

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 January 20, 2009 at 7:37 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. Sheahan, Ms. Girolamo, Ms. Castonguay, and members of the staff and community.

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

Docket #8-200: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on December 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. Brita, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #8-201: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for November 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 Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 11 – 33, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Ms. Lotito asked Ms. Rilling to comment on the Anna M. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship Committee. Ms. Rilling stated the desired qualities and criteria of the \$2,000 scholarship. The award will go to one senior boy and one

senior girl. Criteria will be forwarded to the Guidance Department for help in choosing the recipients. Mr. Mariano thanked Ms. Rilling for her hard work on putting the report together and Ms. Lotito commented on the thorough coverage of the criteria.

Mr. Kaye gave a legislative report beginning with comments on Governor Paterson's 2009-2010 executive budget proposal with no changes yet; Mr. Schumer's comments on the stimulus package hopefully helping monies flow through for the next two years and rebound the economy; no mid-year cuts to the budget; savings initiative workshop at BOCES on January 21 with a presentation by Mr. Suozzi covering consolidations to benefit all government entities; and asked Board members to aid BOCES in choosing a new superintendent, a huge leadership role serving 56 school districts.

PTA Co-President Desiree Ventura reported on the presentation by the Franklin Science Institute on outer space to Chestnut Street and George Washington schools, which was an excellent presentation and the children enjoyed it.

Student Council representative Kayla Bettineschi reported on the viewing of the historical inauguration of President Barack Obama by students in the Video Conference Room and bake sales by the Multicultural Club and Spanish Club.

Ms. Lotito then presented Certificates of Merit to Christie Cornejo and Zachary Steiner, who were honored by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance as Outstanding Physical Education Students; Christie Cornejo also being selected as a member of the New York State Music Association All-State Symphonic Band; the New York State Art Teachers Association choosing Pam Ayling, Casey Bento, Marlon Garcia and Naomi Williams to display their art work at the 19th Annual Legislative Student Art Exhibition in Albany.

Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board recessed the business portion of the meeting at 8:00 p.m., and opened the Energy Performance Committee meeting.

Under **ENERGY PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE** – Mr. Dan Haffel and Rob Rolston, represented Johnson Controls, and Mr. Joe Jenal was in attendance for the District’s architect, BJLJ. Mr. Vincent Trocchia was also in attendance. Mr. Haffel gave an excellent and thorough presentation to the Board and residents that covered the following: financial benefits with guaranteed savings; utilities with a 20% reduction in costs; highlighted upgrades to the buildings, including lighting bulbs and controls and energy efficient boilers; building management system upgrades and envelope improvements; steam traps; computer management system; carbon footprint reduction; JCI qualifications and other projects on Long Island; the company’s NYSED experience and the next steps to be taken. Questions were taken from the Board and residents. At 8:50 p.m. the Board concluded the committee’s report and reconvened the business portion of the meeting.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan’s report began with congratulations to our Collegial Circle Winner – Kristen Beriloff; and 2009 Mini-Grant Winners Dianne Hawxhurst, Ellen Layburn, Pamela Gordon and Evangeline Christodoulou; the budget status for ’09 – ’10; ELA testing at George Washington, Cornwell Avenue and the Middle School; High School testing; Kindergarten Orientation taking place on January 28th at the Chestnut Street School; January 30th morning meeting in East Meadow for discussion on budget issues for school districts and a residency status letter going home to 5th and 8th grade parents for re-registration in 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 #8-202: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Wagner, Robyn	Kindergarten Teacher	1/26/09	2/6/09

Topic: Substitute Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Dods, Diane	Pre-K, K and Grades 1-6	1 MA \$53,596 (pro-rated)	1/26/09 - 2/6/09
Etienne, Patricia	Pre-K, K and Grades 1-6	2 MA \$56,275 (pro-rated)	1/12/09 - 6/30/09

Topic: Adult Education Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Number of Sessions</u>
Brown, Adam	Step Aerobics Instructor	\$50.00/hr.	Six, one-hour sessions 1/28/09 - 3/11/09
Carre, Dominic	First Aid, CPR and AED Training Instructor	\$50.00/hr.	Six, one-hour sessions 1/28/09 - 3/11/09
Hill, Diane	Adult Education Registrar	\$40.79/hr.	1/21/09 – two-hours
Hutt, Tracy	Total Body and Conditioning Instructor	\$50.00/hr.	1/28/09 - 3/11/09
McKnight, Connie	Yoga Instructor	\$50.00/hr.	Six, one-hour sessions 1/28/09 - 3/11/09
Schafer, Robin	Jewelry Making Instructor	\$50.00/hr.	Six, two-hour sessions 1/28/09 - 3/11/09
Taylor, Marie	Financial Planning Instructor	\$50.00/hr.	Two , two-hour sessions 1/28/09 - 3/11/09

Topic: Salary Credits

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Salary</u>
Alexander, Thomas	Guidance Counselor High School	7 MA + 30	\$2,763	\$75,200

Beriloff, Kristen	Psychologist Cornwell Avenue	3 MA + 60	\$2,337	\$68,305
Christodoulou, Evangeline	Art Teacher High School	3 MA + 15	\$2,336	\$61,292
Ferreiro, Jennifer	Elementary Teacher George Washington	3 MA + 15	\$4,674	\$61,292
Hovanec, Michael	Physical Ed Teacher George Washington	3 MA + 60	\$4,675	\$68,305
Kaminsky, Laurie	Special Education Middle School	12 MA + 60	\$3,293	\$96,248
Lovasz, Chris	Music Teacher Middle School	10 MA + 60	\$3,081	\$90,038
Marder, Pamela	Math Teacher High School	6 MA + 30	\$2,656	\$72,307
McVetty, Patricia	Music Teacher High School	26 MA + 45	\$3,931	\$110,946
Mejia, Natasha	Foreign Language High School	2 BA + 30	\$4,462	\$54,045
Messana, Alison	Elementary Teacher George Washington	4 MA + 15	\$2,444	\$64,079
Oxpych, Christopher	Science Teacher High School	6 MA	\$7,968	\$66,995
Pappas, Joseph	Elementary Teacher George Washington	6 MA + 30	\$2,656	\$72,307
Parente, Lisa	Speech/Language George Washington	3 MA + 15	\$2,336	\$61,292
Schreiber, Karen	Guidance Counselor High School	13 MA + 30	\$3,399	\$92,553
Stern, Barbara	Library Science High School	3 MA + 30	\$2,338	\$63,630
Tavano, Kate	Reading Teacher George Washington	1 MA + 15	\$2,125	\$55,721

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cestaro, Michael	\$90.00/day
Galloway, Milton	\$90.00/day

Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ichull, Margaret	1/21/09
Harris, Lisa	1/21/09
Kurz, Timothy	1/21/09

Docket #8-203: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the rescinded and Appointment of Treasurer.

Docket #8-204: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita 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>
DiPasquale, Daniel	Elementary District String Orchestra Director	\$1,615.00

Topic: Rescinded Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

Stephen Mariano HS Boys' JV Volleyball Coach

Docket #8-205: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Comprehensive School Safety Plan.

Docket #8-206: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Special Education Two-Year Plan.

Docket #8-207: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Stipulation of Settlement in regard to a personnel matter.

Docket #8-208: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board approved the Consultant Service Agreement with John Conner.

Docket #8-209: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the Individual Services Contract for Professional Development with Delia Garrity.

Docket #8-210: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Club Charters.

Docket #8-211: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board approved the Instructional Service Agreements with All About Kids,

Association for the Advancement of Blind and Retarded, Inc., Islip Tutoring Service, Inc. and Maryhaven.

Docket #8-212: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Kaye and carried by seven, the Board approved the criteria for recipients of the Anna M. Gallagher Memorial Scholarship.

Docket #8-213: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board accepted the gifts of \$350.00 to enhance geography education **appropriating the donation to the High School Material and Supplies Code** and a tree for Cornwell Avenue School.

Docket #8-214: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, 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 #8-215: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #8-216: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by seven, the Board approved the Post-Employment Retirement Benefit – Transfer of Funds.

Docket #8-217: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
HIGH SCHOOL		
YIWH	Sundays 01/25/09-06/28/09 6:00-9:00 p.m. Basketball	Gym
WH Lions Club	01/26/09 6:30-9:30 p.m. Meeting	Cafeteria
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
YIWH	01/31/09, 02/07/09 & 03/14/09 7:00-10:00 p.m. Gym Program	Gym
GEORGE WASHINGTON		
PTA	02/12/09 5:30-8:30 p.m. Book Fair	Library
CORNWELL AVENUE		
PTA	02/12/09 5:30-8:30 p.m. Book Fair	Library

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

Docket #8-183: The Board tabled this docket.

Docket #8-191: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Kaye and carried by seven, the Board approved the Internal Auditing Services Contract with Sheehan and Company.

Docket #8-194: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the Food Service Consultant Contract with Susan Merims.

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

Docket #8-218: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss proposed Policy – Whistle Blowers - at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-219: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 2510 – Obligation of School Officials to Produce

Pupils for Questioning by Police Officers on School Grounds - at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-220: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 3519 – Display of Flag - at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-221: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 3546 – Transportation for School Sponsored Activities and Field Trips - at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-222: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 3547 – Special Transportation - at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-223: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 3548 – Bus Transportation – Department of Pupils - at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-224: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 3610 – Use of School Telephone by the Staff & Students - at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-225: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 4114 – Medical Examinations – Professional Staff - at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-226: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 4117 – Teacher Supervision and Evaluation – at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-227: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whepley, and carried by seven, the Board motioned to discuss Policy 4141 – Authorship of Books or Materials by Members of the Staff – at the February 3, 2009 Policy meeting.

Docket #8-228: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of the Superintendent who attended the Council of School Superintendents “Leading Through Tough Times” on January 11, 2009.

Docket #8-229: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, 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 “Fiscal Oversight Online” on several dates from February through November 2009.

Docket #8-230: 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 “School District Auditing – What Every School Board Member Needs to Know” on February 13, 2009.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – There were no issues discussed.

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

At 9:20 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session, which ended at 10:20 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk