

May 9, 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 LGI Room, on May 9, 2022.

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

Also Present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and approximately 50 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, President, at 7:30 PM.

The Pledge was conducted.

Dr. Probst announced that this meeting, as well as all future meetings, will be recorded and the videos will be posted to the District's website.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION – DISTRICT EQUITY COMMITTEE

Students and administrators from each of the three buildings presented their equity committee's projects.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Several community members addressed the Board. Topics included the formation of a community group, sending district representation, special education, student discipline, and transparency.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the April 11, 2022 Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Rubio second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the April 27, 2022 Special Board of Education meeting (BOCES vote & trustee election), to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of 2/1, 2/2, 2/3, 2/7, 2/8, 2/9, 2/10, 2/14, 3/22, 4/7, 4/8, 4/27, 4/29, 5/03, and CPSE 3/21/22.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the Board of Education has no objections to the recommendations of the Committee and approves the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ELECTION INSPECTORS

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the following resolution, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the request of Thomas Betjemann, the Board of Education hereby rescinds his appointment as Chief Election Inspector/Chairperson for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the following resolution, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that, upon the request of MarthAnn Betjemann, the Board of Education hereby rescinds her appointment as Election Inspector for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the following resolution, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint the following persons as Election Inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and to authorize the District Clerk to fill any vacancies that occur on or before such date:

Full Day @ \$200 each
Joan Scannell
Stephen Wisnoski

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the following resolution, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Patricia Gonce as Chairperson for the Annual Budget Vote and Election to be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SURPLUS – HS METAL DESK

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the request to surplus a HS metal desk, asset tag #1435, as it is broken and no longer repairable, to be and hereby is approved:

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CONSULTING AGREEMENT

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution authorizing the execution of a consulting agreement with Norah B. Lasorsa, LCSW, CMHIMP, for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast the following budget transfer, to be and hereby is approved:

From	To	Amount
A9060.800.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	\$80,000.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

AWARDS OF TENURE

On motion of Mr. Rubio, second by Ms. Donneson, the recommendation to award tenure to the following staff members, to be and hereby is approved:

Staff Member	Tenure date	Tenure Area
Connor Davis	September 1, 2022	Physical Education
Harmony Dileo	September 1, 2022	Special Education
Joseph Mensch	September 1, 2022	Physical Education
Lauren O'Hearn	September 1, 2022	ENL
Kristine Caronna-DelGuidice	September 1, 2022	Teaching Assistant
Matthew Reed	September 1, 2022	Special Education
Michael Smith	September 1, 2022	Social Studies

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JEFFREY DOROSKI

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the request to extend the probationary period of Jeffrey Doroski as a HS physical education teacher for one year until August 31, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JOYCE SCHMIEDER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the request from Joyce Schmieder for a childcare leave of absence from her position as a HS English teacher beginning on August 31, 2022 through November 22, 2022, utilizing the maximum allowable sick days followed by FMLA, and returning to her teaching position on November 28, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KATHLEEN MASTERSON

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Kathleen Masterson as the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, effective July 1, 2022 with her last day of employment being June 30, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LISA MENEGIO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of Lisa Menegio from her position as an ES/MS Assistant Principal, effective July 1, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Lisa Menegio as a Science Teacher, assigned to the high school, effective September 1, 2022, with a three-year probationary period through August 31, 2025, in the tenure area of Science, at Step 25, MA+60, at a salary of \$135,570, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

OLIVIA CONNELLY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resignation of Olivia Connelly from her position as a HS English Teacher, effective June 30, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

AMANDA VOLLERS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Amanda Vollers from her position as a HS Art Teacher, effective July 1, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KRISTEN REGAN

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Ms. Donneson, the resignation of Kristen Regan from her position as a HS Math Teacher, effective July 1, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

NICOLE IANNONE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Rubio, the resignation of Nicole Iannone from her position as a .2 FTE Math Teacher/Title 1 Teacher/HS Learning Specialist, effective May 13, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

THOMAS CUMMINGS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Thomas Cummings as follows for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year (effective May 16 through June 24, 2022), to be and hereby is approved:

MS .2 FTE Math Teacher	Step 1A, BA	\$51,110 (prorated)
MS Title Teacher	3.75 hours	\$25/hr.
HS Learning Specialist	2.0 hours	\$25/hr.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PETER DETORE

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Peter DeTore as a Family and Consumer Science Leave Replacement Teacher, assigned to the middle school, effective on or about May 2, 2022 through June 24, 2022, at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LAURI MORRIS

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Lauri Morris as an ES food service worker, effective April 14, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Rubio, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following substitutes, to be and hereby are approved:

Danielle Polanish	Substitute Nurse (LPN)
Avery Jane	Substitute Nurse (RN)

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CUSTODIAL HOLIDAYS

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the following Custodial Holiday Schedule for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved:

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| 1. July 4, 2022 | Monday Independence Day |
| 2. September 5, 2022 | Monday Labor Day |
| 3. October 10, 2022 | Monday Columbus Day |
| 4. November 11, 2022 | Friday Veterans Day |
| 5. November 24, 2022 | Thursday Thanksgiving Day |
| 6. November 25, 2022 | Friday Thanksgiving |
| 7. December 26, 2022 | Monday Christmas Day |
| 8. January 2, 2023 | Monday New Year's Day |
| 9. January 16, 2023 | Monday Martin Luther King Day |
| 10. February 20, 2023 | Monday President's Day |
| 11. April 7, 2023 | Friday Good Friday |
| 12. April 10, 2023 | Monday Easter Day |
| 13. May 29, 2023 | Monday Memorial Day |
| 14. June 19, 2023 | Monday Juneteenth |

If a holiday falls on an employee's day off, the following day will be their holiday.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JESSICA MORO

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to terminate the probationary appointment of Office Assistant Jessica Moro, effective April 28, 2022, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MARIE KAMPFER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Marie Kampfer from her position as an ES Monitor, effective May 9, 2022, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Marie Kampfer as an Office Assistant assigned to the Elementary School, effective May 10, 2022 at Step 1, \$35,320 (prorated), with a twenty-six week probationary period through November 1, 2022, as per civil service rules & regulations, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

The 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 Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations with the administrative unit, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 10:00 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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