

April 17, 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 High School Library on April 17, 2023.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Mr. George R. Kast, Ms. Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens, and Ms. Heather A. 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; and approximately 8 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Dr. Probst reviewed the final 2023/24 proposed budget.

Item 8.1 was moved up on the agenda.

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET FOR THE 2023/24 SCHOOL YEAR

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the proposed budget for the Westhampton Beach Union Free School District for the 2023/24 school year in the amount of \$62,994,351 to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions were raised regarding:

1. Energy audit results
2. Budget transfers
3. Turf field rendering

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the March 27, 2023 Board of Education meeting 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 1/9, 1/13, 1/19, 1/31, 2/1, 2/3, 2/6, 2/7, 2/8, 3/9, 3/14, 3/15, 3/20, 3/21, 3/27, 3/28, 3/29/23.

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

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	February 28
Revenue Status Report	February 28
Trial Balance Report	February 28
Fund Balance Projection	
Budget Transfer Report	February
Treasurers Reports/Collateral	February
Collateral Report	
Extraclass Activities MS, HS	February
Audited and Paid Claims	March 7 - 28

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution to adopt the property tax report card, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REVISED SCHOOL CALENDAR - EMERGENCY CLOSING DAY

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution approving the closing of school on Friday, May 26, 2023, in the event that no further emergency closing days are needed prior to that date, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the awards and disbursement of funds from the following scholarship accounts for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted:

- Cory Hubbard Memorial Scholarship
- Reina Nash Foundation Scholarship
- Melissa J. Payne Memorial Award
- Suffolk ASBO Scholarship
- Gordon A. Werner Scholarship
- Jennifer Tufo Feuerman Memorial Scholarship
- Doreen Kandell Memorial Scholarship

Vote: Yes 7 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
A1621.403.00.01	1621.403.00.05	\$10,870.93
A1621.403.00.02		
A1621.403.00.03		
A9060.800.00.05	A1420.400.00.05	\$150,000.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

INTERNAL AUDITOR

On motion of Ms. Lani-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution to adopt the Corrective Action Plan in response to the Internal Auditor's Detailed Testing Report dated February 6, 2023, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HEALTH SERVICES CONTRACT

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Health Services contract with the South Huntington School District for the 2022/23 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BID AWARD - ATHLETIC FIELD RECONSTRUCTION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the recommendation to award the athletic field reconstruction bid to LandTek Group, Inc., to be and hereby is approved, as follows:

Base Bid	\$1,085,200.00
Alternate #1 – Furnish & install new football & soccer goal pak as detailed	\$38,000.00
Alternate #2 – Remove & replace 4'0" high fencing around existing track as detailed	\$90,000.00
Alternate #3 – Remove existing slotted trench drain system & furnish and install new trench drain system as detailed	\$183,000.00
Alternate #4 – Furnish & install new long jump/triple jump field event, as detailed	\$138,000.00
Alternate #5 – Furnish and install 10'0" high safety netting to match existing and enclose remainder of field from 20 yard line to 20 yard line on both sides of field as shown on drawings	\$18,000.00
Alternate #7 – Furnish & install green crumb rubber infill in lieu of black	\$25,000.00
Alternate #8 – Furnish & install black end zone with white lettering "Hurricanes"	\$30,000.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TRACIE ONUFRAK

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Tracie Onufrak from her position as a MS Teacher Aide effective April 21, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ELISABETH FIELDMAN

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Elisabeth Fieldman as an ES monitor, effective April 18, 2023 at \$15/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BERNARD SHUSMAN

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Bernard Shusman as an ES monitor, effective April 18, 2023 at \$15/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JOAN DABALSKY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Joan Dabalsky as a permanent substitute teacher assigned to the MS, effective March 30 through June 9, 2023 at \$150/day, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MARIA COLLAZO

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Maria Collazo as a senior office assistant assigned to the Elementary School, effective April 24, 2023 at Step 1, \$39,088 (prorated) with a twenty-six-week probationary period through October 20, 2023 as per civil service rules & regulations, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

There were no Reports on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

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

BOARD POLICY 5061 (THERAPY DOGS)

The first reading of the above policy was held.

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

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss ongoing special education litigation, 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 8:56 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 8:56 p.m.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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