

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 7, 2010 at 7:31 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Lotito, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Mr. Brita, Ms. Di Miceli, Mr. Ejnes, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Schindler. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Girolamo, staff members and members of the community. Mr. Cunningham arrived at the end of the meeting for Executive Session.

Before the meeting began, Ms. Lotito introduced Boy Scout, Steven Trezza, who thanked the Board and Mr. Hogan for allowing him use of our facilities to help in his project for his Eagle Scout Badge. Master Trezza has placed 250 medallions on storm drains in West Hempstead to alert residents that if you place garbage in the drain it goes out to the waterways, not the sewage system. His goal is to place 936 around the town.

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

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

Docket #0-79: **Proposed Policy – Student Physicals** – It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #0-80: **Policy 3443 – Investments** - It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #0-82: **Policy 4100 – Employee Code of Ethics** - It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes:

Change the name of policy to School District Employee and Officer Code of Ethics; omit the line “The Board of Education shall follow the State Board of Ethics for the purpose of Code of Ethics for teachers and certificated personnel” and just include the State Code of Ethics. The policy will have two sections: Ethical Conduct for West Hempstead UFSD Public Officers and Employees and New York State Code of Ethics for Educators.

The Board requested the Code of Ethics be included in packets handed out to new employees and if changes are made to the policy, to forward to all employees. They also requested a “signature form” to insure that employees have read the code.

Docket #0-128: **Policy 5111 – Age of Entrance** - It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #0-129: **Policy 5112 – Grade Placement** - It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #0-130: **Policy 5114 – Request for Early Dismissal of a Student** - It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #0-131: **Policy 5115 – Release of Student by Building Principal in an Emergency** - It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #0-132: **Policy 5117 – School Attendance Zone** - It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes:

At the end of paragraph one add the line: Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board of Education may assign a student to attend a specific school based upon District programmatic requirements. At the end of paragraph three add the line: Parental requests for exceptions to established attendance zones shall not apply to programmatic assignments to schools.

Docket #0-133: **Policy 5119 – Foreign Student Exchange Program** - It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be placed on the December 21 Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Under Consideration of policy items for future meetings – Wire transfers,
Administrative Regulations on Investments and Attendance.

At 8:25 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by seven, the Policy Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session, which ended at 11:40 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk