

The **REGULAR MONTHLY 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 October 21, 2008 at 7:39 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 #8-111: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on September 16, 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 #8-112: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business/Policy Meeting held on October 7, 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 #8-113: The **MINUTES** of the Work Session held on October 14, 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 #8-114: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for August 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. 4 – 20, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** - PTA Co-President Theresa Walz reported on picture day and a surprise author will be visiting the District next month.

Also under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the following reports were received and placed on file:

- 8-115a** Cornwell Avenue School Building Inspection Report
- 8-115b** George Washington Building Inspection Report
- 8-115c** Middle School Building Inspection Report
- 8-115d** High School Building Inspection Report
- 8-115e** Chestnut Street Building Inspection Report
- 8-115f** Marian Delaney Building Inspection Report

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan announced that it is Board Recognition Month and recognized the Board's dedication to the District and its students. He stated that the Board is voluntary and donates many hours solving challenges and receiving and acting upon reports. He also said he has never worked with a finer group of people and thanked them for their interest and support.

Mr. Hogan then turned the meeting over to Ms. Healy, Art Director. Ms. Healy thanked the teachers for all their hard work in helping her with the presentation. Presented were art pieces from all five schools that were reflective of landscape projects. Students from each school

presented the Board with replicas of the artwork in the form of note cards. The High School chorus, directed by Ms. McVetty, sang the Alma Mater of West Hempstead for the Board. Ms. Hafner, President of WHEA, presented the Board with a \$200 check that will be deposited in the WHEA Scholarship Fund to be used for scholarships for seniors, Certificates of Dedication and recyclable tote bags. She also thanked the Board for their time and energy for the students.

Mr. Hogan reported on the release of the Comptroller Office's report on Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve funds from school districts and stated that administration was shocked West Hempstead was on the list of Districts that over fund the reserve. Mr. Hogan and the Administration believe that it is untrue. Mr. Hogan has released a statement on the District website that explains how the numbers put out by the Comptroller's office were inaccurate.

Mr. Yu, representative from Coughlin Foundotos Cullen and Danowski, the District's auditors, was there to give his public report for the year. Mr. Yu reiterated the information that Mr. Hogan reported on the reserve funds and agreed that the District is under funded, not over funded. The strict purpose of the fund is for unused sick time payouts for retiring employees. As of June 2008, only 59% is funded so he also agrees the Comptroller's office is wrong. He continued to give his audit report covering the District meeting AICPA auditing standards, our financial statement being in order and many suggestions from last year's report have been implemented. The general fund is in good financial condition, revenues were adequate for expenditures and extra dollars going back to the taxpayers. Mr. Yu also reported that the District receives \$7.5 million in state aid and \$1.3 million in state and federal grants that keep costs down for taxpayers.

Mr. Hogan then turned the meeting over to Ms. Kathleen O'Farrell, Director of English, for a presentation. Ms. O'Farrell's report included the West Hempstead Mission, given truths,

next steps, ELA test design overview, 2008 English Language Arts, English Regents test overview, RCT results, AP exams overview, AP language and composition results, AP literature results, summer curriculum writing, reading and writing units, ongoing professional development, data analysis, reading workshop, collegial circles, Consultant Rose Pepe, First Annual Back to School Night for LEP students' parent information meetings, Foundations and what we are working on for the future.

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

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

Docket #8-116: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Appointment of Monitor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Smith, Diane	One-to-One Monitor HS	\$13.83/hr. plus neg. increase Step 1	10/7/08

Topic: Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
DiMango, Augusta	School Nurse High School	\$63,760	1/5/09

Topic: Appointment of Mentor

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>
Kemnitzer, Thomas	Regular Daily Substitute

Docket #8-117 Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by six, Mr. Mariano abstained, 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>
Bosch, Keith	Boys JV Baseball Coach	\$4,525.00
Brown, Adam	Boys' Varsity Lacrosse Coach	\$6,469.00
Castoro, Joseph	Boys' Varsity Assistant Lacrosse Coach	\$4,525.00
Christenson, Al	Baseball Varsity Assistant Coach	\$4,525.00
Colangelo, Charles	Tennis Coach	\$5,025.00
Dailey, Linda	Badminton Coach	\$4,311.00
Dooley, Ryan	Girls' JV Basketball Coach	\$4,525.00
Doyle, Timothy	Boys' Varsity Outdoor Track Coach	\$6,469.00
Geiger, Erin	MS National Junior Honor Society Advisor	\$1,171.00
Gewirtz, Robert	Boys' Varsity Outdoor Assistant Track Coach	\$4,525.00
Hanna, Chad	MS Football Coach	\$4,352.00 (pro-rated)
Heckler, Wayne	Drama Musical Co-Director	\$1,437.00
Hovanec, Michael	JV Softball Coach	\$4,525.00
Hutt, Tracy	Girls' Varsity Lacrosse Coach	\$6,469.00
Ianniello, Daniel	Girls' Varsity Ass't Outdoor Track Coach	\$4,525.00
Lambo, Michelle	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	\$4,525.00
Mariano, Stephen	Boys' JV Volleyball Coach	\$4,525.00
McVetty, Patricia	Drama Musical Co-Director	\$1,437.00
Parillo, Diana	Girls' Varsity Assistant Lacrosse Coach	\$4,525.00
Primeggia, Edward	Girls' Varsity Outdoor Track Coach	\$6,469.00
Testa, Neil	MS Assistant Football Coach	\$3,688.00 (pro-rated)
Valentino, Michael	Varsity Baseball Coach	\$6,469.00
Van Kovics, Chris	Varsity Softball Coach	\$6,469.00
Wilson, Andrew	Boys' Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$6,469.00

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Resignations

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>
DiMaio, Christopher	MS Football Coach
Hanna, Chad	MS Assistant Football Coach
Heckler, Wayne	HS Drama Musical Director
Parillo, Diana	MS Girls' Lacrosse Coach

Docket #8-118: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved vacation days for administrators.

Docket #8-119: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Professional Development Agreement with Wilson Language Training Corporation – Foundations.

Docket #8-120: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Kaye and carried by seven, the Board approved the Instructional Service Tuition Agreements with Franklin Square, Levittown and Wantagh school districts.

Docket #8-121: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Individual Services Contracts.

Docket #8-122: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by seven, the Board approved the Software Licensing Agreement with Centris Group LLC.

Docket #8-123: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the Club Charters.

Docket #8-124: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the amendment to Docket #8-82.

Docket #8-125: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board approved a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release for a student.

Docket #8-126: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved a gymnastics coach for a student participating on the Garden City gymnastics team.

Docket #8-127: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board accepted a donation from Target stores in the amount of \$143.44.

Docket #8-128: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Ms. Rilling, 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 #8-129: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Employee Retirement System transfer of funds.

Docket #8-130: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #8-131: 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>
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
WH Bronco Cheerleaders	10/23/08-11/27/08 Thurs – 6:00-7:00 p.m. Practice	Gym & Hallway

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

Docket #8-102: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board adopted amendments to Policy 6132 – Field Trips.

Docket #8-103: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted amendments to Policy 5170 – Internet Acceptable Use Policy.

Docket #8-104: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 5158 – Confidentiality of Student Records – Access and Challenge.

Docket #8-105: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 2520 – Electronic Technology Disaster Recovery.

Docket #8-106: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 5140 – Athletic Selection/Classification.

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

Docket #8-132: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, 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 49th Semi-Annual Dinner Meeting on December 2, 2008.

Docket #8-133: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, 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 New York State School Boards Association's workshop "From Policy to Practice: Improving Student Wellness" on November 20, 2008.

Docket #8-134: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and Administration to attend the New York State School Boards Association's workshop "Fiscal Management in Hard Financial Times" on December 10, December 11, 2008 or January 22, 2009.

Docket #8-135: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and Administration to attend Lorman Educational Services' "Section 504 vs. the IDEA in New York" on November 14, 2008.

Docket #8-136: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Independent Auditor's Report, prepared by Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski, LLP, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008.

Docket #8-137: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of the Superintendent to attend

Educational Support Services' "Fiscal Navigation for Superintendents" on October 24, November 7 and December 19, 2008.

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

Under **FUTURE MEETING DATES** – There was one change made - #3 location is the Middle School Cafeteria.

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

At 9:37 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session, which ended at 11:00 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk