

The **SPECIAL WORK SESSION MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Board Room at Chestnut Street on May 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Lotito, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Mr. Brita, Mr. Ejnes, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Schindler. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Bryant and members of the community. Ms. DiMiceli arrived at 7:40 p.m.

Ms. Lotito announced that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss Board goals and procedures. She said that there would be no opportunity for the public to speak this evening. She began to explain that there would be another meeting on Tuesday, May 24th to actually discuss the goals.

An extensive discussion ensued. Topics discussed were: timeline for goals, involvement of new board members in determining goals, greater involvement of community, faculty, directors and staff in determining goals, defining mission statement and vision, the consideration of the budget when determining goals, the creation of a mission statement/vision, making goals more visible to the public, use of the Strategic Plan in determining goals, what tools to be used to measure goals, etc. Ms. Rilling thought that “Aspire Higher” should be a goal/vision.

The Board agreed to:

- 1) Discuss and formulate goals at the May 24th meeting.

- 2) Develop a vision statement or possibly a mission/vision philosophy
- 3) Mission/vision philosophy will be achieved by meeting with directors, teachers, PTAs, etc. beginning in October 2011.
- 4) Goals to be reviewed and measured mid-year.
- 5) Posters of Mission Statement and Goals to be displayed in each building

The meeting ended at 8:40 a.m.

Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk