

WESTHAMPTON BEACH UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
340 Mill Road
Westhampton Beach, NY 11978



Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting held in the Elementary School Library
Monday, January 8, 2024 (7:00 PM)

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

Also present: Carolyn J. Probst, Superintendent of Schools; Lisa Rheaume, District Clerk; Bill Fisher, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Instruction; Jacqueline I. Pirro, Assistant Superintendent for Business; Jeremy Garritano, Elementary School Principal; Marykate Hill, Elementary School Assistant Principal; Sarah Drake, Art Teacher, and approximately 15 attendees.

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

The pledge was conducted.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

Sarah Drake, along with 4 elementary school students presented information about the art program and four different art showcases in the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Stevens, the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Board of Education meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by Mr. Stevens, the minutes of the December 14, 2023 Special Board of Education meeting, to be and are hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SPECIAL EDUCATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the recommendations and authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations of the Westhampton Beach UFSD CSE meetings of meetings of 11/30, 12/1, 12/4, 12/6, 12/7, 12/85, 12/12, 12/18, 12/20 and CPSE 12/4 to be and hereby are approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BID AWARD – ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE, SERVICE AND REPAIR

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the recommendation to award the electrical maintenance, service and repair to Roland's Electric Inc., for which they were the lowest bidder, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BID AWARD – PROFESSIONAL CONTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the recommendation to award the professional construction management services related to the remaining projects in the 2022 bond proposition to Park East Construction Corporation, for which they were the lowest bidder, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BID AWARD – CESSPOOL SERVICES

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation to award cesspool services to United Site Services, for which they were the lowest bidder, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resolution authorizing the execution of a Settlement Agreement Amendment with East Quogue School for an individual student, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

From	To	Amount
2630-500-00-02	2630-500-00-01	\$4,000.00
2630-500-00-03	2630-500-00-01	\$2,000.00

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DONATIONS

On the motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the donation from the NFL Football Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to be used for football equipment and non-personnel related costs in the athletic program, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On the motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Ms. Donneson, the donation from an anonymous local business in the amount of \$2,000 to be used towards unpaid lunch balances for the year ending 2023, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SEAN MADDEN

On the motion of Mr. Kast, second by Mr. Stevens, the request from Sean Madden for an intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) beginning December 5, 2023 through December 4, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

PHILIP MASTERSON

On the motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the request from Philip Masterson to return to work on January 16, 2024, revising his previously approved Medical Leave of Absence which was to end on February 3, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JAMES FORD

On the motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the request for James Ford to return to work on January 8, 2024, revising his previously approved return date of January 2, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SANTO SAGUTO

On the motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation to extend Santo Saguto's previously approved appointment as 0.8 FTE Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher assigned to the elementary and high schools and a .02 FTE Permanent Substitute Teacher, at \$150 per day through January 5, 2024, to be and hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JAKOB RESTREPO-BONET

On the motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, the recommendation to extend Jakob Restrepo-Bone's previously approved appointment as a 0.2 FTE Physical Education Leave Replacement Teacher through January 5, 2024, to be and hereby approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

CARTER BARON

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the resignation of Carter Baron from his position as a Middle School Permanent Substitute Teacher and his coaching position effective December 15, 2023, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

DIANA DAUTZENBERG

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Donneson, the resignation of Diana Dautzenberg from her position as 0.8 FTE Speech Teacher assigned to the Elementary School effective January 31, 2024, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Diana Dautzenberg as a District-Wide Speech Teacher effective February 1, 2024 with a four-year probationary period through January 31, 2028 in the tenure area of Speech – Remedial, at Step 3E, MA+10, at a salary of \$68,955 (prorated), to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, the appointment of Nancy Feliciano as an Elementary School Monitor effective January 9, 2024 at \$16/hr., pending fingerprint clearance, to be and hereby is accepted.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

WINTER RECREATION STAFF

On motion of Ms. Lannit-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of the following Elementary School Winter Reaction staff members beginning January 23, 2024 through March 22, 2024, as submitted, to be and hereby is accepted.

2024 Winter Recreation Program

<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Grades</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Salaries</u>
Anthony Cappiello	Director	K – 5	5 days	\$1,976
Kaleigh Locke	Sports	2-3-4-5	4 days (6 weeks)	\$720
Taryn Brown	Sports	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Jennifer Ferrantino	Sports	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Jackie DeCicco	Art / Drawing	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Danielle Musumeci	General Recreation	K – 1	3 days	\$780
Kim Mercready	Dance	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Kerri Beaver	Computers	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Gabriella Thomasch	Board Games	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Jessica Nicholson	American Sign Language	2-3-4-5	2 days	\$480
Total Salaries				\$6,776

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

VOLUNTEER COACHING RECOMMENDATION

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation of the following as volunteer coach, to be and hereby is approved.

Basketball Darren Yancey

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

SUBSTITUTES

On motion of Mr. Kast, second by Ms. Donneson, the appointment of the following substitutes, to be and hereby is approved.

- Non Certified Teacher - Madison Mannix
- Teacher Aide - William Zaffuto
- Custodian - Joseph Stepnowski
- Custodian - Peter Hudecek
- Guard - Matthew O'Reilly

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

NICHOLAS LOMONACO

On motion of Ms. Donneson, second by D. Arrasate, the resignation of Nicholas Lomonaco from his position as Groundskeeper I, effective January 8, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Ms. Lanni-Hewitt, second by Mr. Kast, the appointment of Nicolas Lomonaco as a Groundskeeper II, effective January 9, 2024 at \$61,032 (prorated).

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

JENNY PRICE

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Wright, the resignation of Jenny Price as the Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, effective January 3, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

COACHING APPOINTMENTS

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the following coaching appointments for the Middle School Early Winter season, to be and hereby are approved.

Basketball G	Robert Pinney	\$4,193.37
Wrestling	Logan O'hara	\$4,193.37
Volleyball B	Kyle Allen-Morabito	\$4,193.37

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH REGENTS PREP

On motion of Ms. Wright, second by Mr. Kast, the recommendation for the following teachers to provide English Regents Prep sessions to students prior to the ELA Regents exam on January 23, 2024, to be and hereby is approved.

Brooke Russell
Rebecca Sullivan

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

REPORTS

A posting for a Middle School Wrestling Coach was 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 7:21 p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation, to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Mr. Kast, the Board of Education to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:20 p.m., to be and hereby is approved.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Stevens, second by Ms. Arrasate, all business being completed, Ms. Mensch declared the meeting adjourned.

Vote: Yes 7 No 0



Lisa Rheume, District Clerk