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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 December 20, 2011 at 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ejnes, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Di Miceli, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano, Mr. Schindler and Mr. Trocchia. Ms. Rilling was absent. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community. Mr. Gregory Guercio arrived at 9:10 p.m.

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

Docket #1-164: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on November 15, 2011, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #1-165: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on November 29, 2011, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #1-166: The **MINUTES** of the Policy Meeting held on December 6, 2011, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #1-167: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on December 13, 2011, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were

presented, and upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #1-168: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for October 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 Mr. Trocchia 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** action took place as follows:

Ms. Lotito gave a short report on the Health and Safety Committee meeting held on December 1, 2011. The meeting was very informative with referrals to the District Emergency Response Plan book that guides the District. At the meeting Mr. Jeffrey Banfield gave a presentation covering Right to Know training of staff, fire inspections and a back-up plan.

Mr. Mariano gave a report on the recent Sports Council meeting held on December 8, 2011. The meeting covered issues of college admissions for student athletes; Varsity Night on December 9th; a holiday toy drive at one of the girls' events, which was also televised on MSG; items from the October 13th meeting were discussed, such as the restoration of the back stop at George Washington, use of scoreboards and artificial turf. Ms. Di Miceli added the lock box that the Broncos will be using. The next meeting is on February 9, 2012.

Ms. Di Miceli announced the next Policy Committee meeting is on January 10, 2012. She will report to the Board updates for the next policy meeting on February 7, 2012.

Student Council Representatives, Briahana Maugé and Nhychelle Lowe, gave a report on happenings in the high school including Family Game Night held on December 9th being a huge success; Toys for Tots charity collected hundreds of toys; the National Honor Society having their induction ceremony on January 10th; WHEA collecting toys for local families with a drop-

off box in the high school and the Key Club and high school faculty adopting fifteen West Hempstead and Island Park families this holiday delivering food to them on December 21st.

The PTSA reported their next meeting is on February 13, 2012 and wished happy holidays to all. The PTA spoke about the 8th grade dance committee meeting on January 27th; Bingo Night; the Fashion Committee has begun the planning of their annual Fashion Show; JC Goode will be a guest speaker on texting and driving and there will be a Psychic Dinner on April 11th at the Pompeii restaurant. SEPTA's next meting is on January 25th with Anthony Murray, Director of Mathematics, as a guest speaker.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan began his report with honoring students. Mr. Ejnes presented Certificates to Olivia Czavar for her accomplishments as New York State Class A Player of the Year, New York State Class A All State First Team and Nassau County Class A Player of the Year; Jason Steiner, named by the Nassau Zone of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance as outstanding Physical Education Student; honored officers of the Key Club – Joseph DiMarco, Bahadar Srichawla and Dennis Sun for their Thanksgiving Drive providing food to 46 needy families. Also honored was Michelle Lambo, advisor and moderator to the Key Club. Tappy Tong was thanked for her serving as an ambassador for the District for giving a presentation to 8th grade parents at Lincoln Orens Middle School in Island Park.

Mr. Hogan continued his report with a Budget Café meeting taking place on January 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria; Conversation with District Office Administrators on January 19th; the wonderful winter concerts put on by the schools and wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

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

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

Docket #1-169: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Probationary Appointment(s)

Name	Tenure Area	Certification	Salary	Effective	End of Probation
Perrotto, Kristina	Teaching Assistant Middle School	Mathematics 7-12	$17.33/hr. Step 1	12/19/11	12/19/14

Topic: Resignation(s)

Name	Position	Salary	Effective
Castonguay, Diane	District Treasurer	$30,000	12/16/11

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

Name	Position	Salary
Glick, Joshua	Sub Teacher	$90.00 per day
Kouumdjiev, Polina	Sub Nurse	$90.00 per day
Schinina, Ann	Sub Monitor	$10.11 per hour

Docket #1-170: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

Name	Activity	Salary
Grey, Colin	INK BLOT Advisor	$1,521.00

Docket #1-171: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the Contract with the District Treasurer.

Docket #1-172: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the appointment of School Medical Inspector Dr. Norman Turowsky.

Docket #1-173: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved a Consultant Service Contract to Susan Morgan.

Docket #1-174: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education with Henry Viscardi School and Seaford UFSD.

Docket #1-175: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the School Calendar for 2012-2013.

Docket #1-176: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, a resolution was adopted for the Exemption for Persons Sixty-Five Years of Age or Older Where a Child Resides.

Docket #1-177: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, a resolution was adopted for the Exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income Where a Child Resides.

Docket #1-178: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the Volunteer Firefighters & Volunteer Ambulance Workers Exemptions.

Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Board broke to Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss Docket #1-179. Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by five, Mr. Mariano had not returned, the meeting reconvened at 9:05 p.m.

Docket #1-179: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by five, Mr. Mariano was absent, the Board approved the District Grant Writer.

Mr. Mariano arrived back in the meeting at 9:06 p.m.

Docket #1-180: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board accepted the donations of $250 from the College Board and $500.00 from PTSA.

Docket #1-181: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano 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 #1-182: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #1-183: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #1-184: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Acceptance of Insurance Proceeds from the Cornwell Avenue flood.

Docket #1-185: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the 2011-12 Federal Part-B Flow-through Allocations - SEDCAR.

Docket #1-186: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli and carried by six, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as amended:

Organization	Day/Time	Room/ Field
HIGH SCHOOL		
YIWH	01/29/12-06/24/12 Sun – 6:00-9:00 p.m. Youth Basketball	Gym
CHESTNUT STREET SCHOOL		
Daisy Troop #1705	12/16/11-06/22/12 Every Other Fri – 2:40-4:00 p.m. Meetings	Art Room

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

Docket #1-135: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Existing Policy 1340 – Community Use of School District Facilities.

Docket #1-136: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Existing Policy 3445 – Capitalization.

Docket #1-137: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Existing Policy 9280 – School Board Member Ethics.

Docket #1-138: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Existing Policy 4100 – School District Employee and Officer Code of Ethics.

Docket #1-139: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Existing Policy 5150 – Extra Classroom Activity Funds.

Docket #1-140: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Existing Policy 6150 – Education of Children with Disabilities.

Docket #1-141: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Existing Policy 6151 – Special Education – High School Individualized Education Program Diplomas.

Docket #1-142: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board **repealed** Existing Policy 6153 – Home Teaching.

Docket #1-144: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Existing Policy 8310 – Adaptation, Modification or Amendment of Policy Meetings.

Docket #1-145: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board **repealed** Existing Policy 9342 – Order of Business at Regular and Adjourned Policy Meetings and combined it with Policy 8310.

Docket #1-146: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Equivalence in Instructional Staff and Materials.

Docket #1-147: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Programs for Students with Disabilities under IDEA and Article 89.

Docket #1-148: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Provision of Special Education Services in the Least Restrictive Environment.

Docket #1-149: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – School-Wide Pre-Referral Approaches and Interventions.

Docket #1-150: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Preschool Special Education.

Docket #1-151: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Availability of Alternative Format Instructional Materials for Students with Disabilities.

Docket #1-152: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – District-wide and Statewide Assessments of Students with Disabilities.

Docket #1-153: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation.

Docket #1-154: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Public Report on Revisions to District Policies, Practices and Procedures upon a Finding of Significant Disproportionality.

Docket #1-155: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Declassification of Students with Disabilities.

Docket #1-156: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Special Education Personnel.

Docket #1-157: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adopted Proposed Policy – Allocation of Space for Special Education Programs.

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

Docket #1-187: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved a Request for Defense and Indemnification.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Ms. Di Miceli requested that the Board discuss the goals adopted at the beginning of the school year. She agreed Administration has increased its connection to the community with ConnectEd and Budget Cafes but feels we need more. Mr. Ejnes stated he feels we are on point on the goals and Administration has given amazing promotion to residents. Ms. Di Miceli feels we can promote more by publicizing scholarships received for seniors and go to community meetings such as Chamber of Commerce meetings. Mr. Hogan replied that he and Mr. Cunningham will be attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 10th. Mr. Schindler added the key goal is raising achievements and standards for the students, which will in turn raise property values. Performance is Number

One but we have not done enough. It was agreed Administration will formalize a plan in writing and forward that to the Board.

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

At 9:33 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing clerical and custodial negotiations, the employment record of a certain individual, APPR negotiations with WHASA and WHEA and negotiations pertaining to the Eagle Avenue Lease. Mr. Ejnes then wished everyone a Happy Holiday season.

Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, Executive Session adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk