022/23 school year.

Charisse Miller, Middle School Principal, presented the middle school budget requests for the 2022/23 school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 8:30 PM to discuss specific personnel matters, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:15 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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