

A **SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Faculty Room at 7:15 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ejnes, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Di Miceli, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Schindler. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Sheahan.

Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board moved to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Board vacancy. Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Executive Session ended at 7:40 p.m.

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 September 20, 2011 at 7:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ejnes, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Di Miceli, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Schindler. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Castonguay, Ms. Bryant and members of the staff and community. Mr. Gregory Guercio arrived at 9:30 p.m.

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

Docket #1-58: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on August 16, 2011, 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 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 #1-59: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on September 13, 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 #1-60: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for July 2011 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, 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.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Ms. Magaraci read a statement on behalf of Ms. DiMarco (PTSA). She welcomed Mr. Rehman and stated that the first PTSA meeting was held the previous evening. The overall tone was upbeat, proud and united. PTSA began their fundraising with membership and Ram Pride wear. She announced that the next meeting would be held on October 17th in the High School Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Lee (SEPTA) also welcomed Mr. Rehman. She announced a change in the first meeting date of SEPTA from September 28, 2011 to October 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. She invited all to meet the Special Education teachers and professional staff followed by a presentation by Edward Nitkewicz, Esq. on Bullying and Our Children.

Ms. Martinez (PTA) announced that the Chestnut Street Back-to-School Night was wonderful and that the PTA Welcome Tea was a success. They have started working on their membership campaign - pocket calendars will be given to all those who join. PTA's first meeting will be on Monday, September 26th at 7:30 p.m. at George Washington School.

Student Council Co-Presidents Briahana Mauge and Nhychelle Lowe reported on the following: upcoming Pep-Rally, the Rams' varsity football victories, club reports and the request from Island Park students for a 7:15 p.m. late bus.

Ms. Di Miceli gave a report on the Policy Committee, which met on September 1st. They discussed certain policies and information received from NYSSBA.

Ms. Di Miceli said she attended the PTSA meeting the previous evening, along with Mr. Ejnes and Mr. Mariano, and announced that the students from National Honor Society will be available to tutor, and that WHEA pledged 100% participation in PTA/PTSA/SEPTA.

Mr. Cunningham gave a report on the Green Team Kickoff Meeting, which met on September 14th. He explained that the Green Team was an outgrowth of work done by Mr. Bonasia. Some ideas discussed were: school gardens, environmental education and decrease in water usage.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan spoke about Academic Achievement and what the District was doing to accomplish it – including the Strategic Plan, which could be viewed on the website, faculty input, opening meetings with students and with faculty, back-to-school emphasis, linkages to Common Core, APPR, PTAs, community meetings, open office hours, summer curriculum in Science K-5, Art 6-8, Physical Education K-5, Spanish 4,5 and AP, Word Study 4-5, Critical Writing 8, access codes to Study Island, Castle Learning and Power School, data and inquiry teams at the building level, eight additional Smart Boards, professional development, push in model to support our ESL students, the joy of learning and the combined efforts of school and parents. Mr. Hogan spoke about relations with Island Park and that the Board of Education, he and various staff members, would be attending Island Park meetings on September 26th, October 17th and October 24th. On November 15th eighth grade students from Island Park, will be shadowing students at the High School. A similar experience will be coordinated for our eighth

grade students. Mr. Hogan reported on efforts to improve community involvement by holding listening meetings with District Administration, Open Office Hours, Green Team, Roundtables, early Budget Meeting and Site Based Team Meetings. Mr. Hogan encouraged all to register at Stop and Shop for their Reward Program. He spoke about the 9-11 remembrances at the schools and the Chestnut Street Principalship. Mr. Hogan turned the meeting over to Mr. Banfield who gave a quick overview of the Annual Visual Inspections.

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

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

Docket #1-61, 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:

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>
Korsak, Kristin	School Psychologist	School Psychologist	\$58,713 1MA + 30	9/1/11	9/1/14

Topic: Leave-Replacement Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Blane, Karen	Speech and Hearing Handicapped	Speech Teacher GW	\$76,327 (pro-rated) 7MA + 30	9/21/11-6/22/12

Topic: Resignation Request(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Alexander, Thomas	School Counselor	\$88, 237	9/23/11

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Boison, Allison	\$90.00/day
Cappuccio, Maria	\$90.00/day
Chilelli, Marisa	\$90.00/day

Crotty, Joseph	\$90.00/day
Dombrowski, Daniel	\$90.00/day
Flatley, Irene	\$90.00/day
Foley, Kimberly	\$90.00/day
Gallo, Maria	\$90.00/day
Hill, Jennifer	\$90.00/day
Holtz, Denise	\$90.00/day
Kiernan, Michelle	\$90.00/day
Klein, Erin	\$90.00/day
Leighton, Michael	\$90.00/day
Mendez, Vivian	\$90.00/day
Paone, David	\$90.00/day
Thomas, Donna	\$90.00/day
Trani, James	\$90.00/day
Vaccaro, Susan	\$90.00/day

Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Davin, Colleen	9/21/11

Topic: Annual Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
DiGiovanni, Matthew	Football Chain Holder	\$33.00 (per Friday game) \$38.00 (per Saturday game)	9/21/11 – 6/30/12
Oge, Axandre	Football Chain Holder	\$33.00 (per Friday game) \$38.00 (per Saturday game)	9/21/11 – 6/30/12

Docket #1-62: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position/Activity</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Alexander, Thomas	\$441.19/day	Guidance HS	8/23, 8/29, 8/30 8/31, 9/1
Boles, AnneMarie	\$46.46/hr.	Summer CSE	8/10
Bongiorno-Fenick Angela	\$321.84/day	Summer Physicals	8/10, 8/17
Cangialosi, Connie	\$543.34/day \$551.49/day	Guidance MS	6/28 8/29, 8/30, 8/31
Caruthers, Matthew	\$512.29/day \$519.97/day	Guidance	6/28 8/29, 8/30, 8/31
DeStasio, Kathy	\$286.39/day (pro-rated)	Summer Physicals	8/10, 8/17 8/29, 8/30, 8/31

Ragin, Linda	\$567.24/day	Guidance HS	8/23, 8/29, 8/30 8/31, 9/1
Schreiber, Karen	\$517.40/day	Guidance HS	8/23, 8/29, 8/30 8/31, 9/1
Seeberger, Donna	\$563.05/day	Guidance HS	8/23, 8/29, 8/30 8/31, 9/1
Withopf, Stephanie	\$1,509.00	11 th Grade Co-Class Advisor	9/1/11-6/30/12
Zuluaga, Rosemary	\$1,509.00	11 th Grade Co-Class Advisor	9/1/11-6/30/12

Docket #1-63: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved Tenure to Andrea Denimarck.

Docket #1-64: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the Title I Proposal for the 2011 – 2012 school year.

Docket #1-65: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Budget Timetable for the 2012-2013 school year.

Docket #1-66: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Addendum to Agreement with SCOPE Education Services.

Docket #1-67: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the Individual Services Contract. This approval supersedes all prior action, if any, taken by the Board of Education.

Docket #1-68: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education Services Instructional and Consultant.

Docket #1-69: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board accepted the donations from Target, A+ Reward Program and \$100 for the High School's Girls' Tennis and Volleyball teams.

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 #1-70: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #1-71: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #1-72: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Board approved the School Insurance Group to act as insurance brokers for the District.

Docket #1-73: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Board approved the Disposition of Equipment.

Docket #1-74: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, 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		
YIWH	9/13/11 – 3/30/12 Monday Nights 7:30pm – 10pm	HS Gym
PTSA	9/27/11 6pm – 10pm Mum, Ram Pride Sale	Cafeteria
WH Chamber of Commerce	10/2/11 7am – 7pm For vendors to park their cars	HS Parking Lot
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
WH BASKETBALL ASSOC.	9/12/11 – 3/31/12 7:30pm – 10pm (T – F) 8:45am – 5pm (Sat) Practice and Games	MS Gym
YOUNG ISRAEL OF WH	9/18/11 – 3/31/12 7:30pm – 10pm (Sunday) Basketball	MS Gym
SEPTA	9/28/11, 1/25/12, 3/7/12 5/9/12, 6/6/12 6:30pm – 9:30pm Meetings	MS Library
WH Chamber of Commerce	10/2/11 7am – 7pm For vendors to park their cars.	HS Parking Lot
SEPTA	10/19/11 6:30pm – 9:30pm	MS Library & Cafeteria

WH COMMUNITY SUPPORT	12/4/11 11am – 5pm Children's Party	Cafeteria
PTSA	1/11/12 7pm – 10pm Meeting	Cafeteria
CORNWELL AVENUE		
WH BASKETBALL ASSOC.	9/12/11 – 3/31/12 6:30pm – 10pm (W & F) 8:45am – 5pm (Sat) Practice and Games	CA Gym
WH CHIEFS SOCCER	9/1/11 – 12/1/11 9am – dusk (Sat) Practice	Fields
WH CHIEFS SOCCER	9/17 9am – 1pm (Sat) Clinic	CA Fields
GIRL SCOUTS	1/12/12 3pm – 5pm	Classroom / Science Room
GEORGE WASHINGTON		
GS Troop 1115	9/26/11 – 6/2011 3:10pm – 5pm Meetings 2 times a month	GW Room 11
PTA	9/26, 10/24, 11/28, 1/23, 2/27, 3/26, 5/21, 6/18 7pm – 9:30pm Meetings	Cafeteria
CHESTNUT STREET		
WHLL	9/1/11 – 11/30/11 9am – 3pm (Sunday)	Chestnut Field

Docket #1-75: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Leasing of Copiers, as amended.

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

Docket #0-289: A motion was made by Ms. Lotito to table the Board's proposed Policy – Board Privilege of the Floor/Discussion Items. She then made a motion to withdraw her motion to table said proposed policy. This motion was seconded by Ms. Rilling. Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board agreed to discuss this proposed policy at the October 4, 2011 Policy Meeting.

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

Docket #1-76 to 1-84A: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board agreed to discuss the following policies at the October 4, 2011 Policy Meeting: Policies 3443, 3444, 4100, 5120, Equal Opportunity, Interpreters for Hearing-Impaired Parents, Volunteers, Animals in the Schools, Concussion Management and Board Committees.

Docket #1-85: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board Members or Administrators to attend NSSBA's Resolution Dinner on September 27, 2011.

Docket #1-86: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by four, Ms. Rilling and Ms. Lotito opposed, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board Members or Administrators to attend NYSSBA's Custom Improvement Program on a chosen date in 2011.

Docket #1-87: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board Members or Administrators to attend NYSSBA's Collaboration vs. Conflict on October 4, 2011.

Docket #1-88: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by four, Ms. Di Miceli and Mr. Schindler abstaining, the Board appointed Vincent Trocchia as Board Trustee to the office vacated by Mr. Anthony Brita until May 15, 2012.

Ms. Bryant then administered the oath of office to Mr. Trocchia.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Mr. Schindler discussed the Ram logo and how it should represent a unifying message that students could believe in – one that exudes power, energy, pride and fearlessness. A discussion ensued about deciding on a Ram and perhaps having English and Art classes getting involved and deciding what the Ram means to our schools. Mr. Ejnes discussed Board Goal #1 – Creating a Vision and Mission Statement. Mr. Hogan stated

that the Strategic Planning Council was satisfied with the present Mission Statement and that a Vision would be developed shortly with the help of community involvement – i.e., Roundtables. Mr. Ejnes wanted to be certain that we were on target to achieve this year’s Board goals. Ms. Di Miceli suggested that the community should be made aware of Shared Services by presentations during budget meetings, use of the webpage, etc. The Budget Advisory Committee was discussed. It was decided that the Board would solicit more members, as only five residents applied, and that criteria and goals would have to be established. Ms. Lotito suggested that the committee could analyze the transportation study. Mr. Mariano asked to have his name removed from the Budget Advisory Committee.

Under **FUTURE MEETING DATES** – Number 7 – Wednesday, September 28, SEPTA meeting date was changed to October 5, 2011.

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

At 10:10 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Clerical and Custodial negotiations. At 10:45 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk