

September 12, 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 September 12, 2022.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Ms. Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt, and Mr. Halsey C. Stevens and Ms. Heather Wright.

Absent: Mr. George R. Kast, Jr.

Also Present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Judy Iannone, District Clerk; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; and 6 attendees.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, President, at 7:00 PM.

The pledge was conducted.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS
FIELD TRIP

High School science teacher, Dr. Gobler, presented a Belize field trip proposal.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the request from Dr. Gobler to take high school students on a field trip to Belize February 18 through February 26, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

BOND REFERENDUM

Bond Presentation - Dr. Probst reviewed the District's bond project which will be voted upon on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The PowerPoint presentation is available on the District's website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the minutes of the August 15, 2022, Board of Education meeting to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of 8/4, 8/10, 8/22, 9/1 and CPSE meetings of 8/23.

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Arrasate, 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 6 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the following budget transfers, to be and hereby are approved:

From	To	Amount
A2250.150.00.01	A2810.150.00.01	\$27,958.40
A9060.800.00.05	A9089.800.00.05	\$149,329.29

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

FOOD SERVICE WORKERS UNIT AGREEMENT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement with the Westhampton Beach Food Service Workers Unit (UPSEU), as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

INTERNAL AUDITOR - ENGAGEMENT LETTER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the execution of the Internal Auditor's AUP engagement letter for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

VILLAGE OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH SRO AGREEMENT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of the School Resource Officer (SRO) agreement with the Village of Westhampton Beach for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ELIZABETH SCHEINER-HOPPE

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a consulting agreement with Elizabeth Scheiner-Hoppe for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EAST MORICHES UFSD

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a municipal cooperative agreement with East Moriches UFSD for professional development training September 1, through December 31, 2022, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EAST QUOGUE UFSD

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the execution of a stipulation of settlement agreement with East Quogue UFSD for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school years, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health Services contract with the Lawrence School District for the 2021/22 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

AMENDED AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution authorizing the execution of an amended agreement for an individual student for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school years, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

RESOLUTION / CANVASS BOND VOTE STAFF

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the District Clerk to arrange for the appointment of Election Inspectors & Chairperson for the October 19, 2022 Special District Meeting (Bond Vote), to be and hereby is adopted:

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

RESOLUTION / CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOND VOTE

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education appoint Thomas Betjemann as Chairperson for the Special District Meeting (Bond Vote) to be held on Wednesday, October 19, 2022.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

RESOLUTION / VOTE STAFF

On motion of Mr. Stevens, 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 Special District Meeting (Bond Vote) to be held on Wednesday, October 19, 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 (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.)**
- Thomas H. Betjemann (Chief Inspector of Elections)
- Marth-ann Betjemann
- Patricia Gonce
- Doreen Croser
- Stephen Wisnoski

- Half Day @ \$100 each**
- Lynn Stevens (7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
- Randi DeMayo (7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)
- Bea Allen (2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
- Patricia Speed (2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

KAREN PETROWSKI

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Karen Petrowski as a MS Teaching Assistant effective September 1, 2022 with a four-year probationary period through August 31, 2026 in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant at a salary of \$25,000, pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HS PERMANENT SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of the following people as permanent substitute teachers assigned to the High School at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved:

Elaine Kelsey	September 28, 2022 – June 9, 2022
Allan Labbe	September 28, 2022 – June 9, 2022
Barbara Mims	September 28, 2022 – June 9, 2022

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

MS 6th GRADE RTI SUPPORT

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of the following staff as 0.1 FTE Grade 6 RTI support instructors for the 2022/23 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Cynthia Hart
Caitlynn Webber

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JENNY PRICE

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Jenny Price as a MS Family & Consumer Science leave replacement teacher beginning September 1, 2022 through October 3, 2022 at a rate of \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JILL STEVENS

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Jill Stevens as an ES RTI/Title 1 teacher, effective September 28, 2022 through June 9, 2023, for 5.5 hours/day at \$25/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0
(Mr. Stevens abstained)

CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORSHIPS

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Arrasate, the HS, MS & ES Co-curricular Advisorships for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

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

Tara Bonawandt	Teacher
Jacquelyn DeCicco	Teacher
William Ponce	Teacher
Dale Quinn	Teacher
James Schulz	Teacher
Gabriella Thomasch	Teacher
Patricia Ziparo	Teacher
Catharine Nobiletti	Teacher
Susan Kearns	Teacher
Jenna Arcuri	Nurse
Danielle Polanish	Nurse
Lisa Zaino-Jones	Nurse
Sarah Fabian	Monitor

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JAKE SWEET

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Jake Sweet as the ES Head Custodian, effective September 19, 2022 at \$50,607 (prorated), with a twenty-six week probationary period through April 6, 2023, as per Civil Service rules & regulations, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

CARRIE BENDER

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Carrie Bender to provide support services for Students with Disabilities, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, at the hourly professional rate of pay (\$49.60/hr.), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SEWDUTT HARPAUL

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the request to rescind the resignation of Sewdutt Harpaul approved at the August 15, 2022 board meeting, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

NICOLETTE GALANTE

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Nicolette Galante to an additional 0.2 FTE HS French section retroactive from September 1, 2022 through the end of the school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

POSTINGS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business on the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS - BOARD POLICIES

Board Policy 0115 (Student Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Intervention)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 1000 (Community Relations Goals)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 1110 (School-Sponsored Information Media)

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution to delete the above policy, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 1100 (Public Information Program)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 2310 (Regular Meetings)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 2340 (Notice of Meetings)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

Board Policy 2360 (Minutes)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution to waive the second and third readings and adopt the above policy, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:40 PM to discuss ongoing litigation and contract negotiations with the Aides/Monitors Unit, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

*Assistant Superintendent for Business, Jacqueline I. Pirro, arrived at 7:41 p.m.
Board Member, George R. Kast, Jr., arrived at 7:43 p.m.*

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:15PM, 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 8:15 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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