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The **POLICY MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Video Conference Room on October 9, 2012 at 7:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Mariano, who presided, and four other members of the Board: Ms. Brohm, Ms. Di Miceli and Mr. Schindler. Ms. Lotito arrived at 7:39 p.m. Ms. Rilling was absent. Also present were Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Girolamo and members of the community. Mr. Mestecky arrived at 8:15 p.m. Mr. Sheahan arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Docket #2-71 **Policy 2200 – Sexual Harassment** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #2-72 **Policy 3363 – Credit Cards** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: First paragraph omit the sentence, “Job titles that will be issued a district credit card shall be listed in Administrative Regulations.” Second paragraph to read, “...limited to the Superintendent, Board of Education President and District Clerk.” Fourth paragraph, last line to read “...officials to personal financial liability.” Fifth paragraph to read “ ...officials, up to and including termination.” The Board requested “termination” be clarified by counsel. Sixth paragraph to read “...documentation for each and every charge to the credit card,....” And add line “Such documentation must be provided to the Business Office within two (2) weeks of the charge.”

Docket #2-73 **Policy 3364 – Cellular Telephones** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the addition of a third paragraph to read, “District officials who have been issued cellular telephones must take proper care of the same, and take all reasonable precautions against damage, loss or theft. Any damage, loss or theft must be reported immediately to the Business Office. Failure to take proper care of the District-issued cellular telephone may result in discipline of the District official and/or personal liability to the District official.”

Docket #2-74 **Policy 3443 – Investments** – It was unanimously agreed to that this Policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the addition of “The Board shall review this policy annually at a Policy meeting.”

Docket #2-75 **Policy 3444 – Purchasing** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the addition of “The District shall comply with the requirements of General Municipal Law §103-g, which prohibits, with few exceptions, competitive bidding contracts with entities that invest significantly in the Iranian energy sector, as outlined in the accompanying regulation. Ref: Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-195).”

Docket #2-76 **Policy 4351 – Tax Sheltered Annuities** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #2-77 **Policy 4352 – Cafeteria Services for All Personnel** - It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption with the following addition, “The cost of meals and services will not be subsidized by the District.”

Docket #2-78 **Policy 5120 – Attendance** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board. It was also unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the February Policy Meeting for updates for the next school year.

Docket #2-79 **Policy 5121 – Corporal Punishment** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption with the following changes: Second and third paragraphs to be deleted. Fourth paragraph amended to read:

When an employee finds himself/herself in a situation in which alternative procedures and methods that do not involve the use of physical force cannot reasonably be used, reasonable force may be used to:

- (a) Protect himself/herself, another student, teacher or any person from physical injury;
- (b) Protect the property of the school or others;
- (c) Restrain or remove an individual whose behavior interferes with the orderly exercise and performance of school district functions, powers and duties, if that student has refused to refrain from further disruptive acts.

Also, the addition of last sentence, “The District will file all complaints about the use of corporal punishment with the Commissioner of Education in accordance with Commissioner’s regulations.”

Docket #2-80 **Policy 5123 – School Conduct and Discipline – Handicapped**

Students – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be repealed at the October 16th Business Meeting.

Docket #2-81 **Policy 5124 – Student Possession of Weapons** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be amended at the October 16th Business Meeting with the following changes: Addition to second paragraph, “muffler, firearm lancer,firearm, dagger, dangerous knife, dirk, razor, stiletto, imitation pistol,.....” Add in third paragraph, fourth line, ...“suspension of one calendar year or more.”

Docket #2-82 **Policy 5153 – Immunization of Students** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be adopted as amended at the October 16th Business Meeting, with the following change: Paragraph one, third line to read, “.....against certain illnesses” and remove the words, “measles, polio, diphtheria, mumps, rubella varicella, Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) and hepatitis B.

Docket #2-83 **Policy 5154 – Disturbances** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be repealed at the October 16th Business Meeting.

Docket #2-84 **Policy 5162 – Free School Lunches for Needy Students** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption with the following changes: Title to read, “Free School Lunches for Qualified Students.” First paragraph, “.....lunches for qualified students.....”. OR to use NYSSBA’s full policy named, “Free and Reduced Price Food Services.” Policies will be given to counsel for advisement.

Docket #2-85 **Policy 6113 – Released Time for Special Instruction** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be adopted as amended at the October 16th Business Meeting with the following changes: First paragraph, last line, remove “Ruling” and add, “Regulation 109.2.” Second paragraph, last line, omit “administrative regulations” and add the words, “District Attendance Policy 5120.”

Docket #2-86 **Policy 6114 – Drills for Emergencies** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be repealed at the October 16th Business Meeting.

Docket #2-87 **Policy 8343 – Procedure to be Followed in Assigning Items to Board Meeting Agenda** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting Agenda for reaffirmation.

Docket #2-88 **Policy 8350 – Membership in School Boards Associations** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption with the following change: First paragraph, third line, ...“and Suffolk County subdivision.”

Docket #2-89 **Policy 8360 – Reports to the Board** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption with the following changes: Under #5, fourth line, remove the word “facsimile” and the next paragraph to read, “This policy is not meant to preclude the administration from making to the Board any other reports on subjects not herein covered specifically.”

Docket #2-90 **Policy 8370 – Building Inspection** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be tabled to the December Policy Meeting.

Docket #2-91 **Policy 9280 – School Board Member Ethics** – It was unanimously agreed that this policy be tabled to the December Policy Meeting.

At 9:48 p.m. the Policy Meeting was adjourned.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk