

The **REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Board Room at Chestnut Street on September 15, 2009 at 7:40 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Ms. Lotito, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Mr. Brita, Mr. Ejnes, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Whelpley. Mr. Kaye was absent. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. G. Guercio, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Bryant, Ms. Castonguay, and members of the staff and community.

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Ms. Lotito welcomed and introduced Dr. Eric Shoenfeld, the district's school physician. Dr. Shoenfeld gave an overview about the role of the physician in school and spoke about the H1N1 flu.

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

**Docket #9-68:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on August 18, 2009, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Whelpley, 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 #9-69:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for July 2009 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

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Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Ms. Walz (PTA) encouraged everyone to join PTA. She invited all to attend the Welcome Tea to be held at Chestnut Street School the following morning and announced that the elementary Back-to-School Nights would be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> at George Washington, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Cornwell Avenue and September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Chestnut Street. Ms. DiMarco (PTSA) announced that the PTSA hosted 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, and that their first meeting was held Monday night. Ms. DiMarco mentioned that the PTSA was hosting a Bully Prevention Program the next day for students in grades 5 through 8. She announced that the Middle School Back-to-School Night would be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> and the High School's would be on September 24<sup>th</sup>. She said that mums would be for sale at the Back-to-School Nights.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan thanked everyone for a smooth and effective opening. Since the PTA/PTSA Presidents had already announced Back-to-School Nights, he encouraged everyone to refer to their calendars. He spoke about the Board of Education Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to discuss assessment data and analysis. He announced that the Board will also discuss EXCEL funds and their use in the district. Mr. Hogan said that information about the H1N1 flu was sent home and posted on the district website. He encouraged all to review the site often for the most updated information as received from Federal, State and County Officials. Mr. Hogan announced that he would be recommending that the Board appoint an Interim Principal to begin work at the High School tomorrow morning. He thanked Mr. Escobar and Mr. DiMaio for their assistance during the past year and spoke of the outstanding quality of their administrative work and their unquestioned commitment to the students.

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

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

place as follows:

**Docket #9-70:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by five, Mr. Mariano abstained, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

**Topic:** **Approval of Interim High School Principal**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Lederer, Neil	Interim High School Principal	\$775.00/day end date to be determined	9/16/09

**Topic:** **Appointment of Regular Daily Substitute**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Fernandes, Susana	\$95.00/day	9/9/09 – 6/25/10

**Topic:** **Leave of Absence**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
Marder, Pamela	Math Teacher	10/1/09	12/17/09

**Topic:** **Substitute Appointments**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Knoernschild, Kimberly	Mathematics 7-12	\$47,221 (.6) 1BA (pro-rated) plus neg. increase	10/1/09 – 12/17/09
Knoernschild, Kimberly	Mathematics 7-12	\$95.00/day (pro-rated)	10/1/09 – 12/17/09
Weiss, Jeremy	Mathematics 7-12	\$56,275 2MA (pro-rated) plus neg. increase	10/1/09 – 12/17/09

**Topic:** **Annual Appointment(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
Mariano, Christine	Monitor	\$14.32/hr. plus neg. increase	9/9/09 – 6/25/10

**Topic:** **Appointments for PSAT Review Courses**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
Benson, Melissa	Math Teacher (plus neg. increase)	\$63.75/hr. (15 hour maximum)	9/24/09 – 10/15/09

Murray, Anthony	Administrator (plus neg. increase)	\$63.75/hr. (25 hour maximum)	9/24/09 - 10/15/09
Parker-Hall, Suzanne	English Teacher (plus neg. increase)	\$63.75/hr. (15 hour maximum)	9/24/09 – 10/15/09
Rogan, Amy	English Teacher (plus neg. increase)	\$63.75/hr. (15 hour maximum)	9/24/09 – 10/15/09

**Topic: Appointment(s) for Elementary Home Instruction**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Stein, Edie	Special Education Home Instruction	\$51.87/hr. plus neg. increase (maximum 5 hours per week)

**Topic: Appointment of Mentors**

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Santorelli, Margaret	Social Studies
Shinners, Laurie	Art

**Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Gagliano-Pangallo, Lorraine	\$90.00/day
Leto, Regina	\$90.00/day
Nelson, Daniel	\$90.00/day

**Topic: Appointments Rescinded**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Amato, Donna	School Monitor – MS
Giambrone, Kristen	Per Diem Substitute
Licari, Vanessa	Per Diem Substitute
Manfredi, Josephine	School Monitor - HS

**Topic: Resignation**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ehrlich, Jean	Monitor CA	10/2/09

**Topic: Approval of Increase in Part-time Appointment**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Weiss, Jeremy	Math 7-12	\$56,275 plus neg. increase MA 2 (pro-rated)	.2	.6	9/11/09- 6/30/10

**Topic:        Salary Credits**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Step</u></b>	<b><u>Increase</u></b>	<b><u>New Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Geiger, Erin	Social Studies Teacher MS	6 MA	\$7,968	\$66,995 plus neg. increase	9/1/09

**Docket #9-71:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Karroll, Desiree	Mentor Trainer	\$100.00/hr.
Kenney, Suzanne	Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$6,469.00 (plus neg. increase)

**Topic:        Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
Cochrane, Ashley	MS Stage Director
Reid, Walter	MS Science Club Advisor

**Docket #9-72**        Upon the motion of Mrs. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved the termination of an employee as follows:

Thomas Lee                                Terminated - effective immediately

**Docket #9-73**        Upon the Motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board approved contracts for the 2009 – 2010 school year with the following Administrative Personnel: Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Banfield and Mr. Fleck. Included in this resolution was a two-year extension of Mr. Hogan's contract.

**Docket #9-74:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved the Title I Proposal for the 2009 – 2010 School year.

**Docket #9-75**        Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved the Budget Timetable for the 2010-2011 school year.

**Docket #9-76** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved the addition of Elizabeth Waldvogel to the District Committee on Special Education.

**Docket #9-77** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mrs. Rilling and carried by six, the Board approved Instructional and Consultant contracts for Special Education Services with the Association for the Advancement of Blind and Retarded, Susan Heaphy, RN, Metro Therapy, Inc. and SAIL.

**Docket #9-78** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by six, the Board approved the service agreement with Healthcare Waste Solutions.

**Docket #9-79** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by six, the Board approved of the Health Insurance Rule increasing the yearly pay for employees to be eligible for health insurance benefits from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

**Docket #9-80:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by six, the Board accepted a gift of books from Mr. and Mrs. Kaye to the Chestnut Street School.

**Docket #9-81:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, 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 #9-82:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

**Docket #9-83:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted to approve the Omni Financial Group Agreement for 2009 – 2010.

**Docket #9-84:** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted approving the district’s participation in a cooperative bid coordinated by the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County for HVAC Maintenance and Installation.

**Docket #9-85:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted approving the district’s participation in a cooperative bid coordinated by the Board of Cooperative Education Services of Nassau County for doors.

**Docket #9-86:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the amendment of the 2009-10 budget of \$338,000 for the purpose of paying the annual Employer Retirement System bill and authorizes the appropriation of said amount to the General Fund from the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund.

**Docket #9-87:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved of the Southwest Quadrant Pupil Transportation Cooperative Transportation Contracts to furnish special education and regular transportation for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Docket #9-88:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, 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>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>		
WH Civic Association	10/04/09 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Street Fair Parking	Parking Field
<b>CORNWELL AVENUE</b>		
YIWH	09/16/09-12/31/09 Sun – 8:30-11:30 a.m. Softball	Field

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

No motion took place.

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

**Docket #9-89 to 9-93:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, the Board agreed to discuss the following policies at the October 6, 2009 Policy Meeting: Existing Policy - 5127 – Administrative Regulations Only - Open/Closed Campus; Existing Policy - 5118 -Non-Resident Students; Proposed Policy - Code of Conduct/Ethics for Employees; Proposed Policy - Suspensions and Existing Policy – 3444 Purchasing.

**Docket #9-94:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, the Board agreed to incur the expenses of those Board Members and District Administrators attending NSSBA’s Annual Resolution Dinner on September 30, 2009.

**Docket #9-95:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expenses of those Board Members and District Administrators who may attend NYSSBA’s New York State Public Relations Association Awards Luncheon on October 16, 2009.

**Docket #9-96:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board Members and District Administrators who may attend NSBA’s 70<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on April 10-12, 2010.

**Docket #9-97:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and District Administrators who may attend NYSSBA’s 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Education Law Conference on September 17, 2009.



**Docket #9-98**            Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and District Administrators who may attend NSSBA's Special Meeting on September 23, 2009.

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

At 8:55 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session.

At 10:35 p.m., upon the motion of Mrs. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, a motion was made to return to open session.

A motion to reconsider the transportation appeal made by the parent for the student listed on Confidential Schedule "A" was made by Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six.

**Docket #9-99**            Upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, a motion to sustain the appeal of parents of the student listed on Confidential Schedule "A" from the denial of their late request for transportation was lost, none for, six against.

At 10:45 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, the meeting was adjourned.

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Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk