

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 March 19, 2013 at 7:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Mariano, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Brohm, Ms. Lotito, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Trocchia. Mr. Schindler arrived at 7:45 p.m. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Spinelli, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community. Mr. Guercio arrived at 9:10 p.m.

Before the meeting began, Mr. Hogan presented two Certificates of Achievement. The first went to Alex Capetandes, who was selected as an Art Supervisors Association Senior Scholarship Award recipient. He was honored by the Association this past Sunday at a ceremony held at Adelphi University. The event was a true celebration of the visual arts for the students and their families, art educators and administrators. Alex's artwork was displayed with a gold seal designating it as a scholarship recipient. Second to be honored was Tyree Glascoe, Senior Captain of the Boys' Varsity basketball team. Tyree was a three-year varsity starter and a point guard for the Rams. As a sophomore, Tyree was selected All-Conference. He was selected All-County his junior and senior years and was named Co-Conference Player of the Year this past season while averaging 22.0 points per game. In his final High School game, Tyree became on the fifth player in West Hempstead High School history to record 1,000 points during their Varsity career.

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

Docket #2-248: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on February 12, 2013, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were

presented, and upon motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by five, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #2-249: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on February 26, 2013, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by five, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #2-250: The **MINUTES** of the Budget Workshop – Non-Instructional held on March 5, 2013, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by five, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #2-251: The **MINUTES** of the Budget Workshop – Instructional held on March 12, 2013, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Brohm and carried by five, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #2-252: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended January 31, 2013, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Mr. Schindler arrived at 7:45 p.m.

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

PTA Co-President Irene Martinez announced that Parents As Reading Partners is underway and the Book Fair will take place in four weeks; Staff Appreciation Day is March 20th; Supermarket Bingo is on April 12th and April 3rd is Spring Photo Day.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Hogan turned the meeting over to Mr. Rehman and Ms. Murray for a presentation on Social Studies. Mr. Rehman thanked the Board and explained the four points for teaching students are motivation, encouragement, teamwork and is it good for everyone. He explained Common Core for K-5 and grades 6-12; grade level meetings so the District is “vertical” with Common Core standards and building one Social Studies community across the United States. Ms. Murray covered literacy in History/Social Studies for grades 6-12, which included a focus on discipline-specific vocabulary; an acknowledgment of unique text structures found in informational text; the expectation that students will read and write in non-ELA classrooms; the expectation that students will develop informational/technical writing skills and a focus on critical analysis and evidence. Mr. Rehman continued that they stress comprehension and analyzing to help students become life-long learners. Ms. Murray stated for K-5 there are reading and writing standards, an integration of all disciplines and social understanding. Regents honor level begins in 7th grade. For the Middle School, 6th graders learn about the eastern hemisphere, 7th graders learn US History up to 1865 and 8th graders learn US History from 1865 to the present. She informed the Board that they are updating instructional materials as we speak to align our standards to the Common Core standards. We have had 19 class winners in the Geography Bee and one will continue on to the state finals. Mr. Rehman covered grades 9-12 beginning with curriculum writing, which includes Economics, Global 9, Global 10 and US History. The High School course offerings are 9th grade – Regents and Honors Level Global; 10th grade – Regents and AP Level Global; 11th

grade – Regents and College/AP Level US History and 12th grade – Regents and Honors/College & AP Level Economics and Government. High School electives include AP World, US History and Government, Virtual AP (microeconomics and macroeconomics) and additional electives of criminal justice, ethics and psychology. The goal is working towards 100% passing and increased mastery in the Global History and US History Regents exams. Mr. Rehman also covered Regents L3/L4 results, Regents passing results and examining the recent Regents results to use data to enhance our programs. The Board then asked questions on the presentation.

Mr. Hogan then continued with his report. He began with a PowerPoint presentation on Common Core State Standards – the New National Initiative. Common Core State Standards establish consistency across the states; provide a shared vision for teachers and administrators and provide a shared vision of what students should know and be able to do. 46 states and Washington DC have adopted the Common Core Standards. He explained there are six shifts in ELA literacy – 1) balancing informational and literary text; 2) building knowledge in the disciplines; 3) staircase of complexity; 4) text-based answers; 5) writing from sources and 6) academic vocabulary. Covered next was building knowledge in the disciplines: K-12 where every teacher is a teacher of literacy and reading types across the grade levels. Mr. Hogan then spoke on the six shifts in mathematics: focus, coherence, fluency, deep understanding, applications and dual intensity. Goals of the Common Core are ensuring college and career readiness for all; rigorous curriculum and instruction; assessing what students know and can do and using assessment data to improve student learning and to improve teaching practices. He explained to the Board that beginning with the current school year NYSED is re-designing its assessment program to measure what students know and can do relative to the grade level Common Core State Standards. It's a new program with new exams, which will be more difficult for the students to take and it is expected that fewer students will perform at or above

grade level. The cut points still are not known. Specific changes are increases in rigor, focus on text and depth of math. Mr. Hogan touched base on PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College/Careers), an alliance of 22 states, educating nearly 25 million students, that are working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in English and Math anchored in what it takes to be ready for college and careers. PARCC goals include: creating high-quality assessments; building a pathway to college and career readiness for all students; supporting educators in the classroom; developing 21st Century technology-based assessments; advancing accountability at all levels and building an assessment that is sustainable and affordable. Mr. Hogan finished his presentation with an implementation timeline and Common Core resources.

Mr. Hogan finished his report by stating we are still awaiting on Albany to adopt their budget; on April 2nd the District will have another Budget Workshop; half-day dismissal at the elementary schools and schools and offices will be closed next week to return on April 1st. He reminded the audience that the Budget Vote is on 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 #2-253: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

<u>Topic:</u> Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Warren, Prudence	Librarian CA/CS	\$120,725	6/30/13

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>
Bourazeris, Dean	Teaching Assistant MS	Social Studies 7-12	\$17.95/hour Step 1	3/18/13	3/18/16

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Hairston, Patricia	Cleaner	\$11.36/hr.
Nadav, Michelle	Teacher	\$90.00/day

Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute Lists

Name

Pfisterer, Barbara

Topic: Appointment of Frost Valley Chaperones and Approval of Comp Days

Joseph Bonasia	Jaelyn Klafter
Joseph Castoro	Alison Messana
Jeffrey Eisen	Suzanne Parker-Hall
Barbara Hafner	Lauren Piazza
	Karen Terwilliger

Topic: Appointments for Fall Curriculum Writing Projects

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Geiger, Erin	Social Studies Grade 7	\$167.36 per day (1 day maximum)
Nappi, Gina	Social Studies Grade 7	\$167.36 per day (1 day maximum)
Santarelli, Margaret	Social Studies Grade 7	\$167.36 per day (1 day maximum)

Topic: Appointments for Elementary ELA/Math Prep Classes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ganley, Theresa	Math/ELA Substitute	\$67.00 per hour	2/27/13 – 4/3/13

Docket #2-254: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Amendment to Docket #2-234 adopted on February 12, 2013.

Docket #2-255: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Agreement with SCOPE Educational Services for the After School Child Care Program for the school year 2013-14.

Docket #2-256: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board accepted the donation of \$350.00 from a private donor to be used for the enhancement of geography education.

Docket #2-257: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, 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 #2-258: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #2-259: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #2-260: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the bid for Health Supplies for the 2013-14 school year.

Docket #2-261: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the bid for Printing of School District Calendars for the 2013-14 school year.

Docket #2-262: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the bid for Subscriptions to Periodicals for the 2013-14 school year.

Docket #2-263: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved two license agreements with Edge Software totaling \$1,300.00 for the 2013-14 school year.

Docket #2-264: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board tabled this docket.

Docket #2-265: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Allocation of Insurance Recoveries for Cornwell Avenue and Hurricane Sandy.

Docket #2-266: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Allocation of Bullet Aid to continue instructional technology initiative.

Docket #2-267: Upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
HIGH SCHOOL		
PTSA	03/12/13 7:00-9:00 p.m. Fashion Show Committee Meeting	Cafeteria
WH PAL	03/25/13-06/03/13 Sun – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Track & Field Activities	Track
YIWH	04/01/13-06/24/13 Mon – 7:30-10:00 p.m. Basketball	Gym
WH Basketball Association	04/05/13-05/31/13 Fri – 7:30-10:00 p.m. Basketball	Gym
WH Lions Club	04/20/13 5:00-11:00 p.m. Play	Auditorium

CORNWELL AVENUE

WH Little League 03/20/13-06/30/13 Baseball Fields
Mon-Fri – 5:00 p.m.-Dark
Sun – 6:00 p.m.-Dark
Baseball & Softball Practice & Games

YIWH 03/24/13-06/30/13 Gym
Sun – 7:30-10:00 p.m.
Basketball

CHESTNUT STREET SCHOOL

WH Little League 03/20/13-06/30/13 Baseball Fields
Mon-Fri – 5:00 p.m.-Dark
Sun – 11:00 a.m.-Dark
Baseball & Softball Practice & Games

YIWH 03/24/13-06/23/13 Softball Field
Sun – 8:00-11:00 a.m.
Softball

MIDDLE SCHOOL

WH Little League 03/20/13-06/30/13 Baseball Fields
Mon-Fri – 5:00 p.m.-Dark
Sat & Sun – 9:00 a.m.-Dark
Baseball & Softball Practice & Games

WHEPTA 04/12/13 Cafeteria
6:30-11:00 p.m.
Bingo

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

There was no old business to be addressed.

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

Docket #2-268: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board approved the Annual Meeting Date notice.

Docket #2-269: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board appointed James Mariano to be Chairperson for the Annual District Meeting.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – No action was taken.

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

At 9:28 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Brohm, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations, legal counsel and a personnel issue.

At 11:18 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, Executive Session was adjourned.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk