

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 March 16, 2010 at 7:40 p.m.

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

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

**Docket #9-214:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on February 9, 2010, 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 Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as amended.

**Docket #9-215:** The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on February 23, 2010, 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 Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #9-216:** The **MINUTES** of the Budget Meeting – Non Instructional held on March 2, 2010, 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 Mr. Mariano, and carried by

seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #9-216:** The **MINUTES** of the Budget Meeting – Instructional held on March 9, 2010, 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 Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #9-218:** The **TREASURER’S REPORT** for January 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. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 8 – 45, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Mr. Kaye gave a legislative report that covered the April 1<sup>st</sup> budget deadline probably not going to be met; \$9.1 billion shortfall in revenues; the possibility of Lieutenant Governor Rovitch convening a committee similar to the 1970’s Deficit Reduction Commission capturing what needs to be done fiscally; Albany unwilling to meet membership perks; Joint Conference Committee having a Reconciliation meeting; revenue and grant proposals; legislatures looking at the larger framework, but not helpful for the District to project our budget.

Student Council Representative, Kayla Perez, reported on the successful coat drive for the Salvation Army; Senior Talent Show on March 23<sup>rd</sup>; congratulated the students on their fantastic presentation of Les Miserables; Literacy Night on April 21<sup>st</sup>; March 19<sup>th</sup> is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Teacher’s Volleyball game and April 8<sup>th</sup> is the senior class Fashion Show.

Theresa Walz, Co-President of the PTA, reported on Appreciation Day at Chestnut Street and upcoming in Cornwell and George Washington schools; plant sale ends this week; Reflections Day where students received their rewards and the next meeting is on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lauren Lee, SEPTA Co-president, spoke on last night's extra curricular meeting and thanked Mr. Popkin and Mr. Ianniello for their contribution.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan presented a Power Point presentation on the budget. Topics included the budget development timeline; three-year historical enrollment K-12; other revenue sources decreasing, which includes state aid and tuition from Island Park; reserves and fund balance being used; revenue budget as of March 9<sup>th</sup>; estimated tax impact; proposed budget vs. contingent budget; potential contingent budget cuts; taxes under a contingent budget; the cost of a contingent budget; five-year tax levy history; the transportation resident initiated referendum and ended stating the Board and Administration are continuing to refine the budget, which will formally be adopted on April 20<sup>th</sup>. He then turned the meeting over to

Ms. Julia Healy, Related Arts Director.

Ms. Healy also gave a Power Point presentation on Visual Arts instruction K-12 and Home and Careers/Culinary Arts in the Middle and High schools. Topics included New York State Standards – 1. Creating, performing and participating in the Arts; 2. Knowing and using arts materials and resources; 3. Responding to and analyzing works of art and 4. Understanding the cultural dimensions and contributions of the arts. Program is sequential in nature, teachers being certified in their fields; teachers attending regular professional development workshops; four Molloy college courses; adding digital photography into the curriculum; grants and exhibits. Ms. Healy concluded with our lessons often embed literacy, science, math, social studies and

other discipline within them and our students study various cultures and learn the importance of artifacts as a window into what it means to be human.

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

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

**Docket #9-219:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

**Topic: Appointment of Occupational Therapists**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Dubrosky, Kathleen	Full-time Occupational Therapist	Occupational Therapist	\$66,995 6MA (pro-rated plus negotiated increase)	4/19/10
Ward, Jennifer	Part-time Occupational Therapist	Occupational Therapist	\$64,315 5MA (pro-rated plus negotiated increase)	4/12/10

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cappell, Mary Jane	Elementary Teacher Cornwell Avenue	\$114,877	6/30/10
Hemberger, Carol	Science Teacher High School	\$110,946	6/30/10
Parramore, Mary	Foreign Language High School	\$114,877	6/30/10
Sullivan, Jacqueline	Psychologist	\$118,808	6/30/10
Yosha, Laurie	Special Education Teacher Middle School	\$114,877	6/30/10
Zach, Stanley	Special Education Teacher Middle School	\$ 99,153	6/30/10

**Topic: Appointments for SAT Review Courses**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Benson, Melissa	Mathematics	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	6 sessions
D’Agostino, Kathleen	English	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	6 sessions
D’Andrea Michelle	Mathematics	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	6 sessions
Murray, Anthony	Administrator	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	6 sessions
Parker-Hall, Suzanne	English	\$63.75/hr. plus neg. increase	6 sessions

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

**Name**

Root, Israel

Stein, Samantha

**Topic: Resignations**

**Name**

**Position**

**Effective**

Lauth, Sandra

One-to-One Monitor 2/25/10  
Middle School

Sullivan, John

One-to-One Monitor 2/23/10  
High School

**Topic: Leave(s) of Absence**

**Name**

**Position**

**From**

**To**

Smith, Kevin

Custodian  
HS

3/1/10

3/26/10

**Docket #9-220:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Kaye and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

**Name**

**Activity**

**Salary**

Shelley, Sam

Girls' JV Softball Coach

\$4,525.00 plus neg. increase

**Docket #9-221:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved tenure appointments as follows:

**Name**

**Tenure Area**

**Effective**

Christodoulou, Evangeline

Art Teacher  
High School

3/20/10

**Docket #9-222:** Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education Services Instructional and Consultant.

**Docket #9-223:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements – West Hempstead Schools.

**Docket #9-224:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements – Other School Districts Attending Non-public Schools.

**Docket #9-225:** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Mini Grant from Nassau TRACT Teacher Center.

**Docket #9-226:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the 55/25 Retirement Incentive Agreement.

**Docket #9-227:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board accepted donations from the CollegeBoard, Rite Aid and the West Hempstead Youth Football Club.

**Docket #9-228:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, 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 #9-229:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

**Docket #9-230:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved SEQRA in Connection with Proposed EXCEL Capital Improvement Projects.

**Docket #9-231:** Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved Professional Auditing Services Contract with Cullen & Danowski.

**Docket #9-232:** Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, 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>CORNWELL AVENUE</b>		
YIWH	06/28/10-08/31/10 Mon – 5:30-10:00 p.m. Softball	Softball Field
WH Little League	03/18/10-07/01/10 Mon, Wed & Fri – 5:30 p.m.-Dark Sat – 9:00 a.m.-Dark Sun – 5:30 p.m.-Dark	Both Fields
<b>CHESTNUT STREET</b>		
WH Little League	03/18/10-07/01/10 Tues, Thurs & Fri – 5:30 p.m.-Dark Sat – 2:00 p.m.-Dark Sun – 9:00 a.m.-Dark Baseball & Softball	Both Fields
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>		
WH PAL	04/11/10-06/27/10 Sun – 9:00-11:15 a.m. Track & Field	Track & Field
WH Civic Association	07/18/10 5:30-9:00 p.m. Concert	Auditorium
WH Lions Club	04/18/10 12:30-6:00 p.m. Concert	Auditorium
WH Lions Club	05/08/10 7:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Garage Sale	Parking Lot
WH Kiwanis Club	05/16/10 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Cafeteria	Cafeteria

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

WH Little League	03/18/10-07/01/10 Mon-Fri – 6:30 p.m.-Dark Sat – 9:00 a.m.-Dark Sun – 1:00 p.m.-Dark Baseball & Softball	Both Fields
WH Yankees	03/21/10-08/31/10 Sun - 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Baseball Games	Baseball Field

**GEORGE WASHINGTON**

WH Little League	03/18/10-07/01/10 Mon-Fri – 5:30 p.m.-Dark Sun – 11:00 a.m.-Dark Softball	Softball Field
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Under **OLD BUSINESS** action was taken as follows:

There was no old business to be addressed.

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

**Docket #9-233:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Public Hearing date be set for May 11, 2010, and the Annual Meeting date be set for May 18, 2010.

**Docket #8-234:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board appointed Pamela Lotito, President of the Board of Education, as Chairperson for the Annual Meeting of the District to be held on May 18, 2010.

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.

Mr. Gregory Guercio, on behalf of the Board of Education, presented a Power Point presentation to the audience that covered negotiations and the process. He explained the last agreement in 2005 and the steps that got them to the final proposal. He presented comparisons between the District proposal and the actual Contract Agreement. He also tackled the topic of rankings.



At 9:45 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session, which ended at 11:50 p.m.

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Kathryn Girolamo