

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 January 28, 2014 at 7:48 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Brohm, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Ms. Kurko, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling, Mr. Schindler and Mr. Trocchia. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Sheahan, Mr. Mestecky, Ms. Spinelli, Ms. Bryant and members of the staff and community. Mr. Cunningham was absent.

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

Docket #3-202: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on December 17, 2013, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received. Mr. Mariano abstained.

Docket #3-203: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on January 4, 2014, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #3-204: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on January 7, 2014, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #3-205: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on January 14, 2014, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #3-206: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended November 30, 2013, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

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

PTA Representative, Kerry Mummendy, informed residents that assemblies were held in the elementary schools by representatives from the Islanders. They talked about anti-bullying, healthy habits and teamwork. There will also be a West Hempstead PTA Islanders Night on March 18th – New York Islanders vs. Minnesota. The annual PTA Social will be held on February 13th.

PTSA Representative, Loraine Magaraci, informed residents that the next PTSA meeting would be held on February 3rd. There will be a presentation on how the tax cap affects our students. She announced that the PTSA Social this year will be held on April 3rd at the Pompei – Murder Mystery “The Totally Cool 1980’s High School Reunion.” She encouraged all to attend.

Student Representative, Jamie Rodriguez, gave a report on school happenings that included: The boys’ basketball team’s success and the possibility of obtaining Conference title, a prom fashion show meeting on January 29th, the National Honor Society’s involvement with “Read Across America,” the annual blood drive, rehearsals for school play *Zombie Prom*, and a meeting for Family Literacy Night on January 30th.

The Board honored student Emma Shanley for submitting an essay to the Hofstra University/Bethpage Federal Credit Union *Celebration of Suburban Diversity* Contest and being awarded \$200.00, which will be used to purchase materials for this year's Family Literacy Night. The Board also recognized the Girls' Varsity Soccer team for being crowned Conference ABC 3 Champions finishing with an overall record of 12-2-1. Also honored was Coach Michael Scaturro for being named Conference Coach of the Year.

Mr. Hogan then took a moment to present a Board Achievement Award to Karen Brohm from the New York State School Boards Association. They recognized Mrs. Brohm for continually striving to expand her governance knowledge and skills.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Hogan asked Mrs. Peluso to give an Academic Update. Mrs. Peluso announced that teachers in kindergarten through fifth grade were implementing a New York State ELA module. The modules integrate curriculum areas including science and social studies. The modules selected by the teachers include: Kindergarten – Nursery Rhymes and Fables, First Grade – Fables and Stories, Second Grade – Fairy Tales and Tall Tales, Third Grade – the Power of Reading Around the World, Fourth Grade – Interdependent Roles in Colonial Times, Fifth Grade – Natural Disasters in the Western Hemisphere. At the close of the modules, we will evaluate the success, identify needed adjustments, and begin planning for next year.

Mr. Hogan then announced that there will be a policy meeting on Tuesday, February 4th. He spoke about the budget and explained that the Executive Budget has the District down about \$60,000. He announced that Strategic Planning meeting was moved to February 5th in the Middle School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. and another meeting on March 19th. He announced that about 20

Island Park students were coming to West Hempstead next year. He also discussed the possibility of adding a class advisor position at the Middle School.

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

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

Docket #3-207: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Abruzzo, Lynette	Assistant Director of PPS	\$117, 439	1/10/14
Gonzalez, Mauricio	Foreign Language Teacher	\$104,200	6/30/14

Topic: Leave of Absence(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
O'Connor-Lind, Jaime	Social Studies Teacher HS	1/16/14	3/17/14
Wezenter, Kate	Reading Teacher GW	2/14/14	6/30/14

Topic: Leave Replacement Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Anderson, Kerry	Reading GW	Literacy Early Childhood Education	\$59,141 plus negotiated increase (pro-rated) 2 MA	2/14/14-6/30/14
Walden, Sara	Social Studies HS	Social Studies 7-12	\$49,625 plus negotiated increase (pro-rated) 1 BA	1/16/14-3/17/14

Topic: Appointment of Monitor(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Hanna, Miliana	School Monitor	\$14.11/hr. plus neg. increase Step 1	1/22/14-6/26/14

Topic: **Appointment of Interim Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Tobin, Mona	\$600.00/day	1/31/14 – t/b/d

Topic: **Appointment of Per Diem Substitute(s)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Batres, Noe	Cleaner	\$11.36/hr.

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

Name
Paradiso, Janet

Topic: **Appointments for Elementary ELA/Math Prep Classes**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Hume, James	Math CA – 5 th grade	\$67.00 per hour plus neg. increase	3/20/14 3/27/14, 4/3/14 4/10/14, 4/24/14
Hume, James	ELA CA – 5 th grade	\$67.00 per hour plus neg. increase	2/10/14, 2/24/14 3/10/14, 3/24/14, 3/31/14

Topic: **Salary Credits**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Emouna, Jasmin	Social Worker HS	3 MA + 15	\$2,456 plus neg. increase	\$64,413
Ferguson, Lili	ESL Teacher GW	10 MA + 30	\$6,476 plus neg. increase	\$88,146
Gulisano, Stacy	Home and Careers Teacher – MS	2 BA + 60	\$2,344 plus neg. increase	\$61,485
Hutt, Tracy	PE Teacher HS	7 MA + 60	\$2,903 plus neg. increase	\$84,834
Jacobson, Pamela	Home and Careers Teachers - HS	2 BA + 60	\$2,344 plus neg. increase	\$61,485
Klafter, Jaclyn	ELA Teacher MS	3 MA + 15	\$2,456 plus neg. increase	\$64,413
Mejia, Natasha	Foreign Language Teacher – HS	5 MA + 45	\$2,680 plus neg. increase	\$75,629
Towers, Dianna	Special Ed Teacher HS	2 BA + 30	\$4,690 plus neg. increase	\$56,796
Walls, Miriam	Special Ed Teacher MS	5 MA + 30	\$2,680 plus neg. increase	\$72,949

Docket #3-208: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Certification of Lead Evaluator to Carolyn Probst.

Docket #3-209: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, a motion was made to discuss this docket. A vote was taken to accept the calendar as

written; Ms. Brohm, Ms. Kurko, and Mr. Schindler all yes votes, – Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Trocchia all no votes. Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, a motion was made to vote on amending the school calendar to include one additional day for students; Ms. Brohm, Ms. Kurko, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Schindler all no votes - Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano and Mr. Trocchia all yes votes. This docket failed.

Docket #3-210: Upon the motion of Ms. Kurko, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release.

Docket #3-211: Upon the motion of Ms. Kurko, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education Services with Bellmore UFSD and Seaford UFSD.

Docket #3-212: Upon the motion of Ms. Kurko, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the expense of \$275.00 for the 2013-14 Yearbook ad.

Docket #3-213: Upon the motion of Ms. Kurko, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board accepted the donations of \$490.11 from Box Tops for Education for George Washington School; \$300.00 from a private donor for the enhancement of geography education and a Digital Sign donated by the West Hempstead Rotary Club to be placed on the West Hempstead Public Library property.

Docket #3-214: Upon the motion of Ms. Kurko, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, 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 DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT**, 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 #3-215: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #3-216: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #3-217: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Transfer of Funds from Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve.

Docket #3-218: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
WH Elementary PTA	01/31/14 6:00–9:30 p.m. Supermarket Bingo to Support 5 th Grade Fun Day	Cafeteria
CORNWELL AVENUE		
Girl Scout Troop 1107	02/07/14 6:30–9:00 p.m. Daisy Cookie Kickoff	Cafeteria

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

There was no old business to be addressed.

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

The following policies and dockets were approved to be discussed at the February 4, 2014

Policy Meeting:

3-219 Policy 3444 Purchasing

- 3-220 Policy 4271 Grievance Procedures for Non-Certificated and Non-Represented Staff Members
- 3-221 Policy 5120 District Attendance
- 3-222 Policy 5140 Athletic Selection/Classification

Docket #3-223: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense for Board members and District Administration to attend the Hofstra University's 16th Annual Conference on February 25, 2014.

Docket #3-224: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense for Board members and District Administration to attend NSSBA's conference on January 30, 2014.

Docket #3-225: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense for Board members and District Administration to attend Meds PDN's workshop on March 28, 2014.

Docket #3-226: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense for Board members and District Administration to attend NYSSBA's FIS 213: Building a Multi-Year Budgeting Model for Financial Success on February 12, 2014.

Docket #3-227: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board approved the memorandum of Agreement with the West Hempstead Aides Association for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

Docket #3-228: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, The Board approved a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – There was no discussion.

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

At 8:56 p.m. the meeting was adjourned by Ms. Brohm, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven.

Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk