

The **POLICY MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on February 24, 2009 at 7:35 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, Ms. Girolamo, staff members and members of the community.

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

The following policies were discussed and decisions were made as indicated:

Docket #8-218: **Proposed Policy – Whistle Blowers** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board, with the change of policy name to “Employee Protection (Whistle Blower).”

Docket #8-219: **Policy 2510 – Obligation of School Officials to Produce Pupils for Questioning by Police Officers on School Grounds** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: a. 1. – second line change he to he/she; fourth line change himself to herself/himself. Ms. Lotito also asked that counsel check on the legality of questioning a student without parental permission.

Docket #8-220: **Policy 3519 – Display of Flag** – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #8-221: **Policy 3546 – Transportation for School Sponsored Activities and Field Trips** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: Change last line to read his/her designee.

Docket #8-222: **Policy 3547 – Special Transportation** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #8-223: **Policy 3548 – Bus Transportation – Department of Pupils** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #8-224: **Policy 3610 – Use of School Telephone by the Staff & Students** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following change: Change Policy name to “Use of School Telephones, Computers, Internet and E-Mail by the Staff and Students” and body of text to read, “The use of school telephones, computers, internet and e-mail by staff and students shall be limited to official school business.”

Docket #8-225: **Policy 4114 – Medical Examinations – Professional Staff** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: third paragraph, second line change his to his/her; fourth paragraph, second line to read his/her discretion. Ms. Lotito also requested for counsel to check on paragraph four.

Docket #8-226: **Policy 4117 – Teacher Supervision and Evaluation** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following changes: Policy name change to Teachers/Teaching Assistant Supervision and Evaluation and first paragraph, change to teachers/teaching assistants and omit the words “and of special teachers when in their school(s).” The Board approved the addition of a third paragraph that reads, “Such evaluations may also be completed by departmental directors in conjunction with the building principals.”

Docket #8-227: **Policy 4141 – Authorship of Books or Materials by Members of the Staff** - It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be placed on the March 17th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with the following change: system, with the approval of the departmental director and the building principal. In the case of textbooks and/or workbooks, such materials must be submitted to the Textbook Review Committee for recommendation to the Board of Education.

Mr. Ejnes requested that the Policy Book be placed on the website. Discussion ensued regarding change of parental emergency contact numbers and it was suggested that they place a notice on report cards to remind parents to update their information.

Ms. Peluso then distributed the New York State Assessment Schedule 2008 – 2009 to the Board. She informed the Board of changes to testing dates and the difficulties it would bring to the District regarding placement of students for the next school year. Administration asked the Board to look over the plan and voice their complaints to the State Education Department.

At 9:12 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Policy Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session, which ended at 11:10 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk