

The **SPECIAL BUDGET BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Video Conference Room on April 6, 2010 at 7:38 p.m.

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

Ms. Lotito turned the meeting over to Mr. Hogan. Mr. Hogan explained this is an update to the two prior budget meetings and as to where the District stands at the moment. The District still has two weeks to finalize the budget. Mr. Hogan then turned the meeting over to Mr. Cunningham, who gave a Power Point presentation on the recent changes they made to the budget.

Mr. Cunningham covered the budget development timeline; expenditure budget update, including reduction of teacher and support staff, alignment of material and supply lines to historical use, reduction of non-academic transportation appropriations and reduction of some extracurricular expenses; budget-to-budget changes since March 9th; revenue budget update that included the Governor's State Aid Proposal, which decreases our aid by over \$950,000, a 41% restoration of school aid cut in that proposal that equates to over \$384,000 and the withholding of a state aid payment over \$1.17 million; awaiting the New York State budget to be passed; tax levy update; revenue budget as of April 6

and five-year tax levy history. Mr. Cunningham concluded with stating the District will continue to refine this proposed budget until it is finalized and formally adopted on April 20.

At this point of the meeting, the Board asked any questions they had.

A draft of the proposed 2010-11 budget was given to the Board and residents, which was followed by a question and answer period for residents to the Board and Administration.

At 8:33 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, the Public Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session that ended at 9:15 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk