

January 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, Suffolk County, New York, was held in the Elementary School Cafetorium, on January 9, 2023.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Mr. George R. Kast, Ms. Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens.

Absent: Ms. Dawn Arrasate and Ms. Heather Wright

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; Jeremy Garritano, Elementary School Principal; Marykate Hill, Assistant ES/MS Principal; and approximately 10 staff and community members.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Garritano and elementary teachers Lynne Marshall and Dawn Belson gave a literacy curriculum presentation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the December 12, 2022, Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, 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 12/13, 12/19, 12/20, 12/21 and CPSE 12/12; to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

2023/24 BUDGET PREPARATION CALENDAR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the 2023/24 Budget Preparation Calendar, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

From	To	Amount
A1621.400.00.01	A1621.490.05.00	\$6500
A1621.400.00.02	A1621.490.05.00	\$6500
A1621.400.00.03	A1621.490.05.00	\$6500
A9020.800.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	\$125,595

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

DONATION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the donation from Turf Brothers, Inc. of \$20,500 in time (labor) and machinery (aerator) to upgrade our athletic fields, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GARDEN PROGRAM

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Homegrown Organic Food, Inc. for the 2022/23 Elementary School Garden Program to be funded by the ES Parent Teacher Association’s \$10,600 donation previously accepted by the board and \$5,000 from a federal grant, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

IDEA 611 & 619 AMENDMENTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of IDEA 611 & 619 amendments to the July 2021 Memorandums of Agreement, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

COPIER MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution authorizing the execution of a District Office copier maintenance service agreement with Advanced Imaging Systems for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health Services contract with the West Islip School District for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Stipulation of Settlement with East Quogue School for an individual student for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 school years, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

MUSIC FIELD TRIP

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the field trip request from Ms. Pawluk to take a 12th grade student to participate in the NAFME All Eastern Ensemble Rehearsals and Concert to be held in Rochester, NY April 13-16, 2023, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

PETER HORAN

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Peter Horan from his position as a Middle School 6th grade teacher, effective June 30, 2023, for the purpose of retirement, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SANDRA TUCCI

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the provisional appointment of Sandra Tucci as an office assistant assigned to the Middle School, effective January 10, 2023 at Step 1, \$35,850 (prorated), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

LAURA HANSEN

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Laura Hansen for a FMLA (medical) leave of absence from her position as an Office Assistant effective January 6 through February 3, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ES ENL SUPPORT STAFF

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Laura Foster as an Elementary School ENL Support Staff substitute through June 2023, to be compensated at the professional rate of pay (\$49.60/hr.), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

WINTER RECREATION PROGRAM STAFF

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to appoint staff members for the 2023 Elementary School Winter Recreation Program, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved:

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

CO-CURRICULAR ADVISORSHIP

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation that Kimet Speed be appointed as the Middle School Musical Director for the 2022/23 school year at a stipend of \$2,558, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

COACH

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the recommendation that Sewdutt (Mike) Harpaul be appointed as the Middle School Girls' basketball coach for the 2022/23 school year at a stipend of \$4,257.81, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

VOLUNTEER COACH

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation that Cory Gaudiello be appointed as a volunteer coach for the 2022/23 winter sports season, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

CHLOE LAUNDRIE

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the resignation of Chloe Laundrie from her position as a HS Special Education teacher, effective January 13, 2023 (instead of January 27, 2023 as per her original appointment in September), to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

OLD BUSINESS

There were no Old Business items on the agenda for discussion.

NEW BUSINESS - BOARD POLICIES

Board Policy 1611 (Relations With Other School Districts)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

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

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Board Policy 1612 (Cooperative Educational Programs)

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

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Board Policy 1632 (Relations With County, State and Federal Agencies)

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

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Board Policy 1700 (Relations With Other Educational Agencies)

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

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Board Policy 1710 (Relations With Education Research Agencies)

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

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Board Policy 1720 (Relations With Colleges And Universities)

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

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

Board Policy 1720.1 (Relations With Cultural Institutions)

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

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 8:00 PM to discuss ongoing special education litigation, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:45 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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