

The **ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on July 12, 2011 at 7:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Six members of the Board: Ms. Di Miceli, Mr. Ejnes, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Schindler. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Castonguay and Ms. Girolamo.

Following the call to order by Mr. John J. Hogan, Superintendent of Schools, the District Clerk gave the Oath of Office to elected Board Members Walter Ejnes and Pamela Lotito.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Hogan, then called for **NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**, whereupon Ms. Lotito nominated Walter Ejnes to that office, seconded by Ms. Rilling. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Walter Ejnes was declared elected as President by a vote of four to two, Ms. Di Miceli and Mr. Schindler against. The District Clerk then gave the Oath of Office to President Ejnes.

Upon taking the Chair, the President called for **NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT**, whereupon Ms. Rilling nominated James Mariano to that office, seconded by Ms. Lotito. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. James Mariano was declared elected as Vice-President by a vote of four to two, Ms. Di Miceli and Mr. Schindler against.

Mr. Ejnes publicly thanked Ms. Lotito for serving as President and for the great job she did while serving that position and will reach to her for guidance if need be.

APPOINTMENTS were made for the 2011 - 2012 school year as follows:

Upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried unanimously, Kathryn Girolamo was appointed as District Clerk and Secretary to the Board. Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, Theresa Bryant was appointed as Deputy District Clerk. Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, Diane Castonguay was appointed as District Treasurer.

Mr. Ejnes swore in Ms. Girolamo, and Ms. Girolamo then swore in Ms. Castonguay.

Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried unanimously, Gina Smith was appointed Deputy District Treasurer. Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, the firm of Guercio & Guercio was appointed as Board Counsel. Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, Dr. Eric Shoenfeld was appointed as Medical Inspector. Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, the firm of Cullen & Danowski LLP was appointed as External Auditor. Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, BJLJ was appointed Architect. Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried unanimously, the Public Relations appointment was tabled . Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli and carried unanimously, Thomas McLaughlin was appointed as Internal Claims Auditor. Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli and carried unanimously, Sheehan and Company was appointed as Internal Auditor. Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, Diane Castonguay was appointed Financial Statement Accountant. Upon the

motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried unanimously, Alvaro Escobar was appointed as Records Management Officer. Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, Kathryn Girolamo was appointed Records Access Officer. Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, Richard Cunningham was appointed Purchasing Agent. Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried unanimously, Ann Peluso was appointed Deputy Purchasing Agent, all for the 2011 - 2012 school year.

STANDING COMMITTEES were appointed by the President as follows:

Building and Grounds	
1. Chestnut Street	W. Ejnes/R. Schindler
2. Cornwell Ave.	C. Di Miceli/R. Schindler
3. Marian Delaney	C. Di Miceli/W. Ejnes
4. George Washington	R. Schindler/P. Lotito
5. Middle School	J. Mariano/C. Rilling
6. High School	J. Mariano/C. Rilling
Fiscal Affairs	Committee of the Whole
Community and Private School Liaison	C. Rilling/P. Lotito
Liaison to PTA, PTSA and SEPTA	J. Mariano/C. Rilling/W. Ejnes P. Lotito/ C. Di Miceli
Liaison to the Civic Association	P. Lotito/ W. Ejnes
Audit	Committee of the Whole Two Community Residents
Liaison to BOCES	C. Di Miceli
Space Utilization Committee	Committee of the Whole
Sports Committee	J. Mariano, Chairperson C. Di Miceli, C. Rilling P. Lotito Alternate
Health and Safety Liaison	J. Mariano/P. Lotito/R. Schindler
Liaison to Strategic Planning Committee	R. Schindler/P. Lotito/J. Mariano
Superintendent Evaluation Committee	was removed.
Residents Budget Advisory Committee	Co-Chairpersons – P. Lotito/J. Mariano C. Di Miceli Five or six residents/ R. Cunningham
Policy Committee	Chairperson – C. Di Miceli W. Ejnes/R. Schindler

BONDING: On the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall be bonded as heretofore in the amount of \$900,000 each.

DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORY: On motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli, and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer be designated as signatory on payroll; Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer be designated for all other checks; Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried unanimously, that the Deputy Treasurer be designated as a signatory.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY: On motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried unanimously, Bank of America, Citibank, HSBC Bank USA, State Bank of Long Island, TD Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank and/or Wells Fargo were designated as depositories for District funds, and upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried unanimously, Bank of America, State Street Bank and Trust, Wells Fargo, JP Morgan Chase, TD Bank and/or Depository Trust Company were designated as paying agents for bond and bond coupon collection.

DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS: On motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried unanimously, that the Beacon, Richner Publications (Herald), Newsday, The New York Times, Three Village Times, The Franklin Square Bulletin, the Patch and The Oceanside/Island Park Herald be designated as district newspapers.

MILEAGE RATE FOR VEHICLES USED ON SCHOOL BUSINESS: On motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried unanimously, the Mileage Rate for Vehicles used on School Business was established at 50 cents per mile.

At 8:37 p.m., upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried unanimously, the Annual Reorganization Meeting was adjourned and convened to a Business Meeting.

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

Docket #1-1: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on June 21, 2011, 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 Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #1-2: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for May 2011 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by six, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 1 – 59, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – No Committee reports were given.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan began his report with an update to the recent flood at Cornwell Avenue School discussing what was damaged and the repairs being underway; APPR Committee held its first meeting on Thursday, July 7th; the High School Principal search has begun; BOCES High School summer school is being held at the Middle School; summer remediation work for 6th, 7th and 8th graders is taking place and is grant funded; pre-kindergarteners are working at Chestnut Street, also grant funded; and finished his report with reference to the closing of the books for the school year 2010-11 and preparation for the auditors' review of the District's financial statements.

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

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

Docket #1-3: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

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>
Kayaian, Dana	Sp. Education HS 7-12	Students with Disabilities	\$81,935 7 MA + 60	9/1/11	9/1/13
Mills, Adam	Sp. Education HS K-12	Students with Disabilities	\$65,279 5 MA	9/1/11	9/1/13
Walls, Miriam	Sp. Education MS 5-9	Students with Disabilities	\$62,559 4 MA	9/1/11	9/1/13

Topic: Substitute Teaching Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Blane, Karen	Speech and Hearing	\$69,674 (pro-rated)	6/14/11-6/24/11

Topic: Appointment of Monitor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Marmara, Mary Rose	1:1 monitor	\$15.40 /hr. plus neg. increase	7/5/11 – 7/29/11

Topic: Appointments for Summer Curriculum Writing Projects

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Acocella, Donna	Continued Integration of Science/Health Instruction (Grades 1-5)	\$164.06 per day (5 hour day) (7/12, 7/13)
Ferrigno, Robert	English (Grade 12)	\$164.06 per day (5 hour day) (7/5, 7/7, 7/8)
O'Farrell, Kathleen	English (Grade 12)	\$164.06 per day (5 hour day) (7/5, 7/7, 7/8)
Scully, Rosanne	English (Grade 12)	\$164.06 per day (5 hour day) (7/5, 7/7, 7/8)

Terwilliger, Karen English
(Grades 6-8) \$164.06 per day (5 hour day)
(7/5, 7/6, 7/7)

Topic: Appointment for Summer Curriculum Writing Projects Rescinded

Name Project
Scully, Rosanne English Grades 6-8

Topic: Appointment of Mentors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Hawxhurst, Dianne	Special Education	\$632.15
Kaminsky, Laurie	Special Education	\$632.15
Shinners, Laurie	Home and Careers	\$632.15

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Miller, Reva	School Nurse High School	6/8/11 and 6/9/11
Murray, Stacey	Clerk-Typist Administration	7/6/11 to 9/28/11

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Albinder, Eric	Co-Advisor Nat'l Tri-M Music	\$ 754.00
Albinder, Eric	Pit Director	\$2,257.00
Alexander, Tom	Co-Advisor SADD	\$ 480.00
Benson, Melissa	Choreographer – Drama	\$1,656.00
Benson, Melissa	Co-Advisor Mathletes Grades 10-12	\$ 887.00
Brown, Adam	Detention Supervisor	\$ 35.10
	(per 40 min. session)	
Carlsen, Eric	Marching Band Director	\$3,645.00
Carlsen, Eric	Stage Band Director	\$ 806.00
DiMartino, Marisa	Central Treasurer	\$3,961.00
DiPasquale, Daniel	Stage Director – Drama	\$2,917.00
DiPasquale, Daniel	Co-Advisor Nat'l Tri-M Music	\$ 754.00
DiPasquale, Daniel	String Ensemble Director	\$ 960.00
DiPasquale, Susanne	Kickline Advisor	\$3,281.00
Ehikioya, Obozua	Boys' JV Assistant Football Coach	\$4,593.00
Emouna, Jasmine	Co-Advisor SADD	\$ 480.00
Gewirtz, Robert	Boys' Winter Track Coach	\$6,077.00
Gordon, Pamela	National Art Honor Society Advisor	\$1,508.00
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Gunyan, Nancy	Detention Supervisor	\$ 35.10
	(per 40 min. session)	
Hanna, Chad	Grade 12 Advisor	\$4,247.00
Heckler, Wayne	Co-Director – Drama	\$2,117.00
Kane, Joseph	Co-Director – Drama	\$2,117.00
Karalius, Elisa	Detention Supervisor	\$ 35.10
	(per 40 min. session)	

Kelly, Frank	Boys' JV Assistant Football Coach	\$4,593.00
Kufta, Jared	RAMPAGE Advisor	\$3,281.00
Lambo, Michele	Key Club Supervisor	\$2,082.00
Marion, Diane	Detention Supervisor	\$ 35.10
	(per 40 min. session)	
McVetty, Patricia	Assistant Band Director	\$2,917.00
McVetty, Patricia	Music Director – Drama	\$2,917.00
Nappi, Gina	Girls' Varsity Swim Coach	\$5,100.00
Ragin, Linda	Class Night Coordinator	\$1,204.00
Ragin, Linda	Homecoming Coordinator	\$1,204.00
Rowland, Cathieann	Co-Advisor Matheletes Grds 10-12	\$ 887.00
Schrieber, Karen	Student Council Advisor	\$4,759.00
Scully, Rosanne	Yearbook Advisor	\$4,234.00
Seeberger, Donna	Assistant Class Night Coordinator	\$ 657.00
Senia, Christopher	Matheletes Advisor – Grade 9	\$1,400.00

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Basile, Michele	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Blyskal, Terrence	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Caruthers, Matthew	Audio Visual Coordinator	\$2,433.00
Cuiman, Sylvia	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Cuiman, Sylvia	Detention Supervisor	\$ 26.33
	(per 30 min. session)	
Cuiman, Sylvia	Student Council Advisor	\$3,404.00
Eisen, Jeffrey	Homework Center Supervisor	\$ 64.71
	(per hour)	
Eisen, Jeffrey	Matheletes Advisor – Grade 6	\$ 960.00
Gould, Dina	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Gould, Dina	Detention Supervisor	\$ 26.33
	(per 30 min. session)	
Kaminsky, Laurie	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Keblish, Alexandra	Homework Center Supervisor	\$ 64.71
	(per hour)	
Keblish, Alexandra	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Manca, Robert	Computer Club Advisor	\$ 960.00
	(per 10 sessions)	
Minchik, Richard	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Navarra, Steven	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,743.00
Oster, Seven	Stage Director	\$1,639.00
Parker-Hall, Suzanne	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Parker-Hall, Suzanne	National Jr. Honor Society Advisor	\$1,226.00
Puccio, Victoria	Detention Supervisor	\$ 26.33
	(per 30 min. session)	
Santarelli, Margaret	Yearbook Editor	\$1,652.00
Santarelli, Margaret	Yearbook Art Editor	\$1,094.00
Sweet, Elaine	Homework Center Supervisor	\$ 64.71
	(per hour)	
Sweet, Elaine	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,751.00
Sweet, Elaine	Detention Supervisor	\$ 26.33
	(per 30 min. session)	
Sweet, Elaine	Central Treasurer	\$2,318.00
Sweet, Elaine	Matheletes Advisor – Grades 7-8	\$1,400.00
Terwilliger, Karen	Computer Club Advisor	\$ 960.00
	(per 10 sessions)	
Zivny, Jessica	Drama Club Advisor	\$2,318.00

Docket #1-5: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six,

a resolution was adopted that the Board of Education, West Hempstead Union Free School

District, approve the contract with Guercio & Guercio, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the contract attached herein.

Docket #1-6: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by six, the Board approved the Contracts with Administrative Personnel.

Docket #1-7: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by six, the Board approved the Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract.

At this point of the meeting, upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli and carried by six, the Board broke for an Executive Session to discuss employment history of a particular person at 9:22 p.m. and reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

Docket #1-8: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by six, the Board extended the Individual Services Contracts for 60 days.

Docket #1-9: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli, and carried by six, the Board approved the Amendments to Dockets 0-264, 0-303 and 0-304.

Docket #1-10: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the Health & Welfare Service Agreements.

Docket #1-11: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education Instructional and Consultant Services.

Docket #1-12: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted as follows:

The following Gross Budget in the West Hempstead Union Free School District in the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, for the school year 2011 - 2012 is hereby fixed at

\$54,397,183 for School purposes, and \$3,307,657 for Library purposes, having a combined total of \$57,704,840.

The net amount which must be raised by taxation is hereby fixed at \$39,843,764 for School purposes, and \$3,248,757 for Library purposes having a combined total of \$43,092,521.

The Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to notify the Assessors Office that the net amount which must be raised by taxes is \$43,092,521.

Docket #1-13: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, religious holidays for the school year 2011 - 2012 be adopted and recognized only for the purpose of adjusting average daily attendance as follows:

October 13 -14	-	Sukkot
October 20	-	Shemini Atzeret
October 21	-	Simchat Torah
December 8	-	Immaculate Conception
December 21-22	-	Hanukkah
January 6	-	Feast of the Epiphany
February 8	-	Tu B'Shvat
February 22	-	Ash Wednesday
March 8	-	Purim
May 17	-	Ascension Thursday
May 27-28	-	Shavuot

Docket #1-14: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli, and carried by six, the Board approved the Nomination of Area 11 Director of the New York State School Boards Association to Susan Bergtraum.

Docket #1-15: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by six, the Board approved the Sixth Grade Trip to Frost Valley.

Docket #1-16: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by six, the Board accepted donations.

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 #1-17: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #1-18: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by six, the Board approved the Participation in a Cooperative Bid Coordinated by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County for Various Commodities and/or Services.

Docket #1-19: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the contract of Food Service Consultant.

Docket #1-20: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by six, the Board approved the contract of School Insurance Group to act as insurance brokers for the District.

Docket #1-21: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the Transfer of Funds from Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve.

Docket #1-22: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by five, Ms. Rilling opposed, the Board approved the Agreement with MSG Varsity Network LLC.

Docket #1-23: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the Prices for Milk and Student Meals for 2011-12 school year.

Docket #1-24: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board approved the agreement with the American Legion for the summer.

Docket #1-25: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by six, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
WH Chiefs Soccer Club	9/1/11 – 12/31/11 Sat & Sun – 9am – Dusk Soccer Games	Fields
GEORGE WASHINGTON		
Girls Scouts	9/29/11 – 6/21/12 Alternate Thursdays 3:15 pm – 4:45pm Meetings	Classroom
Girl Scouts	10/14/11 – 6/22/12 1 st & 3 rd Fridays - 3:15pm – 5pm Meetings	Multi Purpose Room
WH Youth Football	8/1/11 – 12/5/11 Mon – Friday - 5:30pm – 8:30pm Football Practice	Fields
WH Chiefs Soccer Club	9/1/11 – 12/31/11 Sat & Sun - 11am – Dusk Soccer Games & Practice	Fields
WH Youth Football	8/1/11 – 12/5/11 Saturdays - 9am – 11am Football Practice	Fields

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

Docket #0-323: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli, and carried by six, the Board approved the agreement with Municipal Leasing Consultants.

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

Docket #1-26: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by five, Mr. Schindler opposed, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board Members or Administrators to attend SCOPE's Annual Dinner Meeting on August 10, 2011.

Docket #1-27 Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Lotito, 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.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Ms. Di Miceli asked the Board and Administration if we can pursue paperless Board meetings, receiving more information on the subject. She stated that NYSSBA supports the Board Docs programs. Mr. Ejnes stated he likes the idea and it was shelved prior to this due to lack of funds. He feels it is worth re-visiting and maybe now costs have come down. Mr. Mariano informed the newer Board members there was a study done by Administration on the cost of paper on running Board meetings and the cost for Board Docs was five times greater than printing out the paper, but he would also like to pursue it. Ms. Rilling feels we are in dire economic times and the money for the computers for Board Docs is better spent on the education of the students. Mr. Schindler inquired if we know how many schools use Board Docs and stated that iPads and PCs are much cheaper now. Mr. Cunningham asked if they want a total change or document management solution.

Ms. Di Miceli asked about the new 2% Tax Cap law and that there are a lot of unknowns. Mr. Cunningham confirmed much of the wording in the law needs clarification. She asked if the District can reach out to other districts to collaborate to lower costs.

Mr. Cunningham answered that, “Yes we can. We can also now collaborate with municipalities, not just other schools.” Ms. Di Miceli asked to begin work on the budget process earlier, have cost savings conversations and informing the public what the 2% tax cap really means so they will be informed voters come election time. Mr. Schindler brought up the summer school program and asked again if the District can do away with it? He stated mandate relief triggers are the most painful in the budget process. Mr. Hogan stated we need more education on the new law and we need to know that costly items are still mandated. Mr. Cunningham stated that all through the year the District is working on ways to cut costs, not just at budget time.

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

Under **FUTURE MEETING DATES** the date of July 19, Board of Education Policy Meeting, was changed to reflect a Special Business Meeting opening at 7:00 p.m. and going directly into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pertaining to the employment record of a particular individual, will take place prior to the Policy Meeting. They expect the Policy Meeting to begin around 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Ejnes then stated, *“Before bringing this meeting to a close, I would like to say a few words regarding Tony Brita, who resigned from the Board effective June 30. I would like to thank Tony for his hard work and dedication to the District during his four years as a board member. We all wish him well in his future endeavors.*

At 10:45 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session to discuss WHASA negotiations and legal matters pertaining to personnel. The Executive Session ended at 12:30 a.m.

Kathryn Girolamo