

October 2, 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 Library, on October 2, 2023.

Board of Education members present: Ms. Suzanne M. Mensch, Ms. Dawn Arrasate, Ms. Joyce Donneson, Mr. George R. Kast, Jr., Ms. Elizabeth Lanni-Hewitt, Mr. Halsey C. Stevens and Ms. Heather 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 14 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Elementary School staff gave a presentation on their instructional programs and supports.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the minutes of the September 18, 2023 Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

EAST QUOGUE SCHOOL DISTRICT

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a special education services contract with the East Quogue School District for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PITNEY BOWES

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Donneson, the resolution authorizing the execution of four (4) contracts with Pitney Bowes for postage equipment and software maintenance, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

KIDZ EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the resolution authorizing the execution of a consulting services contract with Kidz Educational Services for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

TEACHER CENTER CONTRACTS

On motion of Ms. Arrasate, second by Ms. Wright, the resolution authorizing the Board of Education President to execute three contracts (Renee Johnson, Christine Harrison & Kelly Hogan) for Teacher Center of the Western Hamptons classes, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

YOUTH & GOVERNMENT FIELD TRIP

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Wright, the request from Kelly Massaro to take approximately 48 students on an overnight field trip to attend the Youth & Government Conference in Albany, NY, November 19 - 21, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SAMANTHA ZEGEL

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the request from Samantha Zegel for a childcare leave of absence from her position as a HS Science Teacher utilizing 30 sick days (12/11/23 – 1/30/24), FMLA (1/31/24 – 5/3/24), an unpaid leave for the remainder of the school year, and returning to her position the beginning of the 2024/25 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DANIELLE MUSUMECI

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Danielle Musumeci as an ES RTI/Title 1 teacher, effective October 3, 2023 through June 7, 2024, for 6.5 hours/day at \$30/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ES RISE AFTER SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following ES staff members for the Elementary School RISE After School Instructional Support K-5 program, to be paid at the professional rate of \$50.22/hr., to be and hereby are approved:

Kerianne Beaver
Dawn Belson
Eileen Comer
Emily Dawson
Megan Fay
Tara Hudson
Kaleigh Locke

Lynne Marshall
Meaghan Moran
Jessica Nicholson
Thomas O'Leary
Lorraine Porcelli
Anmarie Steiner

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DENIZZIE KEARNS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the appointment of Denizzie Kearns as a HS Honor Society Foreign Language Advisor for the 2023/24 school year at a stipend of \$867, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of the following substitutes for the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved:

Raymond Grube Security
Pauline Schmidt Nurse

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JUDITH IANNONE

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Judith Iannone from her position as the Superintendent's Secretary/District Clerk for the purpose of retirement, her last day of employment to be December 29, 2023, with retirement beginning December 30, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ERIC NICHOLS

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the resignation of Eric Nichols from his position as Groundskeeper I for the purpose of retirement, effective October 2, 2023 with retirement beginning October 3, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING MODIFICATION

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Alexandra Ehrhart as Varsity Assistant Boys Soccer Coach to be modified to begin September 19, 2023 (instead of August 21, 2023) and with her compensation to be \$2,861.56 (instead of \$5,943.40), to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

The personnel postings were noted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:35 PM 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 8:40 PM, 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 8:40 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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