

The **REGULAR 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 September 11, 2012 at 7:35 p.m.

PRESENT: Five members of the Board: Ms. Brohm, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano and Ms. Rilling. Mr. Schindler was absent. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Spinelli and Ms. Girolamo. Ms. Di Miceli arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Mr. Mariano began the meeting by announcing the resignation of the Board President, Walter Ejnes, who is moving to Florida. The first order of business was to elect a new Board President.

Mr. Mariano then called for **NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**, whereupon Ms. Rilling nominated James Mariano to that office, seconded by Ms. Brohm. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. James Mariano was declared elected as President by a vote of four to zero. Ms. Di Miceli was not present for the vote. The District Clerk then gave the Oath of Office to President Mariano.

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

Mr. Mariano announced that Island Park Board President, Diana Caracciolo, was in attendance.

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

Docket #2-55: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Monthly Business Meeting held on August 21, 2012, 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 Ms. Lotito and carried by five, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #2-56: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for July 2012 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 Ms. Brohm and carried by five, 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** – Mr. Mariano informed the residents that on September 5th the Board President and Vice President met with Island Park's Board President and Vice President, along with the respective district administrators. It was an informal get together to discuss current and future happenings. Island Park discussed their meeting with the Long Beach Board of Education and our Open House with our teachers being present and classrooms open for viewing. In Long Beach district teachers explained what they give to students over a four-year period. Three Long Beach students changed their minds and chose to come to West Hempstead and many Island Park children chose the school where their friends would be attending. Island Park praised Debra Strell, Director of Guidance, because they like her presentations and informative College Night. He stated there will be more communication

between the Boards and they will try to meet every two months. Island Park requested earlier alerts as to what is happening in our schools. Mr. Mariano said he was impressed by Island Park's "Community Day" and asked for more information on it. He feels it would be a great thing for West Hempstead. The next possible meeting date is December 3rd. Mr. Hogan added 8th grade ELA Island Park teachers will meet with ours, and math teachers also. The PTSA will be going to Island Park in October.

Student Council Representatives, Samra Farooz and Junior August, gave their report on their first meeting, which included bringing Sumo wrestling back and a pie-throwing contest; school spirit is good; freshman are fitting in nicely, as well as Island Park students; girls' varsity volleyball won their recent tournament against other schools; boys' varsity volleyball also won; boys' varsity football team won their first game; cross country has a meet on September 20th; September 12th is the first Key Club meeting for their officers; SADD will be in West Hempstead in the next few weeks; and freshman orientation was the last week of August.

PTSA representative, Mrs. Magaraci, told residents that their first meeting on September 10th was a huge success and many new parents were in attendance; Mr. Mistretta gave a great presentation on athletics; she thanked Mr. Hogan for being in attendance and sitting down and speaking with the kids; and they will be at Lincoln Orens in Island Park on October 18th. The PTA's report given by Ms. Martinez discussed Chestnut Street's Back to School Night where they encouraged parents to join PTA; Back to School Tea at Chestnut on September 12th, Back to School Nights - Cornwell's on September 13th and George Washington's on September 19th. Pocket calendars now on sale and membership in PTA gets one free. SEPTA's Lauren Lee spoke on the presentation the first day of school, Chestnut teacher, Mr. Iannello,

showed his special education classroom to members; October 3rd is the first meeting date with two others in that month and homework workshops for all students.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan began with introducing Ms. Townley from WSBOCES, who gave a presentation on demographics in West Hempstead. Her presentation included enrollment on Long Island vs. West Hempstead from 2005-11 and future 2011-14; enrollment trends from 1994 – 2021; births on Long Island and West Hempstead; the town’s population; factors affecting enrollment that included housing and non-public enrollment; other demographics, which included age distribution, ethnic composition, housing sales and children per household. Ms. Townley continued with kindergarten and displacement; migration patterns; enrollment K-12; facility utilization present and projected and elementary and secondary instructional space. She also visited Eagle Avenue school to observe space and classrooms there to determine if classes can be shifted. The Board then asked any questions they had.

Mr. Hogan then gave his report on the opening of school; themes and goals for the year; 9/11 thoughts and we must stop to remember; and then publicly thanked Mr. Ejnes for four years of Board dedication as a trustee and president, of placing students first, and that he never thought of himself – it was all for the children. Mr. Mariano stated that Mr. Ejnes had to fill a “big pair of shoes’ when he got on the Board he far exceeded just being a trustee, he personally will miss him, he learned from him, he added a lot to the District along with his wife and their work in SEPTA, and wished him and his wife the best. Mr. Hogan announced that the budget vote date is incorrect on the calendar and the proper date is May 21st.

Mr. Mariano then opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION** action took

place as follows:

Docket #2-57: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Resignation Request(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Albinder, Eric	Director of Music and Related Arts	\$126,822	10/12/2012
Mariano, Christine	Teaching Assistant Cornwell Avenue	\$17.07/hr.	8/31/2012
Pellechi, JoAnne	Monitor George Washington	\$15.40/hr.	8/28/2012

Topic: Appointment Rescinded

Danielle Lazaro Part-time reading teacher assigned to Chestnut Street School

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>
Lazaro, Danielle	Elementary Teacher CA	Pre-K, K and Grades 1-6	\$72,116	9/1/12 6 MA + 15	9/1/14

Topic: Appointment of Part-time teacher(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Wood, Katie	Reading Teacher Chestnut Street	\$63,816 (pro-rated) (.5)	9/1/12 – 6/30/13

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Castoro, Tierney	\$90.00/day
Holz, Denise	\$90.00/day
Snyder, Annette	\$90.00/day
Wood, Katie	\$90.00/day (pro-rated)

Topic: Annual Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
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DiRaimondo, Brian	School Monitor George Washington	\$14.11/hr. + neg. increase Step 1	9/12/12 – 6/21/13
Lavin, Kimberly	School Monitor High School	\$14.11/hr. + neg. increase Step 1	9/12/12 – 6/21/13
Stelluto, Adrienne	School Monitor Chestnut Street	\$14.11/hr. + neg. increase Step 1	9/12/12 – 6/21/13

Docket #2-58: At 9:16 p.m. upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, the Board convened to Executive Session to discuss this docket. At 9:26 p.m. upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by four, the Board reconvened the Regular Business Meeting. Ms. Brohm was not present for the vote. Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by four, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position/Activity</u>
<u>High School</u>		
DiPasquale, Daniel	\$769.00	National Tri-M Music Society Co-Advisor

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position/Activity</u>
<u>High School</u>		
DiPasquale, Daniel	\$1,538.00	National Tri-M Music Society Advisor
Emouna, Jasmine	\$ 980.00	Leadership Club Advisor
Grey, Colin	\$1,551.00	INK BLOT Editor
Loveland, Jill	\$ 930.00	INK BLOT Art Editor
Tammany, Jillian	\$ 980.00	Leadership Club Advisor
<u>Middle School</u>		
Caruthers, Matthew	\$2,482.00	Audio Visual Service
<u>Elementary</u>		
Heckler, Wayne	\$1,672.00	District Band Advisor

**Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Two-Hour Workshops**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Workshop</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Abruzzo, Lynette	Co-Teaching Strategies Level I	\$ 75.00 per hour	11/7/12
Abruzzo, Lynette	Co-Teaching Strategies Level II	\$ 75.00 per hour	1/9/13
Cali, Anthony	IPads, Beginners	\$100.00 per hour	11/28/12
Cali, Anthony	Electronic Productivity Tools For Professionals	\$100.00 per hour	1/30/13

Cali, Anthony	Professional Reading Discussion Group I	\$100.00 per hour	1/16/13
Cali, Anthony	Professional Reading Discussion Group II	\$100.00 per hour	2/6/13
Loewy, Ellen	Co-Teaching Strategies Level I	\$ 75.00 per hour	11/7/12
Loewy, Ellen	Co-Teaching Strategies Level II	\$ 75.00 per hour	1/9/13
Rehman, Daniel	IPads, Intermediate	\$100.00 per hour	12/12/12
Rehman, Daniel	IPads, Advanced	\$100.00 per hour	1/23/13
Rehman, Daniel	Interactive Whiteboards Beginners	\$100.00 per hour	11/26/12
Rehman, Daniel	Interactive Whiteboards Intermediate	\$100.00 per hour	3/13/13
Rehman, Daniel	Interactive Whiteboards Advanced	\$100.00 per hour	4/13/13

Ms. Brohm returned to the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Docket #2-59: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, the Board approved the Tenure Appointment of Robert Manca, Technology Teacher.

Docket #2-60: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, the Board approved the Amendments to Dockets 2-27 and 2-32 adopted on August 21, 2012.

Docket #2-61: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, the Board approved the Title I Proposal for the 2012 – 2013 school year.

Docket #2-62: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by four, Ms. Brohm, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano and Ms. Rilling accepted, Ms. Di Miceli opposed, the Board approved the Budget Timetable for the 2012-2013 school year.

Docket #2-62a: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, the Board approved the appraisal of the Marian Delaney Property and authorized Guercio & Guercio LLP to obtain an appraisal of the property.

Docket #2-63: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education Instructional and Consultant Services with Ellen Anzovino, Lisa Marie Fox, Islip Tutoring Service, Inc., Levittown School District and St. James Tutoring.

Docket #2-64: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, the Board rescinded the Contract for Special Education with Mary E. McDermott, RN.

Docket #2-65: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, 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 #2-66: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #2-67: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #2-68: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by five, the Board approved the Investigative Service Cooperative Bid for 2012-13.

Docket #2-69: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, the Board authorized Petty Cash funds in the amount of \$100 for each school and Administration as per Policies #3444 and #3375.

Docket #2-70: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by five, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
CORNWELL AVENUE		
SEPTA	10/03/12, 10/17/12, 10/24/12 01/09/13, 03/06/13, 05/08/13	Library

& 06/05/13
7:30-9:30 p.m.
Meetings

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Girl Scouts of Nassau County 10/04/12-06/20/13 Multipurpose Room
Every Other Thurs – 3:15-4:45 p.m.
Meetings

HIGH SCHOOL

SEPTA 11/01/12 Cafeteria
7:30-9:30 p.m.
Meeting

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

Ms. Di Miceli requested that Docket #2-34 be removed from the table. Mr. Mariano asked for a motion for this to be moved to the October meeting.

Docket #2-34: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, this docket was tabled to the October meeting.

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

Dockets #2-71 thru 2-91: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, Dockets 2-71 thru 2-91 were motioned to be discussed at the October 9th Policy meeting.

Docket #2-92: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of the Superintendent to attend The Council of School Superintendents' 2012 Fall Leadership Summit on September 23-25, 2012.

Docket #2-93: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, the docket for an appointment of Vincent Trocchia to the Board Vacancy was discussed. Vote taken as follows: Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano and Ms. Rilling for, Ms. Di Miceli against, Ms. Brohm abstained, this motion did not pass.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Board Vacancy. Discussion continued on the Board vacancy. Ms. Di Miceli inquired if they should leave the seat empty. Mr. Mariano stated a six-member Board has disadvantages because of possible tie votes. We can

leave the seat empty, appoint someone or have a special election. Ms. Brohm and Ms. Di Miceli feel we should get resumes from residents interested in filling the seat; Mr. Mariano does not want a special election, nor does Ms. Rilling; and Ms. Lotito wants the discussion of residents' resumes in Executive Session. It was agreed to appoint someone to the seat and they asked Administration to place their request on the website and announce to the media, along with the requirements. The deadline for resumes was determined to be Friday, September 21st.

Mr. Mariano again opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

At 10:35 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, the Board broke for Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel records of particular individuals and to discuss Marian Delaney.

At 11:30 p.m. upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by four, Ms. Di Miceli left at 11:25 p.m., the Board adjourned Executive Session

Kathryn Girolamo