

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 October 6, 2009 at 8:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Docket #9-89: **Existing Policy 5127 – Open/Closed Campus – Administrative**

Regulations – It was unanimously agreed that the Administrative Regulations be placed on the October 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board, with the following changes:

Under (a) – Academic – “Any student in the Class of 2010 may have only one (1) failure going into the second quarter and for the spring semester, may have no failures. All subsequent senior classes may have no failures.” Also the line “The junior year community service component does not apply to the Class of 2009” is to be removed. Under (c) – add after “Parents must opt into the privilege program by giving their signed consent” **in person.**

Docket #9-90: **Existing Policy 5118 – Non-Resident Students** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the October 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the

Board with the following changes: Page 2 under Former Residents, Number 1 – second line to read “fourth marking period, may, with the approval of the Superintendent... :Number 2, second line to read “but after the start of the fourth marking period, may, with the approval of the Superintendent....

Docket #9-91: **Proposed Policy – Employee Code of Ethics** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the October 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #9-92: **Proposed Policy – Suspensions** – It was unanimously agreed that this Docket be removed as it will be included in the Code of Conduct book.

Docket #9-93: **Policy 3444 – Purchasing** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the October 20th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: All “Assistant Superintendent for Business” change to “Business Official.” Add Number 21 as follows and drop the former number 21 to number 22:

21. Requests for Proposals: The District will contact a number of professionals (e.g. architects, engineers, accountants, lawyers, underwriters, fiscal consultants, etc.) and request that they submit written proposals. The RFPs may include negotiations on a fair and equal basis. The RFPs and evaluation of such proposals will consider price plus other factors such as:
 - a) The Special knowledge or expertise of the professional or consultant service;
 - b) The quality of the service to be provided;
 - c) The staffing of the service; and
 - d) The suitability for the District’s needs.

The District will first locate prospective qualified firms by:

- a) Advertising in trade journals;
- b) Checking listings of professionals; or
- c) Making inquiries of other districts or other appropriate sources.

The District will then prepare a well planned RFP, which will contain critical details of the engagement, including the methods which it will use in selecting the service.

Under Consideration of policy items for future meetings – Class size.

At 9:07 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by six, the Policy Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session, which ended at 9:40 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk