

The **REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Auditorium on January 18, 2011 at 7:37 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Lotito, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Mr. Brita, Ms. Di Miceli, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Schindler. Mr. Ejnes was absent. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Guercio, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Castonguay, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community.

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

Docket #0-158: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on December 21, 2010, 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. Rilling, and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as amended.

Docket #0-159: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on January 4, 2011, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #0-160: The **MINUTES** of the Work Session held on January 13, 2011, 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 six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as amended.

Docket #0-161: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for November 2010 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 5 – 31, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Ms. Lotito asked Mr. Brita if there is a new date for the Budget Advisory Committee to meet and he replied not as of yet due to scheduling conflicts.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** –Student Council Representative, Judy Chen, gave her report on happenings in the schools including the Student Council is selling raffle tickets to raise money for the new RAM costume, which will cost around \$900; the Basketball Team will be playing Great Neck on February 11th; SADD; and the Teen Fashion Show is scheduled for April 7, 2011.

Ms. Lotito spoke to the audience about the Board's meeting with Island Park Board Members on January 13th. There was a productive exchange of ideas. The District showed the members what we offer and our desire to retain Island Park students. She also complimented Ms. Peluso on her presentation on our elementary schools. Also announced was a SEPTA meeting on January 19th with a special speaker.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Hogan began with the Island Park Board Member meeting that was extremely productive. Topics of that meeting were enrollment, continuing to attract Island Park students to West Hempstead Schools, music and art exchanges and strategic planning. He commended snow removal efforts by the custodial staff and Mr. Banfield; midterm exams next week, along with semester finals and Regents exams;

kindergarten registration on January 31st; the 2011-12 budget process has begun and lastly, the Strategic Planning Committee has rescheduled their next meeting to January 27th.

Ms. Lotito then opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

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

Docket #0-162: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, 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>
Dubrosky, Kathleen	OT GW/CS	1/3/11	3/1/11
Wood, Patricia	School Nurse HS	1/3/11	2/13/11

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Arcese, Sandra	\$90.00 per day
Lebedev, Julia	\$90.00 per day
Lezaja, Mirjana	\$90.00 per day
Pimentel, Carla	\$90.00 per day
Vaughn, Tanesha	\$90.00 per day

Topic: Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lopez, Marianne	One-to-One Monitor (GW)	\$15.10/hr.	6/25/11

Topic: Salary Credits

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Dooley, Ryan	PE Teacher MS	3 BA + 30	\$4,675	\$56,618 plus neg. increase
Parillo, Diana	Math Teacher MS	6 MA + 30	\$2,656	\$72,307 plus neg. increase

Scaturro, Michael	PE Teacher MS	10 MA + 30	\$3,081	\$83,876 plus neg. increase
Testa, Neil	Social Studies Teacher, HS	5 MA + 30	\$5,099	\$69,414 plus neg. increase
Valentino, Michael	Physical Ed Teacher HS	7 MA + 45	\$2,761	\$77,961 plus neg. increase

Docket #0-163: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, 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

HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Christodoulou, E.	Public Relations Club Advisor	\$ 946.00 plus neg. increase

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Goldrick, Edward	Boys' Lacrosse Coach	\$3,234.00 plus neg. increase
Staudt, Rebecca	Girls' Lacrosse Coach	\$3,234.00 plus neg. increase

GEORGE WASHINGTON

Schwartz, Stacey	Student Council Advisor	\$2,039.00 plus neg. increase
Schwartz, Stacey	Science Club Advisor	\$ 946.00 plus neg. increase

Docket #0-164: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board authorized an agreement with Hamburger, Maxson, Yaffe, Knauer & McNally, LLP.

Docket #0-165: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board accepted the donations of \$105.60 from General Mills, \$295.69 from Target and \$4,475.00 from Lowe's.

Docket #0-166: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, 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 #0-167: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #0-168: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the agreement with the American Legion.

Docket #0-169: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #0-170: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
HIGH SCHOOL		
YIWH	01/23/11-06/26/11 Sun – 6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Basketball	Gym
WH Basketball Association	04/02/11, 04/03/11, 04/09/11 & 04/10/11 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Basketball Tournament	Gym & Cafeteria

*on 04/03/11 & 04/10/11 both organizations will work out the times that overlap with each other

EAGLE AVENUE

WH Chiefs Soccer	03/01/11-06/30/11 Mon-Fri – 4:00 p.m.-Dark Sat & Sun – 9:00 a.m.-Dark Practice & Games	Both Fields
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GEORGE WASHINGTON

WHEPTA	01/25/11 6:00-9:30 p.m. Yoga	Cafeteria
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WHEPTA 01/27/11 Cafeteria
6:00-9:30 p.m.
Meeting

CHESTNUT STREET

Girl Scout Troop 1115 01/24/11-06/20/11 Art Room
Mon – 2:45-4:00 p.m.
Meetings

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

Docket #0-83: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli, and carried by six, the Board motioned to discuss Existing Policy – 5120 at the February 8th Policy Meeting.

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

Docket #0-171: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli, and carried by six, the Board motioned to discuss Existing Policy – 9340 at the February 8th Policy Meeting.

Docket #0-172: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Di Miceli, and carried by six, the Board motioned to discuss Existing Policy Permit Form– 1340 at the February 8th Policy Meeting.

Docket #0-173: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board Members or Administrators to attend NYSSBA’s webinars in January and February 2011.

Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Schindler, at 8:20 p.m., the Board broke to Executive Session to discuss Docket #0-174, and reconvened the Business Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Docket #0-174: Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, the Board approved a resolution on a hearing on a personnel issue.

Docket #0-175: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the Transfer of Funds – Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Ms. Di Miceli thanked

Mr. Cunningham for the additional information on the firefighters’ tax exemption. She inquired if any firemen were in attendance, and there were none. Ms. Lotito inquired about the Nassau County tax exemption at 20 years of service and five years vesting in the West Hempstead Fire District. She also questioned if the Board passes the exemption does the District have to renew it every year or is it continual. Counsel explained it was continual unless the Board decides to repeal it; they have to be active for 20 years and would be exempt for life in their county, even if they move to another school district. (However, that school district must also have the exemption in place for the firefighters); Ms. Di Miceli asked if they have 15 years in Baldwin and five years in West Hempstead, are they are still eligible for the exemption. Counsel replied, “yes.”

Mr. Mariano input that the Lakeview Fire Department would also benefit if their firefighters live in West Hempstead. Mr. Schindler asked how we would know if they are still firefighters. Counsel advised the firehouse must certify their eligibility, the county gets their applications and oversees the process. He also commented that financially it has no impact on our budget. Ms. Di Miceli inquired how to bring up the question again. The Board unanimously decided to consider a new docket in a Special Business Meeting on January 25th. The resolution must be passed by February 1st for the exemptions to make the tax rolls.

Ms. Di Miceli brought up a possible Board newsletter for the website, with possible topics such as the budget process and the visits to facilities. Ms. Lotito agreed that it can be discussed at the January 25th meeting.

Ms. Lotito again opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

At 9:30 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by six, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session, which ended at 11:37 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo