

The **POLICY MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on December 6, 2011 at 7:38 p.m.

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

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

The following policies were discussed and decisions were made as indicated:

Docket #1-82: **Proposed Policy – Volunteers with Administrative Regulations** – It was unanimously agreed to table this Policy to the February Policy Meeting.

Docket #1-35: **Policy 1340 – Community Use of School District Facilities** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-136: **Policy 3445 – Capitalization** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-137: **Policy 9280 – School Board Member Ethics** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-138: Policy 4100 – School District Employee and Officer Code of Ethics

It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-139: Policy 5150 – Extra Classroom Activity Funds - It was unanimously

agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board. Mr. Hogan will include Administrative Regulations on this policy.

Docket #1-140: Policy 6150 – Education of Children with Disabilities - It was

unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: All “aides” should be changed to “aids.”

Docket #1-141: Policy 6151 – Special Education – High School Individualized

Education Program Diplomas - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-142: Policy 6153 – Home Teaching - It was unanimously agreed that this

Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for repeal because it falls under the 504 Rehabilitation Act.

Docket #1-143: Policy 5138 – Student Records – Students with Disabilities - It was

unanimously agreed that this Policy be tabled to the February Policy Meeting.

Docket #1-144: Policy 8310 – Adaptation, Modification or Amendment of Policy

Meetings - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: Under Discussion – Second sentence to read, “Visitors at policy meetings will be encouraged to participate in discussion after each policy to present their views as individuals or representatives of groups or organizations. The last sentence is to be omitted. Under Official Copies – The paragraph

is to read as follows: “Official copies of the adopted/revised policies will be made available on blue paper for inclusion in the policy binder of each Board member, Administrator and the West Hempstead Public Library or electronically. The Board policies online will be updated as well.”

Docket #1-145: Policy 9342 – Order of Business at Regular and Adjourned Policy

Meetings - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be repealed and combined with Policy 8310 and placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-146: Proposed Policy – Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials

It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-147: Proposed Policy – Programs for Students with Disabilities Under

IDEA and Article 89 - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: Last paragraph to read, “The Superintendent shall also develop and maintain a professional development plan so the professional and paraprofessional staff working with students with disabilities possess the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the needs of students with disabilities.”

Docket #1-148: Proposed Policy – Provision of Special Education Services in the

Least Restrictive Environment - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-149: Proposed Policy – School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and

Interventions - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-150: **Proposed Policy – Preschool Special Education** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-151: **Proposed Policy – Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-152: **Proposed Policy – District-Wide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-153: **Proposed Policy – Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-154: **Proposed Policy – Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-155: **Proposed Policy – Declassification of Students with Disabilities** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-156: **Proposed Policy – Special Education Personnel** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #1-157: Proposed Policy – Allocation of Space for Special Education

Programs - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the December 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following change: Paragraph two omit the word “biennial.”

Under CONSIDERATION OF POLICY ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

The Board considered a policy on Pouring Rights. It was unanimously agreed not to make a policy and asked for further review of the laws on the topic. A Dignity of Students policy was discussed and Mr. Sheahan will provide a policy for the February Policy Meeting. The Wellness Policy will be updated at the February Policy Meeting. A policy on Board Member Resignations was discussed and it was unanimously agreed not to create a policy on that topic. Policies 8341, 9347 and 9348 will be reviewed at the February Policy Meeting because they have not been reviewed since 1994 and 1995. After further discussion policies on Homeless, Intangible Assets and Billings in COBRA are to be added to the February Policy Meeting.

At 9:25 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, Ms. Lotito opposed, the Policy Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter pertaining to a particular individual. Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Executive Session ended at 10:00 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk