

January 23, 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 Middle School Library on January 23, 2023.

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

Absent: Ms. Joyce Donneson

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; Charisse Miller, Middle School Principal; and approximately 16 students, 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

Ms. Miller, teachers and several students gave a presentation on the Spring Board curriculum at the Middle School.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the January 9, 2023, 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 11/7, 12/7, 12/8, 12/13, 12/14, 12/15, 12/16, 12/20, 1/5, 1/9, 1/10, 1/12, 1/13 and CPSE 1/6.

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, 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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the following reports to be and hereby are approved:

Report	Dates
Budget Status Report	Nov 30, 2022
Revenue Status Report	Nov 30, 2022
Trial Balance Report	Nov 30, 2022
Budget Transfer Report	Nov 30, 2022
Treasurers Reports	Oct – Dec 2022
Collateral Report	Nov 30, 2022
Extraclass Activities ES, MS, HS	ES, MS, HS Oct & Nov 2022
Audited and Paid Claims	Dec 2022 – Jan 2023

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

APPR HARDSHIP WAIVER APPLICATION

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the following resolution authorizing the submission of an APPR Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver Application, to be and hereby is adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, hereby approves the submission of an Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver application to the New York State Education Department and hereby authorizes the Superintendent of Schools and the Board President to execute and submit such application on behalf of the District.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFER

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

From	To	Total Transfer Amount
A9050.800.00.05	A9040.800.00.05	\$15,115.00

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

RESOLUTION / BUDGET HEARING AND VOTE DATE

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

BE IT RESOLVED to hold the Budget Hearing on Monday, May 8, 2023, in the High School at 7:00 p.m. and to hold the Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, in the High School LGI Room with voting hours from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

RESOLUTION / CANVASS VOTE STAFF

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

BE IT RESOLVED to authorize the District Clerk to canvass individuals to serve as Election Inspectors for the Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Election to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and to authorize the District Clerk to fill any vacancies in these positions which may occur before such date.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

RESOLUTION / WESTHAMPTON FREE LIBRARY

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

BE IT RESOLVED to place the following proposition on the May 16, 2023 ballot: to authorize the Westhampton Beach UFSD Board of Education to contract with the Trustees of the Westhampton Free Library in an amount to be determined for support and maintenance of said Library for the 2023/2024 year and that a necessary tax be levied therefor.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

LACROSSE FIELD TRIP

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Stevens, the field trip request from Ms. Bergmann to take the varsity girls' lacrosse players to New Canaan, CT for a college tour and game April 11 thru 13, 2023, as submitted, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

TEACHER CENTER CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute a contract with Christine Harrison for a Teacher Center of the Western Hamptons class, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

LAUREN O'HEARN

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the request from Lauren O'Hearn for a childcare leave of absence from her position as an ESL teacher beginning on or about June 5 through November 22, 2023, using 14 sick days followed by 11 weeks of FMLA, and returning to her position on Monday, November 27, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

KATIE MCCURRY

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Katie McCurry for a childcare leave of absence from her position a HS Art teacher beginning on or about March 10 through April 28, 2023, using no sick days, just an unpaid leave, and returning to her position on Monday, May 1, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JACLYN OLIVOTTI

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the request from Jaclyn Olivotti for a childcare leave of absence from her position a HS Guidance Counselor beginning on or about May 22 through June 23, 2023, using 23 sick days, and returning to her position on the first day of the 2023/2024 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

JENNIFER WAGNER

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the request from Jennifer Wagner for a medical leave of absence from her position as an ES 3rd grade teacher effective January 3 through March 10, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ALYSSA BERTOLINO

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Alyssa Bertolino as a 3rd grade leave replacement teacher, beginning January 3, 2023 through March 10, 2023, at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

HARRISON GRANGER

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Harrison Granger as a MS Permanent Substitute Teacher effective January 24 through June 9, 2023 at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ES AFTERSCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following staff as ES Afterschool Instructional Support for the K-5 Program at the professional rate of pay (\$49.60/hr.), to be and hereby is approved:

Kerriane Beaver
Dawn Belson
Emily Dawson
Megan Fay
Lauren Gomez
Tara Hudson
Heidi Kalmus
Jennifer Kulesa-Kast
Lynne Marshall
Kimberly Mercready
Alfred Musumeci
Dawn Perez
Lorraine Porcelli
Annmarie Steiner

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the following winter coaching appointments, to be and hereby are approved:

Sport	Level	Coach	Step	Salary
Wrestling	MS	Peter DeTore	1	\$2,761.07
Wrestling	MS	Andrew Petroulias	1	\$1,380.53

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of the following substitute, to be and hereby is approved:

SUBSTITUTE CLERICAL, NURSES, AIDES, GUARDS, CUSTODIAL, MONITORS, FSW:
Cathleen Cahill – Nurse

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

FOOD SERVICE WORKER

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Rocio Argote Linares as a food service worker, effective January 24, 2023 at \$16.50/hr., 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

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 7:45 PM to discuss ongoing special education litigation, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:40 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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