

May 8, 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 LGI Room, on May 8, 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; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; and approximately 20 attendees.

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

The Pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION
SUFFOLK ZONE RECIPIENTS

Jason Cohen, Director of Athletics, announced this year's Suffolk Zone Recipients, Laurette Schaumloffel and Noah Heberd, and presented them with certificates of achievement.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Questions were raised regarding:

1. Security & Safety
2. Budget transfers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the April 17, 2023 Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens second by Mr. Kast, the minutes of the April 19, 2023 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 2/8, 2/9, 2/13, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 3/1, 3/2, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/22, 3/31, 4/3, 4/4, 4/5, 4/18, 4/28 and CPSE meetings of 3/22.

On motion of Ms. Donneson, 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 7 No 0

TAN RESOLUTION

Board Member, Joyce L. Donneson, offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE RESOLUTION OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 8, 2023,
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 TAX
ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE RECEIPT OF TAXES TO
BE LEVIED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WESTHAMPTON BEACH UNION
FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Tax Anticipation Notes (herein called "Notes") of Westhampton Beach Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (herein called "District"), in the principal amount of not to exceed \$12,500,000, and any notes in renewal thereof, are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 24.00 and 39.00 of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called "Law").

Section 2. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The Notes shall be issued in anticipation of the collection of real estate taxes to be levied for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, and the proceeds of the Notes shall be used only for the purposes for which said taxes are levied.

(b) The Notes shall mature within the period of one year from the date of their issuance.

(c) The Notes are not issued in renewal of other notes.

(d) The total amount of such taxes remains uncollected at the date of adoption of this resolution.

Section 3. The Notes hereby authorized shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and shall be general obligations of the District, and the faith and credit of the District are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the Notes and unless the Notes are otherwise paid or payment provided for, an amount sufficient for such payment shall be inserted in the budget of the District and a tax sufficient to provide for the payment thereof shall be levied and collected.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and the Law, and pursuant to Sections 50.00, 56.00, 60.00 and 61.00 of the Law, the power to sell and issue the Notes authorized pursuant hereto, or any renewals thereof, and to determine the terms, form and contents, including the manner of execution, of such Notes, and to execute arbitrage certifications relative thereto, is hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education, the chief fiscal officer of the District.

Section 5. The Notes shall be executed in the name of the District by the manual signature of the President of the Board of Education, the Vice President of the Board of Education, the District Treasurer, the District Clerk, or such other officer of the District as shall be designated by the chief fiscal officer of the District, and shall have the corporate seal of the District impressed or imprinted thereon which corporate seal may be attested by the manual signature of the District Clerk.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Board Member, George R. Kast, Jr., and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

Elizabeth T. Lanni-Hewitt	VOTING	YES
Heather A. Wright	VOTING	YES
Halsey C. Stevens	VOTING	YES
Suzanne M. Mensch	VOTING	YES
Dawn Arrasate	VOTING	YES
George R. Kast, Jr.	VOTING	YES
Joyce L. Donneson	VOTING	YES

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

The resolution was declared adopted.

BUDGET TRANSFER

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

From	To	Amount
A5540.490.00.03	A5540.445.00.03	\$5,400.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SCHOOL ATTORNEY

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Volz & Vigliotta, PLLC for the 2023/2024 school year for general and labor counsel services, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CAROLYN J. PROBST

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract amendment with the Superintendent of Schools, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

AWARDS OF TENURE

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

Staff Member	Tenure date	Tenure Area
Thomas O'Leary	September 1, 2023	ESL
Jeffrey Doroski	September 1, 2023	Physical Education
Caitlynn Webber	September 1, 2023	Elementary
Danielle Bergh	September 1, 2023	Science
Cynthia Griffin	September 1, 2023	Special Education
Jenna Lin	September 1, 2023	Mathematics
Melissa Tunstead	September 1, 2023	School Media Specialist (Library)
Samantha Zegal	September 1, 2023	Science

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KATHLEEN WALSH

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Kathleen Walsh from her position as a MS Teacher Aide, effective June 29, 2023 with retirement beginning June 30, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MEGAN LOCANTORE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the request from Megan Locantore for a Family Medical Leave of Absence beginning April 21 through July 27, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MICAELA GALLUCCI

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Kast, the request from Micaela Gallucci for a Childcare Leave of Absence for the 2023/2024 school year, using 30 sick days (September 5 – October 18, 2023), FMLA (October 19, 2023 – January 26, 2024) and an unpaid leave for the remainder of the school year, returning to her teaching position at the beginning of the 2024/2025 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LILLIAN MARTIN

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Donneson, the request from Lillian Martin for an unpaid Medical Leave of Absence beginning March 14 through June 23, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ALYSSA BERTOLINO

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resignation of Alyssa Bertolino from her position as an ES permanent substitute teacher, effective April 21, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BERNARD SHUSMAN

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resignation of Bernard Shusman from his position as an ES monitor, effective April 21, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

LINDAMARIE KIRBY

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Lindamarie Kirby from her position as an ES permanent substitute teacher, effective April 27, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KELLY IOCCA

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Kelly Iocca as follows, to be and hereby is approved.

Position	Start Date/End Date	Salary
HS substitute teacher	May 15, 2023	\$110/day
HS substitute teacher	Upon receipt of certification	\$125/day
HS Guidance Counselor Leave Replacement	May 22, 2023 thru June 23, 2023	\$150/day

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

MARIA COLLAZO

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Wright, the revision of ES Senior Office Assistant Maria Collazo's start date to be May 1, 2023, and her resignation to be effective May 1, 2023, to be and hereby is approved & accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SANDRA TUCCI

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Ms. Kast, the end date of May 15, 2023 of the appointment of Sandra Tucci as a MS provisional Office Assistant, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUMMER ACADEMY PROGRAM

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Kimberly Mercready as Assistant Summer Academy Program Director for the summer of 2022 at a stipend of \$3,135, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

VOLUNTEER COACHING APPOINTMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Nicholas Lynch as a volunteer football coach for the fall of the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

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

Zachary Arrasate
Julia Smith

Uncertified teacher
Teacher Aide

Vote: Yes 6 No 0
(Ms. Arrasate abstained)

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. Kast, second by Ms. Arrasate, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:50 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 8:45 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 8:45 p.m.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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