

The **SPECIAL 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 11, 2014 at 7:42 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. Cunningham, Mr. Fleck, Mr. Vecchione, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community.

Ms. Brohm opened the Special Business Meeting.

Docket #3-247: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss the Veterans' Exemption. Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board tabled this docket.

Docket #3-248: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Appointment of Interim CPSE Chairperson

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Pangallo, Lorraine	\$500/day	3/17/14 – t/b/d

Topic: Probationary Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>End of Probation</u>
Mayer, Elyssa	School Psychologist	School Psychologist	\$63,830 2 MA + 30	3/12/14	3/12/17

Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Special Business Meeting to the Budget Workshop – Instructional Program.

Ms. Brohm then turned the meeting over to Mr. Hogan who informed the audience that the Instructional portion of the Budget would be discussed, which is the core and educational mission of the District. There is still a \$550,000 gap in revenues and expenditures and we are down \$50,000 in State Aid and are hoping for an increase after the State adopts their budget on April 1st.

Mr. Hogan then turned the meeting over to Mr. Cunningham who stated that Albany is still in the process of piecing things together. The formal adoption of the Budget is on April 22nd. Governor Cuomo's proposed budget takes \$1,460,670 away from West Hempstead through the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and if that is eliminated, there will be no gap in our Budget. He covered changes since the March 4th meeting, which included moving \$4,000 to K-12 Field Trips and Special Events and removing \$4,000 from Consultant – GASB Compliance. The *Educator* mails between 5,500 to 6,000 to residents; Fiscal Advisor – expenditures driven by level of TAN borrowing and other financed projects; alarm upgrades submittal to SED will drive up costs and will not be in the 2014-15 budget planning; and asbestos abatement – decision to contract work is driven by risk management and insurance and that is why we don't elect to do these projects in house. Mr. Cunningham also covered enrollment numbers and projections. He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Peluso.

Under **CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ITEMS** – Staff and community members were given copies of the Proposed 2014 - 2015 Budget. They were invited to

ask questions on any items as the Board and Administration discussed the various items listed in these reports.

Ms. Peluso started with the Strategic Plan 2011-14, which is in the process of being revised for 2014-17; Common Core implementation with shifts in ELA and math; 21st Century Skills; Instructional Themes that included pursuing passion, timely intervention, supporting all learners, technology integration, continuity/coordination, alignment of curriculum and instruction with Common Core and commitment to continuous improvement. Enhancements through Grants included Virtual AP Grant – BOCES Consortium and STLE Grant – strengthening teacher and leader capacity.

Ms. Peluso then began her PowerPoint presentation on the instructional portion of the budget that covers Instructional Account Codes - 2000s – Administration and Improvement; 2100s – Regular School Program; 2200s – Special Apportionment Programs; 2300s – Teaching Other Special Schools; 2600s – Instructional Media and 2800s – Pupil Services.

Under the 2000s – Administration and Improvement - These codes are dedicated to curriculum development, supervision and general education administration (non-teaching) for grades K – 12. 2010 codes are dedicated to Curriculum Development and Supervision - Common Core standards, 21st Century learning skills, science fusion in grades 2-8 and technology integration.

Under 2020s – Supervision of Regular Schools – Includes salary for the building administrators and office staff for five schools and materials and supplies for the operation of the five school offices.

Under 2100s – Regular School Program – Includes all appropriations associated with daily general education instruction including instructional salaries, contracted instructional services, equipment, textbooks, materials and supplies. Chestnut Street’s staff has 9.87 FTE general education teachers, physical education, art, music, library, reading instruction and ESL; Cornwell Avenue and George Washington’s staff has 47.3 FTE general education teachers, physical education, art, music, library, reading, math AIS instruction and ESL; Middle School has 31.6 FTE general education teachers, physical education, art, music, technology, home and careers, library, reading instruction and ESL and the High School has 50.1 FTE general education teachers, physical education, art, music, business education, home and careers, library, reading instruction and ESL.

Instructional Goals for 2014-15 include ongoing focus on academic achievement of all students; provision of timely intervention and support; continued expansion of AP and enrichment opportunities; encouraging the pursuit of passions; expansion of technology integration and engaging families in the process.

Under 2200s – Special Apportionment Programs, Special Education and Occupational Education – Teacher, teaching assistant and aide positions are being evaluated as CSE’s take place. Staffing will be based on need. The budget currently includes appropriations for 46.0 FTE Special Education positions. These teachers serve our five public schools, HANC and St. Thomas. New program initiatives – Rising Stars Program – addition of summer programs for children with autism spectrum disorder; Co-teaching enhancement (9-12) and SAT review classes.

Under 2300s – Other Special Schools. This portion covered the Senior Citizens program codes.

Under 2600s – Instructional Media – Includes appropriations for school libraries, the Office of Director of Technology, computer aided instruction, computer equipment, supplies, software and computer repair. Also covered were appropriations for four professional staff – 2 librarians and 2 STELLAR teachers; 21st Century Skills; library materials for five public schools, HANC and St. Thomas and financing computer purchases over three years.

Under 2800s – Pupil Services – Includes appropriations for student attendance, guidance, health services, psychology services, social work services, co-curricular activities and interscholastic activities. Pupil Services provide for social, emotional and physical health. These qualities have significant impact on student success and character development.

Ms. Peluso then went on to cover Character Education, which included community service, Key Club, Athletes Helping Athletes; Student Council; leadership/mentoring; matching 12th with 9th graders; SWAG – Students with Abilities for Greatness; anti-bullying campaigns; Bucket Fillers program and Second Step.

The Board asked questions after each section and residents were also permitted to ask questions at the conclusion of each section covered and at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Cunningham then gave a tax levy limit update, Projected Revenue Budget as of March 11th, and the next steps that include awaiting the passage of the NYS budget, continuing to refine the expenditure and revenue picture and discussing final expenditure

and revenue recommendations at the April 1st meeting. The Board and Administration will continue to refine the proposed budget until it is formally adopted on April 22nd.

At 10:00 p.m. upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Budget Workshop was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, Executive Session ended at 10:55 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk