

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 March 20, 2012 at 7:40 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, Ms. Spinelli, Ms. Bryant and members of the staff and community. Mr. Guercio arrived at 8:30 p.m.

The following students were honored for participating in the Technology Fair:
From Chestnut Street School: Ryan Gawlik, Jayden Lorne, Amanda Poppe, Brianna Polanco, Stephen Schreck, Ava Marie Shepherd and Dylan Ramsahai. From Cornwell Avenue: Matthew Brown, Mackenzie Cates, Michael Di Miceli, Gloria Guerrier, Darien Lombardo, Natalie Pamulo, Matthew Watterson and Sara Welti. From George Washington: Ciara Cole, Rachel Duman, Daniel Martinez, Michael Mistretta, Josef Schindler and Gabriella Schindler. From the Middle School: Frank Andrade, Tiffany Gossin, Clyde Jaccy, Qasim Khan and Eric Rodrigues. From the High School: Demetrios Alexeas, Christolia Butler, Kendall Canton, Alexis Cody, Brian Kenny, Axandre Oge and Dennis Sun.

The Board also honored High School senior, Jason Steiner, for his appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

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

Docket #1-256: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on February 14, 2012, 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 Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as amended.

Docket #1-257: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on March 6, 2012, 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 Ms. Di Miceli and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as amended.

Docket #1-258: The **MINUTES** of the Budget Meeting held on March 13, 2012, 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 seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #1-259: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for January 2012 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler 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:

Mr. Mariano announced that a Sports Council Meeting took place on February 29th. Topics discussed were the closing of parochial schools and the impact it could have on school districts' sports programs. Also discussed was the maintenance of fields at Eagle Avenue.

Student Council Representatives, Briahana Mauge and Nychelle Lowe, gave a report on happenings in the High School including the use of technology at the High School and how the game *Angry Birds* is used to teach mathematics; success of the High School's production of *Jekyll and Hyde*; "Pennies for Lymphoma" fundraiser; Quizbowl to be held on March 22nd,

Family Literacy Night to be held on March 22nd; the Senior Fashion Show to be held on Thursday, March 29th; sale of yearbooks (first all-color yearbooks) and they encouraged public to get involved in obtaining a \$25,000 Technology Grant by voting for the Best Teacher In America (Cathieann Rowland) at www.VoteForTeachers.com.

Theresa Walz gave a report for SEPTA. She thanked Ellen Loewy and Lynette Abruzzo for speaking at their March 7th meeting about “Preparing for CSE.”

PTA Co-President, Irene Martinez, reported that at the next PTA meeting scheduled for Monday, March 26th, the slate of candidates for next year’s officers would be announced and that there would be a Grade 4 science fusion and assessment presentation. She also announced that there would be a joint PTA/PTSA/SEPTA meeting on April 25th.

PTSA Co-President, Josephine DiMarco spoke about the success of the presentation to 10th, 11th and 12th graders about texting and driving. She also praised Mrs. Croker.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan turned the meeting over to Mr. Fleck who gave a presentation on Technology throughout the District. Mr. Fleck spoke about all phases of network operation and computer support.

Mr. Hogan continued his report announcing the Budget Workshop scheduled for March 27th at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Video Conference Room; he announced that the budget-to-budget increase, at present, was 1.30% with a tax levy of 3.06% with administration continuing to review the budget numbers and an update to be given next week; Green Team meeting scheduled for March 21st and the West Hempstead SHINES program on April 22nd; he also encouraged all to attend Family Literacy Night on March 22, 2012.

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

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION** action took

place as follows:

Docket #1-260: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Croker, Virginia	Elementary Teacher - GW	\$117,765	6/30/12
Howe, Patricia	Teaching Assistant – HS	\$21.02/hr.	6/30/12
Keblish, Alexandra	Elementary Teacher – MS	\$109,162	6/30/12
Samson, Virginia	Senior Stenographer – HS	\$ 54,963	6/29/12

Topic: Appointment of Mentor(s)

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Napolitano, Danielle	Elementary Education

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position</u>
Smith, Diane	\$15.00/hr	Clerical

Topic: Appointment of Monitor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Giarrizzo, John	1:1 monitor	\$14.11/hr. plus neg. increase	3/26/12-6/22/12

Docket #1-261: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano 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>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Abruzzo, Lynette	Annual Assessment Training Instructor	\$75.00/hr. (6 hour maximum)
Karroll, Desiree	Mentor Training Instructor	\$100.00/hr. (2 hour maximum)
Loewy, Ellen	Annual Assessment Training Instructor	\$75.00/hr. (6 hour maximum)
Linnehan, William	MS Girls' Lacrosse Coach	\$3,316.00

Docket #1-262A: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board moved this docket to Executive Session.

Docket #1-262B: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted approving the termination of an employee.

Docket #1-263: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli the Board approved the Amendment to Docket #1-254 adopted on March 6, 2012.

Docket #1-264: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the adoption of the Memorandum of Agreement with Local 424, United Public Service Employees Union.

Docket #1-265: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Office Staff Association of United Public Service Employees Union.

Docket #1-266: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the New York State Reporting form for Elected and Appointed Officials Working Hours concerning the District Clerk and District Treasurer.

Docket #1-267: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements with districts providing services to students who reside in West Hempstead.

Docket #1-268: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the agreements with SCOPE for Summer Recreation and the After School Child Care Program.

Docket #1-269: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Agreement with Nassau BOCES Department of Instructional Programs and Alternative School Regional Summer School Program.

Docket #1-270: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Agreement with Nassau BOCES Department of Instructional Programs and Alternative School Regional Summer School Consortium Program.

Docket #1-271: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board moved this item to Executive Session.

Docket #1-272: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board approved a contract for Special Education Services.

Docket #1-273: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the District Technology Plan 2011 – 2015.

Docket #1-274: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board accepted a \$544.50 donation from General Mills Box Tops for Education Program.

Docket #1-275: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano 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 #1-276: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #1-277: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #1-278: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the transfer of funds from the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve.

Docket #1-279: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board approved a contract with Cullen & Danowski, LLP for external auditing services.

Docket #1-280: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board approved a bid for Health Supplies for the 2012-13 school year.

Docket #1-281: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board approved a bid for the printing of the 2012-13 school calendar.

Docket #1-282: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board approved of bid on subscriptions for periodicals for the 2012-13 school year.

Docket #1-283: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board approved of bid for the printing of diplomas and diploma covers for the 2012-13 school year.

Docket #1-284: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board approved a bid for the printing of agendas for the 2012-13 school year.

Docket #1-285: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board approved a bid for Physical Education Supplies, Equipment and Uniforms.

Docket #1-286: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven the Board approved of a Transportation Routing and Efficiency Consultant for a maximum fee of \$30,000.00.

Docket #1-287: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven the Board approved the Board approved the Amended Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
HIGH SCHOOL		
WH PAL	03/25/12-06/03/12 Sun – 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Track & Field Activities	Track & Field
WH Owls	03/25/12-06/17/12 Sun – 5:00-7:30 p.m. Men's Soccer	Field
*WH Chiefs Soccer will give up their permitted time for the WH Owls to play Sunday night		

MIDDLE SCHOOL

WH Rotary	04/15/12 4:30-10:00 p.m. Art Auction	Cafeteria
WH Civic Association	03/21/12 7:00-10:00 p.m. Community Meeting	Cafeteria
WH Little League	03/21/12-08/31/12 Mon-Fri – 5:00 p.m.-Dusk Sat & Sun – 10:00 a.m.-Dusk Baseball & Softball	Both Fields
Lakeview Fire Department	05/04/12 & 05/06/12 Fri – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sun – 5:00-9:00 p.m. Memorial Service	Parking Lot & High School Auditorium
YIWH	04/01/12-06/17/12 Sun – 7:30-10:00 p.m. Basketball	Gym

CHESTNUT STREET

WH Little League	03/21/12-07/01/12 Mon-Fri – 5:00 p.m.-Dusk Sat & Sun – 10:00 a.m.-Dusk Baseball & Softball	Both Fields
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CORNWELL AVENUE

WH Little League	03/21/12-07/01/12 Mon-Fri – 5:00 p.m.-Dusk Sat – 10:00 a.m.-Dusk Sun – 6:00 p.m.-Dusk Baseball & Softball	Both Fields
YIWH	03/25/12-06/24/12 Sun – 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Baseball	Both Fields
PTA	03/29/12, 04/19/12, 05/10/12 & 05/24/12 7:30-9:30 p.m. 5 th Grade Fun Day Committee Meetings	Cafeteria

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

Docket #1-208: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board adopted changes to Policy 5122.

Docket #1-241: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Lease Agreement with Eagle Avenue.

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

Docket #1-288: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli and carried by seven, a motion was made to adjourn this matter to Executive Session.

Docket #1-289: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven the Board appointed Walter Ejnes as Chairperson for the Annual Meeting.

Docket #1-290: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Mariano a motion was made to have a student member of the Board of Education. Ms. Di Miceli, then made a motion to withdraw this docket. This motion was seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven.

Docket #1-291: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano a motion was made to discuss Sign-In Sheets and School Board Meetings. Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven the Board approved the resolution as amended.

Docket #1-292: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the amendment to the school photographer's contract.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Di Miceli to ask for additional information for the Budget meeting next Tuesday: seven-year end of year undesignated fund balances and what the budget would look like if there was a 2% tax cap levy. This motion was withdrawn by Ms. Di Miceli.

At 10:35 p.m. upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the employment of a particular individual and legal counsel on board matters.

At 12:25 a.m. the Board returned to a Business meeting whereupon the following items were adopted:

Docket #1-262A: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Board approved the termination of an employee.

Docket #1-271: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Board approved the consultant service contract with Richard Bernato for professional development services.

Docket #1-288 Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Board approved the annual meeting date notice as amended.

At 12:30 a.m. the Board returned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employment records of particular individuals.

Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven Executive
Session adjourned at 12:50 a.m.

Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk