

The **ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Video Conference Room on July 2, 2013 at 7:36 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Six members of the Board: Ms. Brohm, Ms. Kurko, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling, Mr. Schindler and Mr. Trocchia. Ms. Lotito was absent. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Mestecky, Ms. Bryant and Ms. Girolamo.

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Following the call to order by Mr. John J. Hogan, Superintendent of Schools, the District Clerk gave the Oath of Office to elected Board Members Karen Brohm, Jennifer Kurko and Rudolf Schindler.

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The Acting Chairman, Mr. Hogan, then called for **NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**, whereupon Mr. Mariano nominated Karen Brohm to that office, seconded by Ms. Rilling. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Karen Brohm was declared elected as President by a vote of six to zero. The District Clerk then gave the Oath of Office to President Brohm.

Upon taking the Chair, the President called for **NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT**, whereupon Ms. Rilling nominated Vincent Trocchia to that office, seconded by Mr. Mariano. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Vincent Trocchia was declared elected as Vice-President by a vote of six to zero. The District Clerk then gave the Oath of Office to Vice President Trocchia.

**APPOINTMENTS** were made for the 2013 - 2014 school year as follows:

Upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried unanimously, Kathryn Girolamo was appointed as District Clerk and Secretary to the Board. Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, Theresa Bryant was appointed as Deputy District Clerk. Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, Cristina Spinelli was appointed as District Treasurer.

Ms. Brohm swore in Ms. Girolamo, and Ms. Girolamo then swore in Ms. Bryant.

Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried unanimously, Gina Gandolfo was appointed Deputy District Treasurer, the firm of Guercio & Guercio was appointed as Board Counsel, Dr. Eric Shoenfeld was appointed as Medical Inspector, the firm of Cullen & Danowski LLP was appointed as External Auditor, BJLJ was appointed Architect, the Public Relations appointment was tabled indefinitely, Michael T. Kearns was appointed as Internal Claims Auditor, Cerini & Associates LLP was appointed as Internal Auditor, Cristina Spinelli was appointed Financial Statement Accountant, Alvaro Escobar was appointed as Records Management Officer, Kathryn Girolamo was appointed Records Access Officer, Richard Cunningham was appointed Purchasing Agent and Ann Peluso was appointed Deputy Purchasing Agent, all for the 2013 - 2014 school year.

Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried unanimously, the following appointments were made:

**STANDING COMMITTEES** were appointed by the President as follows:

Building and Grounds	
1. Chestnut Street	J. Kurko/R. Schindler
2. Cornwell Ave.	K. Brohm/R. Schindler
3. Marian Delaney	J. Kurko/K. Brohm
4. George Washington	P. Lotito/V. Trocchia
5. Middle School	J. Mariano/C. Rilling
6. High School	J. Mariano/C. Rilling

Community and Private School Liaison	C. Rilling/P. Lotito
Liaison to PTA, PTSA and SEPTA	K. Brohm/J. Kurko P. Lotito/J. Mariano/C. Rilling
Liaison to Community Organizations	J. Kurko/P. Lotito/R. Schindler
Audit	Committee of the Whole Two Community Residents
Liaison to BOCES	This appointment was removed
Space Utilization Committee	Committee of the Whole
Sports Committee	V. Trocchia, Chairperson J. Mariano/P. Lotito/C. Rilling/K. Brohm Alternate
Health and Safety Liaison	K. Brohm/P. Lotito/R. Schindler
Liaison to Strategic Planning Committee	R. Schindler/P. Lotito/J. Mariano
Residents Budget Advisory Committee	This appointment was removed
Liaison to Community Cafes	This appointment was removed
Policy Committee	Chairperson – R. Schindler K. Brohm/J. Kurko
AHERA Compliance Officer	A. Vecchione

Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, Petty Cash Authorization was moved to the end of the agenda.

**BONDING:** On the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall be bonded as heretofore in the amount of \$900,000 each.

**DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORY:** On motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer be designated as signatory on payroll; that the Treasurer be designated for all other checks; that the Deputy Treasurer be designated as a signatory.

**DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY:** On motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried unanimously, Bank of America, Citibank, HSBC Bank USA, TD Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union (NEFCU) and/or Wells Fargo were designated as depositories for District funds, and upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried unanimously, Bank of America, TD Bank, JP Morgan Chase, Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union (NEFCU) and or Wells Fargo and/or Depository Trust Company were designated as paying agents for bond and bond coupon collection.

**DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS:** On motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, that the Beacon, Richner Publications (Herald), Newsday, The New York Times, Three Village Times, The Franklin Square Bulletin, the Patch and The Oceanside/Island Park Herald be designated as District newspapers.

**MILEAGE RATE FOR VEHICLES USED ON SCHOOL BUSINESS:** On motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, the Mileage Rate for Vehicles used on School Business was established at 56½ cents per mile.

Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, the Board authorized a \$100 Petty Cash Distribution to each school building and administration.

Mr. Hogan then addressed the Board of Education Goals for the 2013-14 school year. The Board approved the following goals:

- \* Promote academic excellence by improving student performance
- \* Evaluate the Mission Statement and vision for the West Hempstead School District in collaboration with key stakeholder groups.
- \* Review and revise, as may be necessary, the District's Strategic Plan.
- \* Actively promote the West Hempstead School District.

- \* Collaborate with the West Hempstead community in the area of budget development and information.
- \* Continue to foster collaboration with the Island Park School District and all the District's educational partners.

At 8:16 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Kurko and carried unanimously, the Annual Reorganization Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel on a litigation matter and to conduct personnel interviews.

At 9:33 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, Executive Session adjourned.

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Kathryn Girolamo