

The **REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING/BUDGET HEARING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Auditorium on May 10, 2011 at 7:40 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. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Castonguay, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community.

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At this point of the meeting, Ms. Lotito introduced Ms. Mascia to give a library budget presentation.

**BUDGET HEARINGS:** Ms. Regina Mascia, Director of the West Hempstead Public Library, along with Mr. Ray Duran, President of the Library Board, presented their budget for the 2011-12 school year. Ms. Mascia told the audience that their tax levy increase is 1.4%, costing the homeowner and additional \$12.00 per family per year. The Board has made cuts to keep costs down, but will not hurt library services. There were increases to retirement and health benefits, along with a new sewage tax that they had to figure into the budget.

Mr. Cunningham gave a PowerPoint presentation reviewing the school budget, which covered the District's commitment to student achievement beyond state and federal standards; three-part budget (administration, program and capital); expenditure analysis by category; proposed 2011-12 budget summary including budget-to-budget % change and % of budget; five-year budget and tax levy history; projected revenue budget; education jobs fund; the "EXCEL" project; continuing all educational programs that currently run in the 2010-11 school year; maintains all current extracurricular clubs and interscholastic sports; includes a large facility maintenance project

that will be completed at not cost to taxpayers and supports plans for curriculum development and improved academic performance at all levels K through 12. He then reminded residents to vote on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

At 7:57 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board went into Executive session to discuss Docket 0-253 and returned at 8:15 p.m.

Upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by five, Ms. Di Miceli and Mr. Schindler in support, motion to amend Docket 0-253 failed.

**Docket #0-253:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on April 12, 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. Ejnes, and carried by six, Ms. Di Miceli opposing, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #0-254:** The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on April 27, 2011, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Ejnes, 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 received.

**Docket #0-255:** The **MINUTES** of the Work Session held on May 3, 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. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the docket was discussed. Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as amended.

**Docket #0-256:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for March 2011 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of

Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 9 – 50, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – PTSA Co-President, Josephine DiMarco, announced a Plant Sale at the Middle School the day of the budget vote; May 23<sup>rd</sup> the District will be hosting the Harlem Wizards; the Installation Dinner is on May 26<sup>th</sup>; there will be no Candidates Forum this year and their next meeting date is June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan turned the meeting over to Ms. Peluso to give a PowerPoint presentation on the Three-Year Strategic Plan 2011-14. Ms. Peluso covered Strategic Planning II; council being formed; action plan subgroups; academic excellence action plan; educational equity action plan; continuous improvement using data action plan; educational technology action plan; community relations action plan; common elements of all action plans; council feedback and reflection; recommendations from Dr. Bernato; additional recommendations and thanked the Board, Mr. Hogan, Dr. Bernato, council members and Ms. Murray for all their help and input.

Mr. Hogan's general remarks included the budget process and still thinking about lessons in democracy from last May to now; that Boards of Education are the closest form of government in communities; the budget being presented to the voters is a solid one that includes summer school, keeping a Guidance Counselor on staff and athletic and social organizations remain intact; invited the audience to view his and Mr. Cunningham's budget video on the website; WHEA accepting the Fact Finders report and thanked everyone involved in teacher negotiations for hanging in there. It is now time to move forward with our new Strategic Plan.

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

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

as follows:

**Docket #0-257:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven,

Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

**Topic: Leave-Replacement Positions**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cucciniello, Kerri Ann	Clerk Typist HS	\$31,367 (pro-rated) Step 3	5/16/11 – t/b/d
Tuomey, Noreen	1:1 Monitor HS	\$14.41/hr. Step 1	5/16/11 – 6/24/11

**Topic: Appointments for Regents Review Classes**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Benson, Melissa	Integrated Algebra	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/9
Benson, Melissa	Integrated Geometry	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/8
Daempfle, Tobias	Chemistry	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8
D'Andrea, Michelle	Integrated Geometry	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/8
Dunbar, Patricia	English	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/12, 5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/7
Foehr, Greg	Global History	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/24, 5/25, 6/1
Gould, Dina	Living Environment	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8
Hanna, Chad	U.S. History	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/24, 5/25, 6/1
Knoernschild, Kim	Integrated Algebra	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/9
Knoernschild, Kim	Integrated Geometry	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/8
Kufta, Jared	English	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/12, 5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/7
Kurzban, Sandra	Algebra 2/Trig.	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/9
Lent, Theresa	U.S. History	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/24, 5/25, 6/1
Marder, Pamela	Integrated Algebra	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/9
McCarthy, Lisa	Earth Science (ESL)	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8
McCarthy, Lisa	Int. Algebra (ESL)	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/9
McCarthy, Lisa	Int. Geometry (ESL)	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/8
McCarthy, Lisa	Global History (ESL)	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/24, 5/25, 6/1
McCarthy, Lisa	English (ESL)	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	6/6
Mejia, Natasha	Spanish 3	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/9, 5/31
Murray, Anthony	Integrated Algebra	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/9
Nappi, Gina	Global History	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/24, 5/25, 6/1
Okpych, Chris	Living Environment	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8
Pusateri, Virginia	Living Environment	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8
Rowland, Cathieann	Algebra 2/Trig.	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/9
Santarelli, Margaret	Global History	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/24, 5/25, 6/1
Saul, Susan	Earth Science	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8
Senia, Chris	Integrated Geometry	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/16, 5/23, 6/6, 6/8
Senia, Chris	Algebra 2/Trig.	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2, 6/7, 6/9
Spallino, Caterina	Italian	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/31, 6/2
Trupia, Salvatore	Chemistry	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8
Testa, Neil	U.S. History	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/24, 5/25, 6/1
Ypsilantis, James	Earth Science	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8
Zuluaga, Rosemary	Living Environment	\$63.75/hr. + neg. increase	5/17, 5/26, 6/8

**Topic: Academic Intervention Substitute Appointments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
DiRaimondo, Michael	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	As needed
Ganley, Theresa	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	As needed
Hume, James	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	As needed
Knoernschild, Kimberly	\$63.74/hr. plus neg. increase	As needed
Paradiso, Janet	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	As needed
Zacharias, Nadia	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	As needed

**Topic: Appointments for CPSE/CSE Summer Meetings 2011**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Baron, Steven	7/26, 7/27, 7/28, 8/17
Bernstein, Andrea	7/26, 7/27, 7/28
Bonadonna, Louis	7/26, 7/27, 7/28, 8/3
Hawxhurst, Dianne	7/26, 7/27, 7/28, 8/17
Isaacson, Suzanne	7/26, 7/27, 7/28, 8/17
Messina, Edna	7/27, 8/17

**Topic: Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Minichini, Frank	Cleaner – CS	\$46,399	8/23/11

**Topic: Resignation Request(s)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
D'Antona, Rene	Special Education Teacher HS	\$68,966	8/31/11

**Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cicio, Deanna	\$90.00 per day
Gaffney, Mandi	\$90.00 per day
Germino, Clare	\$90.00 per day
Keenan, Deidra	\$90.00 per day
Kraut, Debra	\$90.00 per day
Nerdalen, Elisabet	\$90.00 per day
O'Keefe, Anne	\$90.00 per day
Ventura, Desiree	\$15.00 per hour

**Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute List**

<u>Name</u>
Tanesha Vaughn

**Docket #0-258:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved tenure appointments as follows:

**Topic:            Tenure Appointments**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Area</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
O'Farrell, Kathleen	Director of English Language Arts	7/1/11
Bonadonna, Louis	School Psychologist	9/1/11
DiPasquale, Daniel	Music Teacher	9/1/11
Dooley, Ryan	Physical Education/Health Teacher	9/1/11
Russo, Susan	Special Education Teacher	9/1/11
Tavano, Kate	Reading Teacher	9/1/11
Weinstein, Daisy	Foreign Language Teacher	9/1/11

At 9:40 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Di Miceli, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, the Board broke into Executive Session and reconvened at 10:04 p.m.

**Docket #0-259:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Contract with the Superintendent of Schools for the period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2015.

**Docket #0-260:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the West Hempstead Education Association for the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

**Docket #0-261:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements for the 2010-11 school year with Franklin Square, Garden City, Manhasset, South Huntington and Westbury School Districts.

**Docket #0-262:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreement for the 2011-12 school year with Seaford School District.

**Docket #0-263:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Consultant/Special Education Services Contracts.

**Docket #0-264:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement for the Nassau BOCES Regional Summer School Program 2011.

**Docket #0-265:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the School Conduct and Discipline Code for 2011-12.

**Docket #0-266:** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Schindler, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Three-Year Strategic Plan 2011-14.

**Docket #0-267:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Amendment to Docket No. 0-229 adopted on April 12, 2011.

**Docket #0-268:** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the donation of money from General Mills Box Tops for Education.

**Docket #0-269:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Ms. Rilling, 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 #0-270:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

**Docket #0-271:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Board authorizes the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes not to exceed \$10,000,000 in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

**Docket #0-272:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved a contract with Hawkins Delafield & Wood, LLP, to provide services in connection with the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes.

**Docket #0-273:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Cooperative Bid for Fuel Tank Alarm Repair.

**Docket #0-274:** Was not motioned to discuss.

**Docket #0-275:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid for Custodial Supplies 2011-2012.

**Docket #0-276:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the license agreements with Edge Software for the 2011-12 school year.

**Docket #0-277:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the MyKids Service Agreement contract with Lunch Byte Systems, Inc. for the 2011-12 school year.

**Docket #0-278:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Under **OLD BUSINESS** action was taken as follows: There was no old business.

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

**Docket #0-279:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board Members or Administrators to attend NYSSBA's webinar on June 1, 2011.

**Docket #0-280:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board Members or Central Administrators to attend the PTA-PTSA-SEPTA Annual Installation Dinner on May 26, 2011.

**Docket #0-281:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board Members or Administrators to attend NSSBA's 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting on June 2, 2011.



**Docket #0-282:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>		
WH Little League	07/02/11-08/28/11 Sat & Sun – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Baseball & Softball	Field
WH Bronco Cheerleading	08/2/11-11/29/11 Tues & Thurs – 6:00-7:30 p.m. Cheerleading	Field
WH Bronco Cheerleading	09/8/11-11/29/11 Tues & Thurs – 6:00-7:30 p.m. Cheerleading	Cafeteria (if raining)
PTA/PTSA/Septa	05/17/11 3:00-7:00 p.m. Family fun at the Polls	Courtyard Cafeteria (if raining)
<b>CHESTNUT STREET</b>		
WH Little League	07/02/11-08/28/11 Sat & Sun – 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Baseball	Field
YIWH	07/04/11-08/05/11 Mon-Thurs 5:00 p.m.-Dark Baseball & Softball	Field
YIWH	07/10/11 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Baseball & Softball	Field

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – There was no discussion.

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

At 10:48 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, there was a motion to allow a Board member to speak.

At 10:51 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session, which ended at 12:35 p.m.

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Kathryn Girolamo