

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 February 10, 2009 at 7:33 p.m.

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

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

Docket #8-231: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on January 20, 2009, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #8-232: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for December 2008 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 13 – 39, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Ms. Scheel gave a SEPTA report noting that the Special Education Department gave a presentation at their last meeting and was great;

upcoming joint meeting with the PTA and PTSA and their efforts to enhance the Anti-Bulling Program.

PTSA Co-President Risa Monroe and PTA Co-President Theresa Walz, also noted the upcoming joint meeting with SEPTA; Sophomore breakfast; FLES presentation at the next meeting; PTA Social at the Pompeii in two weeks and the Book Fair going on this week.

Student Council President, Kayla Bettineschi, gave a brief report on what's happening in the high school including the RAM basketball team being undefeated and having their first playoff game this Thursday at 6:30 p.m.; the upcoming Fashion Show on April 2 at 7:00 p.m.; the High School play, the *Wizard of Oz* on March 13th and 14th and the acting class visiting the elementary schools on March 16th.

Ms. Lotito then presented Trustee, Walter Ejnes, with a Developmental Achievement Citation, citing his 40 credits earned through the New York State School Boards Association. She noted his seriousness toward his responsibilities as a Board member and commented on his receiving this honor so quickly.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan's first turned the meeting over to Ms. Ellen Loewy, Director of Special Education for a presentation.

Ms. Loewy and Ms. Abruzzo gave an excellent presentation on Special Education that included the following topics: Federal law and District policy; Mission Statement; who they are and what they do; Pupil Personnel Department and who it consists of; general and special education; CSE vs. CPSE; preschool programs; eligibility criteria; members of CPSE and CSE; what happens at meetings and who is present; IEPs and what they are; District programs for all student levels; District parochial schools; other public school districts and their role; Nassau BOCES and its role; private schools; number of students served by disability; NYS assessments;

English Language Arts and mathematics; performance on state performance plan; SPP indicators; PD data system; verification reports and goals for the future.

Mr. Hogan then proceeded with his report covering Dr. Stephen Baker's \$350 donation to the Social Studies Department; budget items including foundation and high tax aid; the possible elimination of the STAR rebate program; "lobbying day" in Albany on February 24th; upcoming budget meetings asking for resident input; the re-scheduling of the policy meeting on February 24th; 64 Island Park students choosing West Hempstead High School as their school of choice; kindergarten registration; the re-proving of residency for 5th and 8th graders; Character Education Committee finalizing its recommendations; updated residents on the Energy Performance Committee; winter recess next week and publicly thanked Ms. Loewy and Ms. Bernstein on helping Ms. Teisch, Principal of St. Thomas, with a special education issue on a Sunday.

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

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

Docket #8-233: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows, *as amended*:

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Angelo, Lia	Kindergarten Teacher	2/27/09	5/1/09

Topic: Substitute Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Gallo, Maria	Nursery, K & Grades 1-6, Reading	1MA \$53,596 (pro-rated)	2/27/09 - 5/1/09

Topic: Appointment of Substitute Teaching Assistants

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
DeLuca, Michael	Childhood Education Grades 1-6	\$90.00/day	2/9/09 - t/b/d
Sparacio, Sabrina	Mathematics Grades 7-12	\$20.50/hr.	2/9/09 - 5/8/09

Topic: Appointments of Science Olympiad Supervisor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Kayaian, Dana	Science Olympiad Supervisor	\$213.00/day	2/7/09

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Hameed, Salina	\$90.00/day
Muskin, Gary	\$90.00/day
Seltzer, Renee	\$90.00/day

Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute List

<u>Name</u>	<u>Effective</u>
McKinley, Robert	2/11/09

Docket #8-234 Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, 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>
Luckner, Jacqueline	MS Detention Supervisor (substitute)	\$ 25.94 (per 1/2 hr. session)
Scaturro, Michael	Boys' JV Volleyball Coach	\$4,525.00
Wisla, Susan	EMT/Athletic Trainer	\$ 19.00 per hour (excluding football games)

Docket #8-235: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, the Board approved the Agreements with SCOPE for the summer recreation program.

Docket #8-236: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, the Board approved the resolution that recognizes WHEA as Bargaining Agent for the Teacher Aides Unit.

Docket #8-237: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board approved the Consultant Service Agreement with Maria Strocchia.

Docket #8-238: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved the Club Charters.

Docket #8-239: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by six, the Board accepted the gifts from General Mills Box Tops for Education of \$166.40 to George Washington and \$150.00 to Chestnut Street; \$250.00 from the Nassau Educators Federal Credit Union and 40 books for Chestnut Street School.

Docket #8-240: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, 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 #8-241: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #8-242: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the bid for the Printing of Budget Notices to Herbert Lithographers, Inc.

Docket #8-243: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by six, the Board approved the bid for the Printing of District Calendars for the school year 2009-2010.

Docket #8-244: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by six, the Board approved the bid for the Printing of the West Hempstead Middle School Yearbook.

Docket #8-245: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved the amendment to Docket #8-190 – Approval of 403(b) Retirement Plan Providers.

Docket #8-246: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by six, the Board approved the disposition of textbooks.

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

Docket #8-183: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by six, the Board approved the Contract for OASAS Youth Drug Abuse Services.

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

Docket #8-247: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by six, 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 Obligations Under the Open Meetings Law” workshop from March through May 2009.

Docket #8-248: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by six, 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 “K-12 Foundations” workshop on March 5, 2009.

Docket #8-249: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and

Administration to attended the New York State School Boards Association's "Fighting for New York's Future" workshop on March 1-3, 2009.

Docket #8-250: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of Board members and Administration to attended the New York State Council of School Superintendent's "Kids First" Open Lobby Day on February 24, 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 8:55 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by six, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session, which ended at 10:15 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk