

November 27, 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 November 27, 2023.

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

Absent: Ms. Joyce Donneson and Mr. George R. Kast

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 4 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the minutes of the November 6, 2023, Board of Education meeting, to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Board reviewed the recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of 11/06, 11/08 and 11/14/23.

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, 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 5 No 0

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution to adopt the District's corrective action plan in response to the Internal Auditor's Risk Assessment Update Report dated August 1, 2023, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SAG HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Arrasate, the resolution authorizing the execution of a supplemental special education services contract with the Sag Harbor School District for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resolution authorizing the execution of three (3) transportation contracts (Regional, Field Trip and In-District/Non-Public) for the 2023/24 school year, as submitted, to be and hereby is adopted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

FALLON SCHMIDT

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Fallon Schmidt from her position as a MS perm sub, effective November 15, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

NOELLE OEHLER

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Noelle Oehler as a HS Science Leave Replacement Teacher, effective December 7, 2023 through June 26, 2024, at Step A1, BA, at a salary of \$52,525 (prorated), pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SARAH CAIN

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Sarah Cain as a HS Non-certified Permanent Substitute Teacher at a salary of \$116/day, effective November 28, 2023, and as a certified permanent substitute teacher once she receives her certification at a salary of \$150/day, through June 7, 2024, pending fingerprint clearance and receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

CARTER BARON

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Carter Baron as a MS Permanent Substitute Teacher effective November 20, 2023 through June 7, 2024, at a salary of \$150/day, pending receipt of official transcripts, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ES ENL HOMEWORK/EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the recommendation that all district teaching/professional staff be eligible to work the ES ENL Homework/Extended Day Program at the 2023/24 hourly rate of \$50.22/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

BRIAN MULLAHY

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Brian Mullahy as an ES Monitor effective November 28, 2023 at \$15/hr., pending receipt of fingerprint clearance, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

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

Patti Engel Clerical
Ana Garcia Clerical
Anne Coyle Clerical
Danielle Snyder Guard

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

ELIZABETH HOWSON

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the appointment of Elizabeth Howson as a food Service Worker effective November 28, 2023 at \$16.50/hr., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENT

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

Carter Baron	MS Wrestling	Step 1	\$4,193.37
Cory Gaudiello	Ass't Var Boys Basketball	Step 1	\$7,299.98

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

JAMES FORD

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from ES/HS PE Teacher, James Ford, to terminate his FMLA leave on November 17, 2023 in order to utilize 22 paid sick bank leave days as approved by the Westhampton Beach Teachers' Association, from November 20, 2023 through December 22, 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

SANTO SAGUTO

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the extension of the appointment of Santo Saguto as a 0.8 ES/HS Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher and a 0.2 FTE HS Permanent Substitute Teacher through December 22, 2023, after which time he will continue his HS Perm Sub Teacher position, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

JAKOB RESTREPO-BONET

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the addition of 0.2 FTE to Jacob Restrepo-Bonet's HS Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher appointment through December 22, 2023, after which time he will continue his 0.8 FTE HS Physical Education Teacher/0.2 FTE Perm Sub Teacher positions, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

PATRICIA SPOSATO

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the resignation of Patricia Sposato from her position as ES Monitor, effective November 20, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

DIANNA BERRY GOBLER

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Arrasate, the appointment of Dianna Berry Gobler to an additional 0.2 FTE HS Science Research Class effective November 28, 2023 through the remainder of the 2023/24 school year, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 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 Ms. Wright, the Board of Education to convene to Executive Session at 7:12 PM to discuss ongoing special education litigation, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 5 No 0

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:45 PM, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 6 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Stevens, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Judy Iannone, District Clerk

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