

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 January 17, 2012 at 7:55 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Mariano, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Ms. Di Miceli, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling, Mr. Schindler and Mr. Trocchia. Mr. Ejnes attended by Skype from the Hotel Monteleone in New Orleans, LA. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Spinelli, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community. Mr. Gregory Guercio arrived at 8:45 p.m.

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

Docket #1-188: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on December 20, 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. Ejnes and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #1-189: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for November 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. Ejnes and carried by seven, 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. Di Miceli gave a short report on the Policy Committee meeting held on January 10, 2012. They went over policies to be reviewed at the February Policy Meeting and planned a five-year cycle for existing policies to be kept up to date.

SEPTA's next meeting is on January 25th with Anthony Murray, Director of Mathematics, as a guest speaker, who will cover math tips and strategies for students. The next PTA meeting is on January 23rd at George Washington discussing enrichment of the students and they will discuss Board members for the next school year.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan began his report with honoring student Shane Williams, who won a \$16,000 scholarship for his essay on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Mr. Hogan then turned the meeting over to Mr. Cunningham to give a transportation report.

Mr. Cunningham began by stating that transportation is almost nine percent of the District's budget. He then gave a PowerPoint presentation that covered budget vs. expense; trends in four main areas of expense; goal for the 2012-13 fiscal year to reduce the budget line by \$1,000,000 (20%); Ross Haber Associates study on the District's transportation and its conclusions; responses and actions of the District to Mr. Haber's findings; possible solutions and recommendations to the District's transportation issues and actual ridership of students on the buses – full size bus vs. 16/20 passenger vans.

Mr. Hogan continued his report with Budget Café meetings that took place in November and January; Conversation with District Office Administrators on January 19th; APPR negotiations with WHEA and WHASA are productive and useful; and George Washington's sending packages to troops in Afghanistan. Mr. Hogan read two thank you notes from Marines to the students.

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

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

At 9:40 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven the Board broke for Executive Session to discuss a particular individual. Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, Mr. Ejnes was not present, the Board reconvened the Business Meeting at 10:08 p.m. Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board amended Docket #1-190 to be split into Docket #1-190A and Docket #1-190.

Docket #1-190A: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, Mr. Trocchia opposing and Mr. Ejnes abstaining, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
DiRico, Michele	Special Education Teacher HS	1/24/12	5/2/12

Docket #1-190: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Substitute Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Stahlman, Rebecca	Students with Disabilities 7-12	\$54,399 1MA	1/24/12 – 5/2/12

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cuiman, Lisa	\$90.00 per day
Farkas, Michael	\$90.00 per day

Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute Lists

Name

Holz, Denise
Palmer, Antoinette
Tynan, Jennifer

Topic: Appointment of Mentor(s)

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Castoro, Joseph	Social Studies

Topic: Appointments for High School Literacy Prep Classes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Manes, Bonnie	\$64.71 per hour	1/18/12 – 1/31/12
	\$65.36 per hour	2/1/12 – 6/9/12 (maximum of 63 hours)
McInerney, Annemarie	\$64.71 per hour	1/18/12 – 1/31/12
	\$65.36 per hour	2/1/12 – 6/9/12 (maximum of 63 hours)
Parker-Hall, Suzanne	\$64.71 per hour	1/18/12 – 1/31/12
	\$65.36 per hour	2/1/12 – 6/9/12 (maximum of 63 hours)
Silverstein , Jennifer	\$64.71 per hour	1/18/12 – 1/31/12
	\$65.36 per hour	2/1/12 – 6/9/12 (maximum of 63 hours)

Docket #1-191: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Colangelo, Charles	Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach	\$5,151.00
Doyle, Timothy	Boys' Varsity Assistant Track Coach	\$4,639.00

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Staudt, Rebecca	MS Girls' Lacrosse Coach

Docket #1-192: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Termination of an Employee.

Docket #1-193: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Consultant Service Contracts for Special Education Services with Maureen Culhane.

Docket #1-194: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board approved the Corrective Action Plan for 2010-11.

Docket #1-195: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the appointment of School Medical Inspector Dr. William A. Ross.

Docket #1-196: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved Tuition Contract(s) for Special Education Services.

Docket #1-197: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board accepted the donations of \$300 from a private donor for geography education; \$200 from Hofstra University for high school special events and \$135.90 for Box Tops for Education for Chestnut Street School.

Docket #1-198: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, 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 #1-199: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli and carried by seven, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #1-200: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #1-201: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli and carried by seven, the Board approved the amendment to 2011-12 Federal Part-B Flow-through Allocations - SEDCAR.

Docket #1-202: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Proposal from Western Suffolk BOCES for Long-Range Demographic Enrollment and Facility Capacity Analysis.

Docket #1-203: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Gift Cards - Michaels Stores, Inc. Agreement.

Docket #1-204: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as amended:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
CORNWELL AVENUE		
PTA	02/08/12 & 03/08/12 7:30-9:30 p.m. 5 th Grade Fun Day Meeting	Cafeteria
HIGH SCHOOL		
PTSA	02/08/12 7:00-9:30 p.m. Prom Fashion Show Parent Meeting	Auditorium
WH Chiefs Soccer	01/17/12 7:30-9:00 p.m. Soccer Tryouts for 8 th & 9 th Grade Boys	Gym

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

There was no old business to be addressed.

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

Dockets #1-82, 1-143, 1-205 thru 1-221: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board motioned Policies to be discussed at the February 7, 2012 Policy Meeting.

Docket #1-222: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and Administration to attend the New York State School Boards Association's "The Battle for

Control of Our Schools: Communities vs. State and Federal Government” conference on January 31, 2012.

Docket #1-223: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of the Superintendent to attend The Council of School Superintendents’ “Developing a World-Class Education System in a New Economic Reality” conference in Albany on March 4-6, 2012.

Docket #1-224: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and Administration to attend SCOPE’s 11th Annual School district Awards Dinner on March 26, 2012.

Docket #1-225: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli, and carried by seven, the Board approved the issuance of a Request for Proposal pertaining to routing assistance for District transportation efficiencies.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Ms. Di Miceli broached the subject of Social Media, specifically Facebook and Twitter. She inquired what can we do as a District, what are the complications and if the District would want to implement those resources. Counsel advised on “no expectation of privacy” and the District may have a control issue. Discussion included who would be responsible for the Facebook page and tweets, would outsiders be able to invade the space and an issue of who will be monitoring them. It was agreed that the District website can be more utilized because there are still gaps. Administration will look into the practicality of Facebook and Twitter for the District.

Ms. Di Miceli asked about the District’s Technology. Ms. Peluso informed her that the plan for technology has been updated and in February or March the plan would be reviewed. The Strategic Plan is first to be looked at because the plans intertwine.

Ms. Lotito asked to discuss Conflict of Interest due to a recent article in the West Hempstead *Herald*. She felt the article may negatively influence anyone who wishes to run for a Board seat if there was an educator in their household. The consensus of the Board was to add a Special Business Meeting to the February 7th Policy Meeting with a resolution on a retort to the newspaper.

The Yearbook ad was then discussed. It was agreed to take out an ad. The Board members were given quotes prior to the meeting and after a vote a final quote was chosen.

Docket #1-226: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by seven, the Board approved an ad for the High School Yearbook and a quote to be placed in the ad.

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

At 11:11 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing custodial and para/monitor negotiations, the employment record of a certain individual and the Island Park meeting.

Executive Session adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk