

The **REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Video Conference Room on March 17, 2015 at 7:43 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Ms. Brohm, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling, Mr. Schindler and Mr. Trocchia. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Cleary, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community. Mr. Guercio arrived at 8:20 p.m.

Ms. Brohm turned the meeting over to Mr. Hogan to present Certificates of Achievement to a kindergartener Marisa Koller who won the LIFE (Language Is For Everyone) Contest and to senior Nadia LoPresti who was honored with a scholarship from the Art Supervisor Association.

Under **ROUTINE MATTERS** action was taken as follows:

**Docket #4-207:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on February 10, 2015, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #4-208:** The **MINUTES** of the Budget Workshop – Non-Instructional/Special Business Meeting held on March 3, 2015, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #4-209:** The **MINUTES** of the Budget Workshop - Instructional held on March 10, 2015, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were

presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #4-210:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended January 31, 2015, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

**Docket #4-211:** The **INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended February 28, 2015, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the report was placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** action took place as follows:

PTSA Representative, Loraine Magaraci, informed residents that the last meeting they had was long and full of information; March 18<sup>th</sup> is the day the three PTAs are e-mailing, tweeting, etc., the senator and the governor regarding the needed changes on costly mandates and the 2% Tax Cap and she asked that residents do the same to help the cause; and congratulated everyone on the Parent University night being a big success.

PTA Representatives, Caryn Siegelson, gave a report on Staff Appreciation Day that took place last week; Parent University was great; the Reflections meeting scheduled on March 30<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled and the next meeting is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Cornwell Avenue.

SEPTA Representative, Luisa Mistretta, thanked the Board for their continued support; thanked everyone involved with Parent University and the Nature's Vision fundraiser is coming up.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Hogan turned the meeting over to Joseph Cangemi, Director of Science, to give a presentation on science in the schools.

Mr. Cangemi thanked everyone for being there for the presentation. He began with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science Program, which includes curriculum, technology and STEM. Due to Common Core implementation, the District adjusted the curriculum to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), the Fusion Program, summer curriculum writing, AP curriculum and Specialized Programs. 11<sup>th</sup> grader, Sophia Figueroa, informed the Board that her Living Environment class, which is bilingual, has taught her a lot, she gets a lot of help and encouragement from the teachers and she loves the class. Under the Technology part of the presentation topics included the usage of Pasco, Google Classroom, Google Docs, Chromebooks, Ed Moto, NY Learns, Castle Learning, Wizard Test Generator, Cell Phone Technology and Instagram@RAMScience. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) portion covered the elementary schools' Fusion and STELLAR Program and the middle/high schools' Fusion, Lego Robotics, Vex Robotics and science research. Lego Robotics has six middle school teams that meet once a week and the top two teams will compete at Adelphi. Students Kevin Sarwan, David Cobos and Jithin Chacko explained their robots are built with four sensors (touch, motion, light and sound) and they program their own robots. Vex Robotics high school team made it to the State Competition Quarter Finals. Students Kannan Rajendran, Damian Kim and Eric Romano, gave a demonstration with the robot they built and explained the program is challenging but has given them some direction for their future. Other students Daniel Brioso, Yuvaraj Dhir and Nate Vaduthala, science research students, enjoy doing science research, which they thought would be boring but has been very fulfilling and taught them analytical thinking and has given them encouragement for the future. Ms. Brohm thanked Mr. Cangemi for a great presentation.

Mr. Hogan finished his report with coverage on Parent University being a remarkable evening and thanked Mr. Rehman and everyone involved; another Budget Workshop will take place on March 24<sup>th</sup>; the High School musical takes place on March 19, 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>; spring recess begins March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 13<sup>th</sup>; and lastly, asked permission from the Board to craft a letter to legislators regarding Albany's budget numbers being withheld. The Board approved and Mr. Trocchia asked that all Board members names be on the letter to sign.

Ms. Brohm then opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

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Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION** action took place as follows:

**Docket #4-212:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved as follows:

**Topic: Leave Replacement Appointment(s)**

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Certification</u></b> | <b><u>Salary</u></b> | <b><u>Effective</u></b>                                      |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Gallagher, Joanna  | Pre-K –6                    | \$67,589             | 3/2/15 – 6/30/15<br>plus neg. increase<br>(pro-rated)<br>SMA |

**Topic: Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement**

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Position</u></b>                  | <b><u>Salary</u></b>         | <b><u>Effective</u></b> |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Diehlmann, Mary    | Math Teacher                            | (Preferred Eligibility List) | 2/9/15                  |
| Horton, Ellen      | Elementary Teacher<br>George Washington | \$108,331                    | 6/30/15                 |
| Manes, Bonnie      | Reading Teacher<br>Cornwell Avenue      | \$108,331                    | 6/30/15                 |
| Scully, Rosanne    | English Teacher<br>High School          | \$120,725                    | 6/30/15                 |
| Walsh, Elizabeth   | Elementary Teacher<br>Cornwell Avenue   | \$114,200                    | 6/30/15                 |

**Topic: Leave(s) of Absence**

| <b><u>Name</u></b>  | <b><u>Position</u></b>                         | <b><u>From</u></b> | <b><u>To</u></b>              |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Benik, Tara         | Science Teacher<br>Middle School               | 9/1/2015           | 6/30/2016                     |
| Kachejian, Patricia | Elementary Teacher<br>George Washington School | 3/2/15             | 6/30/15                       |
| Rodriguez, Pedro    | Cleaner<br>High School                         | 3/3/15<br>(FMLA)   | Not to exceed<br>33 work days |
| Swittenberg, Tasha  | Teaching Assistant<br>Chestnut Street          | 3/30/15            | 4/1/15                        |

**Topic: Civil Service Appointments**

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Position</u></b>       | <b><u>Salary</u></b>              | <b><u>Effective</u></b> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cox, Durwood       | Custodian<br>Cornwell Avenue | \$46,195<br>(pro-rated)<br>Step 2 | 3/23/15                 |

**Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments**

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Salary</u></b> | <b><u>Position</u></b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Andress, Matthew   | \$90.00/day          | Teacher                |
| Mione, Alissa      | \$90.00/day          | Teacher                |
| Lonigro, Frank     | \$90.00/day          | Teacher                |
| Mascioli, James    | \$90.00/day          | Teacher                |
| Vickers, Sheila    | \$90.00/day          | Teacher                |
| Zigler, Janice     | \$90.00/day          | Teacher                |

**Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute Lists**

**Name**

Maidhof, Matthew

**Topic: Appointments for SAT Prep Courses**

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Position</u></b> | <b><u>Salary</u></b>                          |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|
| Bonfiglio, Jill    | ELA Prep Teacher       | \$67.00/hr. + neg. increase (10-hour maximum) |
| Ferina, Kimberly   | Math Prep Teacher      | \$67.00/hr. + neg. increase (10-hour maximum) |

**Docket #4-213:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility as follows:

**Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded**

| <b><u>Name</u></b> | <b><u>Activity</u></b>  |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Maidhof, Matthew   | MS Boys' Lacrosse Coach |

**Docket #4-214:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Amendment to Docket # 4-99 adopted on October 21, 2014.

**Docket #4-215:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the School Calendar for the 2015-16 school year.

**Docket #4-216:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the non-binding Nominations of BOCES Board Seats to Susan Bergtraum, Martin Kaye and Michael Weinick for election as Board Trustees effective July 1, 2015.

**Docket #4-217:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Agreement with Nassau BOCES Department of Instructional Programs and Alternative Schools – Regional Summer School Program.

**Docket #4-218:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Agreement with SCOPE Educational Services for the 2015-16 After School Child Care Program.

**Docket #4-219:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Agreement with SCOPE Educational Services for the 2015-16 Summer Program.

**Docket #4-220:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education and Consultant Services with Rosemary J. Rossano, RN and Vanderheyden Hall.

**Docket #4-221:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements 2014-15 with Garden City UFSD, Hempstead UFSD, Hicksville SD, Jericho UFSD, Malverne UFSD and Uniondale UFSD.

**Docket #4-222:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board Accepted the Donations of \$250.00 from SEPTA for the Achievement Dinner and \$26.14 from Target's Take Charge of Education to the Middle School.

**Docket #4-223:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, that pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 853, Laws of 1976, as amended, the Committees on Special Education and Pre-School Education recommend to the Board of Education placement, change of placement, and transfers of students, identified by number only, in the school indicated.

The **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS**, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and action items therein were considered as follows:

**Docket #4-224:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

**Docket #4-225:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

**Docket #4-226:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Allocation of Bullet Aid in the amount of \$75,000 through legislation sponsored by Senator Skelos for security system upgrades to Cornwell and George Washington schools.

**Docket #4-227:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

| <u>Organization</u>                                   | <u>Day/Time</u>   | <u>Room/ Field</u>         |
|---|---|----------------------------|
| <b><u>High School</u></b>                             |   |                            |
| Senior Prom Fashion Show Committee/<br>Parent Meeting | February 13, 2015<br>Friday<br>7:00 pm – 8:00 pm  | Video Conf. Rm.            |
| WHPTSA<br>Selling Ram Blankets                        | February 26, 2015<br>Thursday<br>6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  | Hallway                    |
| W.H. Chiefs Soccer Club                               | March 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015<br>Saturday<br>1:00 pm – Dusk<br>Sunday<br>12:00 pm – Dusk        | Fields                     |
| PTA Funday Zumba Fundraiser                           | 6:30 pm-10:00 pm  | Gym                        |
| WHPTSA<br>HS Program – Speaker                        | March 5, 2015<br>Thursday<br>8:15 am – 10:30 am   | Auditorium                 |
| PTSA Sr. Fashion Show Dress Rehearsal                 | April 28, 2015<br>Tuesday<br>6:45 pm-8:30 pm  | Auditorium                 |
| PTSA Sr. Fashion Show                                 | April 30, 2015<br>Wednesday<br>5:30 pm-9:30 pm  | Auditorium/<br>Music Rooms |
| PTSA 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Bake Sale                  | May 27- 28, 2015<br>6:00 pm-9:30 pm   | Lobby                      |
| <b><u>Middle School</u></b>                           |   |                            |
| Student Council<br>Spring Fling Dance                 | March 27, 2015<br>Friday<br>3:00 pm – 9:30 pm   | Cafeteria                  |
| WH Community Support Mtg.                             | March 24, 2015<br>Tuesday<br>7:00 pm-10:30 pm   | Cafeteria                  |
| WHLL  | March 15-August 1, 2015<br>Saturday-Sunday<br>10:00 am-Dusk<br>Monday-Friday<br>4:30 pm-Dusk    | Fields                     |
| <b><u>George Washington</u></b>                       |   |                            |
| W.H. Chiefs Soccer Club                               | March 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015<br>Sat. – Sun.<br>9:00 am – Dusk<br>Mon. – Fri.<br>4:00 pm – Dusk | Fields                     |
| PTA Book Fair   | March 4, 2015<br>Wednesday<br>6:00 pm – 9:30 pm   | Science Lab                |



### Eagle Avenue

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| W.H. Chiefs Soccer Club | March 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015<br>Sat. – Sun.<br>9:00 am – Dusk<br>Mon.– Fri.<br>4:00 pm – Dusk | Fields |
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### Cornwell Avenue

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|---|---|-----------|
| PTA Book Fair                                       | March 5, 2015<br>Thursday<br>6:00 pm – 9:30 pm                                      | Library   |
| PTA 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Fun Day Mtg.                | March 9, 2015<br>Monday<br>7:00 pm – 10:00 pm                                       | Cafeteria |
| PTA 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Talent Show<br>Fundraiser | 6:00 pm-11:00 pm<br>Friday  | Cafeteria |
| Young Israel WH<br>Baseball                         | March 15, 2015 – June 21, 2015<br>Sunday<br>11:00 am – 6:00 pm                      | Fields    |
| PTA 5th Grade Talent Show<br>Rehearsal              | March 27 & April 16, 2015<br>Thursday & Friday<br>6:00 pm-10:00 pm                  | Cafeteria |
| WHLL  | March 15-July 1, 2015<br>Saturday<br>10:00 am-Dusk<br>Monday-Friday<br>4:30 pm-Dusk | Fields    |
| PTA 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Day Mtg.              | March 30, 2015<br>Monday<br>7:00 pm-10:00 pm  | Library   |

### Chestnut Street

|                        |   |         |
|------------------------|---|---------|
| W.H Chiefs Soccer Club | March 1, 2015 – June 30, 2015<br>Saturday<br>9:00 am – 3:00 pm                    | Fields  |
| PTA Book Fair          | March 5, 2015<br>Thursday<br>3:00 pm – 5:00 pm                                    | Library |
| WHLL                   | March 15-July 1, 2015<br>Sunday<br>12:00 pm-Dusk<br>Monday-Friday<br>4:30 pm-Dusk | Fields  |

Under **OLD BUSINESS** action was taken as follows:

There was no old business to be addressed.

Under **NEW BUSINESS** action was taken as follows:

**Docket #4-228:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the Annual Meeting Date notice for the May 19, 2015 Budget Vote.

**Docket #4-229:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved Karen Brohm as the Chairperson for the Annual District Meeting on May 19, 2015.

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Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Ms. Brohm informed residents that there are three Board seats up this year. She also took a moment to congratulate Loraine Magaraci on her appointment as the West Hempstead Civic Association’s Person of the Year.

Ms. Brohm again opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

At 8:46 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of advice of counsel.

At 9:17 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board adjourned Executive Session to the Regular Business Meeting.

**Docket #4-230:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board denied a WHEA Grievance 14-15-1 and authorized the Board President to execute a response on behalf of the Board of Education.

At 9:18 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board adjourned back into Executive Session for the purposed of advice from counsel.

Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, Executive Session adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

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Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk