

The **REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on September 16, 2008 at 7:32 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. Girolamo, Ms. Castonguay, and members of the staff and community.

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

Docket #8-79: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on August 19, 2008, 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 seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #8-80a: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business/Policy Meeting held on August 28, 2008, 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. Brita, and carried by five, Ms. Lotito and Mr. Ejnes abstained, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #8-80b: The **MINUTES** of the Work Session held on September 9, 2008, 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 seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #8-81: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for July 2008 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. 2 – 14, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Several Board members recently attended the New York State School Board Association's Summer Academy in Albany and gave some brief reports. Topics included power to schools, legal issues, property tax relief, energy saving suggestions from the New York Power Authority (NYPA) and "getting to excellence." Mr. Kaye stated that a representative of NYPA, Brian Vattimo, is willing to look over our energy performance contract free of charge and give his suggestions to the Board. Speaker Dr. Judith Langer gave effective and interesting workshops.

PTSA Co-President Risa Monroe reported on their first meeting and that the membership drive is now in full swing; Back to School Night at the Middle School; College Night coming up; extended Mr. Lee their best wishes and asked questions regarding the volleyball team's fundraising.

SEPTA Co-President, Josephine Scheel reported on their first meeting as well; full teacher membership; next meeting in October is on ADD; five students from last year's class received scholarships; possible "theme nights" to help get parents to meetings and "tip" cards from residents. Mr. Mariano commented on their suggestion to place our textbooks into the public library so if a student forgets their book, they can still go to the library to complete an assignment.

PTA Co-President Theresa Walz reported on their membership drive and next Monday at Cornwell Avenue is their first meeting.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan gave a brief summary including the opening of school; Open Campus meeting on September 17; College Information Night; upcoming school closings; and US Constitution Recognition Day. Mr. Hogan then turned the meeting over to Nancy Sigmund, Director of Mathematics and Technology.

Ms. Sigmund covered scores in all the buildings, extra help sessions, the high school's transition in curriculum in math and writing and geometry in Technology.

Next, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Ann Peluso, along with Rebecca Ferraioli, Director of Student Data Services, gave a report on the School Report Card for 2006 – 2007. Covered topics were accountability and overview report; comprehensive information report; adequate yearly progress (AYP); similar school data; individual school standings in English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science; Regents diplomas and what the District is doing to improve performance.

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

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

Docket #8-82: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: **Appointment of Acting Assistant Principal**

DiMaio, Christopher

Effective September 17, 2008

Topic: Appointment of Regular Daily Substitute(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Gallo, Maria	\$95.00/day (GW)	9/17/08 – 6/27/08

Topic: Part-Time Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Knoernschild, Kimberly	\$47,221 1BA (pro-rated .2)	9/11/08 – 6/26/09

Topic: Annual Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Bolanos, Richard	Football Chain Holder	\$33.00 (per Friday game) \$38.00 (per Saturday game)	9/5/08 – 6/26/09
Briguglio, John	Football Chain Holder	\$33.00 (per Friday game) \$38.00 (per Saturday game)	9/5/08 – 6/26/09
Imperioli, Gina	One-to-One Monitor St. Thomas	\$13.83/hr. plus neg. increase	9/8/08 – 6/26/09
Hatch, Christopher	Football Chain Holder	\$33.00 (per Friday game) \$38.00 (per Saturday game)	9/5/08 – 6/26/09
Hettler, Jessica	Athletic Trainer	\$90.00 (per football game) \$19.00 per hour (all other games)	9/17/08 – 6/26/09
Rizzo, Connor	Football Chain Holder	\$33.00 (per Friday game) \$38.00 (per Saturday game)	9/5/08 – 6/26/09
Smith, Diane	One-to-One Monitor St. Thomas	\$13.83/hr. plus neg. increase	9/3/08 – 6/26/09
Wachtel, Andrew	Athletic Trainer	\$90.00 (per football game) \$19.00 per hour (all other games)	9/17/08 – 6/26/09

Topic: Appointment of Substitute Clerical Workers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
DiBrizzi, Gloria	\$175.00/day (30 day maximum)

Myers, Courtney \$100.00/day
(4 day maximum)

Topic: Appointment of Records Access Officer

Girolamo, Kathryn

Topic: Appointments for 2007 – 2008 PSAT Review Courses and SAT Review Courses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sigmund, Nancy	PSAT Administrator	\$61.82/hr.	30 hours	\$1,824.60
	SAT Administrator	\$61.82/hr.	8 hours	\$ 494.56

Topic: Appointments for PSAT Review Courses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Benson, Melissa	Math Teacher	\$64.75/hr.	9/24/08 – 10/16/08 (15 hour maximum)
Marder, Pamela	Math Teacher	\$64.75/hr.	9/24/08 – 10/16/08 (15 hour maximum)
Parker-Hall, Suzanne	English Teacher	\$64.75/hr.	9/24/08 – 10/16/08 (15 hour maximum)
Sigmund, Nancy	Administrator	\$64.75/hr.	9/24/08 – 10/16/08 (25 hour maximum)

Topic: Appointment of Mentors

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Benik, Tara	Technology
Karroll, Desiree	Reading
Keblish, Alexandra	Permanent Substitute
Kenney, Suzanne	Physical Education
Kunz, Karen	FLES
Lent, Theresa	Social Studies
Mueller, Allison	Psychologist
Rowland, Cathieann	Mathematics
Santarelli, Margaret	Permanent Substitute
Sena, Michelle	Kindergarten

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
DePaola, Christine	P/T Speech Teacher HANC	9/15/08	12/8/08
Murray, John	Head Custodian GW	9/8/08	unknown

Topic: Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Smith, Diane	One-to-One Monitor St. Thomas	9/4/08
Walton, Kristine	Special Education Teacher HS	8/25/08

Topic: Appointments Rescinded

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
DePietro, Anne	School Monitor – GW
Finnegan, Michael	One-to-One Monitor – St. Thomas
Cafone, Daphne	Regular Daily Substitute – GW

Topic: Appointment of Non-Teaching Probationary Personnel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Delrossi, Cathy	Senior Stenographer	\$46,610 + \$ 2,000 (Confidential Status) Step 8	9/29/08

Docket #8-83 Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>High School</u>		
Brown, Adam	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,696.00
Brown, Adam	9 th Grade Co-Class Advisor	\$1,083.50
Carre, Dominic	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,696.00
Carre, Dominic	9 th Grade Co-Class Advisor	\$1,083.50
Hutt, Tracy	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,696.00
McCarthy, Lisa	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,696.00
Ragin, Linda	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,696.00

Docket #8-84: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Kaye and carried by seven, the Board approved the amendment to Docket #8-58.

Docket #8-85: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the amendment to Docket #8-64.

Docket #8-86: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Title I Proposal for the 2008 - 2009 school year, be approved as follows:

**Elementary
TITLE I PROPOSAL
2008 – 2009**

Project: Academic Intervention Services (AIS) in reading and writing will be provided to students in Cornwell Avenue School, George Washington School and the West Hempstead Middle School through Title I funding.

The components of the program will be as follows:

1. Title I teachers will provide remedial reading/writing at Cornwell Avenue School and George Washington School to students who qualify for this service.
2. Professional development, in the area of literacy, is provided to the teachers in Cornwell Avenue School, George Washington School and the West Hempstead Middle School.
3. The parochial school teachers will be invited to join public school teachers in attending workshops on training in teaching reading and writing to educationally disadvantaged students in a mainstream setting.
4. Title I funds will be used to enhance the Guided Reading libraries and professional collections at Cornwell Avenue School and George Washington School.

Proposed Budget:

Professional Salaries	\$198,582
Purchased Services	\$ 48,400
Supplies and Materials	\$ 23,459
	\$270,441

Docket #8-87 Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, that the Budget Timetable for the school year 2009 - 2010 be approved as follows:

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| November 14 | - | Building Inspection Reports to Central Office |
| November 21 | - | All Budgets to Central Office |
| December 8-12 | - | Administrative Budget Meetings – Superintendent and appropriate staff |
| January 10 (Saturday) | - | Building Inspection |
| | | 9:00 a.m. - George Washington School |
| | | 9:45 a.m. - Cornwell Avenue School |
| | | 10:30 a.m. - Middle School |
| | | 11:00 a.m. - High School |
| | | 11:45 a.m. - Chestnut Street School |
| February 24 | - | Board of Education, Executive Session
Budget/Personnel |
| **March 3 | - | Special Board of Education Meeting
Budget/Discussion of Non-Instructional Items |

- **March 10 - Special Board of Education Meeting
Budget/Discussion of Instructional Programs
Business Meeting – Budget Adoption
- May 1 - Budget Bulletin Mailed to Residents of the District
- May 12 - Public Budget Hearing/Business Meeting
- May 19 - Annual Meeting and Vote on Budget/ Election of Board
of Education Members

** The meetings of March 3rd and March 10th are expressly designed for public input into the budget process. Changes in the proposed budget do not occur at the Annual Meeting.

Docket #8-88: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board accepted a grant from the Mentoring Partnership of Long Island.

Docket #8-89: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by seven, the Board approved the Consultant Services Contracts.

Docket #8-90: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Special Education Services Contracts with Garden City Public Schools, Sewanhaka Central High School and Uniondale School District.

Docket #8-91: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Special Education Services Contract with Franklin Square School District.

Docket #8-92: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Individual Services Contracts for Professional Development.

Docket #8-93: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Appointment of District Committee on Pre-School Special Education as follows:

Parent Representative
Lauren Lee

Docket #8-94: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Appointment of District Committee on Special Education as follows:

Parent Representative
Lauren Lee

Docket #8-95: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board accepted a donation from the PTA in the amount of \$590.00 for a Cornwell Avenue field trip.

Docket #8-96: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, 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 ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS AND OPERATIONS**, 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 #8-97: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #8-98: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the disposition of equipment.

Docket #8-99: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
CORNWELL AVENUE		
WHLL	09/21/08-11/30/08 Sun – 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Practice	Large Field
HIGH SCHOOL		
WH Lions Club	09/24/08-06/24/09 Every 4 th Wed – 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meetings	Teacher’s Cafeteria
WH Lions Club	01/11/09 2:30-8:00 p.m. Pasta Dinner	Cafeteria & Kitchen
WH Lions Club	02/01/09 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast	Cafeteria & Kitchen

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

Docket #8-49: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 9140 – Board Committees.

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

Docket #8-100: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and Administration to attend the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association’s Resolutions Dinner Meeting on September 23, 2008.

Docket #8-101: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and Administration to attend the National School Boards Association’s 69th Annual Conference on April 4 - 7, 2009.

Docket #8-102: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 6132 – Field Trips at the October 7, 2008 Policy Meeting.

Docket #8-103: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 5170 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) at the October 7, 2008 Policy Meeting.

Docket #8-104: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss a proposed policy – Student Photographs at the October 7, 2008 Policy Meeting.

Docket #8-105: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss a proposed policy – Electronic Technology Disaster Recovery at the October 7, 2008 Policy Meeting.

Docket #8-106: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss a proposed policy – Athletic Selection/Classification at the October 7, 2008 Policy Meeting.

Docket #8-107: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board voted to suspend an employee.

Docket #8-108: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the appointment of a hearing officer regarding a suspended employee.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – There was no discussion.

Under **FUTURE MEETING DATES** – There were two changes made - #13 date was changed to October 14th and an addition of October 28, 2008, Roundtable Work Session for Board members, administrators and residents in the Middle School Cafeteria.

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

At 9:50 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session, which ended at 11:05 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk