

The **AUDIT COMMITTEE** met in Executive Session as 7:30 p.m., which ended at 8:05 p.m.

The **ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on July 1, 2008 at 8:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Six members of the Board: Ms. Lotito, Ms. Rilling, Mr. Brita, Mr. Kaye, Mr. Mariano and Mr. Whelpley. Mr. Ejnes was absent. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan and Ms. Girolamo.

Following the call to order by Mr. John J. Hogan, Superintendent of Schools, the District Clerk gave the Oath of Office to re-elected Board Member Pamela Lotito.

The Acting Chairman, Mr. Hogan, then called for **NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**, whereupon Mr. Whelpley nominated Pamela Lotito to that office, seconded by Mr. Mariano. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Pamela Lotito was declared elected as President by unanimous vote. The District Clerk then gave the Oath of Office to President Lotito.

Upon taking the Chair, the President called for **NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT**, whereupon Mr. Brita nominated Davis Whelpley to that office, seconded by Mr. Mariano. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Davis

Whelpley was declared elected as Vice-President by unanimous vote. The District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Vice President, Davis Whelpley.

Ms. Lotito requested of the Board to re-look at Series 8000 and 9000 of the District policy book.

APPOINTMENTS were made for the 2008 - 2009 school year as follows:

Upon motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried unanimously, Kathryn Girolamo was appointed as District Clerk and Secretary to the Board; Theresa Bryant was appointed as Deputy District Clerk; Diane Castonguay was appointed as District Treasurer; Phyllis Barrett was appointed Deputy District Treasurer, the firm of Guercio & Guercio was appointed as Board Counsel; Dr. Eric Shoenfeld was appointed as Medical Inspector; the firm of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski LLP was appointed as Auditor; BJLJ was appointed Architect, BOCES was appointed as Public Relations; Thomas McLaughlin was appointed as Internal Claims Auditor; Sheehan and Company was appointed as Internal Auditor, R.S. Abrams & Co. LLP was appointed Financial Statement Accountant, and Alvaro Escobar was appointed as Records Management Officer, all for the 2008 - 2009 school year.

The Oath of Office was then given to Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk, by President Lotito.

Upon motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried unanimously,

STANDING COMMITTEES were appointed by the President as follows:

Building and Grounds

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| 1. Chestnut Street | D. Whelpley/W. Ejnes |
| 2. Cornwell Ave. | A. Brita/D. Whelpley |
| 3. Marian Delaney | M. Kaye/W. Ejnes |
| 4. George Washington | A. Brita/P. Lotito |
| 5. Middle School | J. Mariano/C. Rilling |
| 6. High School | J. Mariano/C. Rilling |

Fiscal Affairs	A. Brita W. Ejnes D. Whelpley
Community and Private School Liaison	C. Rilling M. Kaye/P. Lotito
Legislation	M. Kaye/A. Brita
Liaison to PTA, PTSA and SEPTA	J. Mariano/D. Whelpley/C. Rilling
Scholarship Committee	C. Rilling/J. Mariano/D. Whelpley
Policy Committee	Committee of the Whole
Civic Association Liaison	A. Brita/P. Lotito/ W. Ejnes
Education Committee	Committee of the Whole
Audit	Committee of the Whole Two Community Residents
Liaison to BOCES	M. Kaye
Space Utilization Committee	Committee of the Whole
Sports Committee Liaison	C. Rilling/J. Mariano/P. Lotito
Health and Safety Committee	J. Mariano/P. Lotito/C. Rilling
Energy Performance Committee	Committee of the Whole

BONDING: On the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall be bonded as heretofore in the amount of \$900,000 each.

DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORY: On motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer be designated as signatory on payroll and all other checks.

DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY: On motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried unanimously, Bank of America, Citibank, HSBC Bank USA, State Bank of Long Island, Commerce Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank and Wachovia Bank were designated as depositories for District funds, and Bank of America, State Street Bank and Trust, Wachovia Bank, Commerce Bank and/or Depository Trust Company were designated as paying agents for bond and bond coupon collection.

DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS: On motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried unanimously, that the Beacon, Richner Publications (Herald), Newsday, The New York Times, Three Village Times, The Franklin Square Bulletin, and The Oceanside/Island Park Herald be designated as district newspapers.

MILEAGE RATE FOR VEHICLES USED ON SCHOOL BUSINESS: On motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried unanimously, the Mileage Rate for Vehicles used on School Business was established at 50 cents per mile.

Under the **DISCUSSION** portion of the meeting, Board of Education Goals - Ms. Lotito requested the words “the implementation” be removed from goal #2, to have “math” added to goal #4, that Policies 9130 and 9140 be looked at again in upcoming policy meetings, under #5 to change the word “enhance” to “nurture” and add “enrollment trends and provide better curriculum” at the end of that goal,” and inquired if Mr. Hogan can write up Administrative Regulations for the Open/Closed Campus policy. Mr. Brita asked if updating of the website can be added to the goals, that college admissions be looked into, and requested that the Board receive the listing of goals beginning March or April. Mr. Whelpley requested that

goal #2 and goal #4 be switched. It was decided that Board goals would be re-looked at during Policy meetings to see if the District is making progress on the goals.

Ms. Lotito asked to discuss the Budget Vote voting hours for the 2009 - 2010 school year. After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed to have the hours remain the same for another year.

Also discussed was a wage increase for poll workers at the annual budget vote. It was unanimously agreed that they raise the hourly rate to ten dollars (\$10) per hour.

Lastly, the Board discussed changing the starting time for Board meetings to begin at 7:30 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m. It was unanimously agreed that the Board will try it for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

At 10:30 p.m., upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried unanimously, the Annual Reorganization Meeting was adjourned. At 10:31 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened to public session and upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, the Board went into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Executive Session ended at 10:45 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk