

The **BUDGET 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 March 10, 2009 at 7:40 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 and members of the community.

Ms. Lotito turned the meeting over to Mr. Hogan. Mr. Hogan explained this is the first of two meetings regarding the budget – non-instructional items and instructional items. He gave an overview of the budget process that begins in October with building administrators, principals and directors giving their input. All requests are based on giving a quality education for grades K-12 with the assurance that the district will maintain fiscal responsibility to the community. He explained this year’s budget is contingent upon the Governor’s proposal and the numbers are not final yet. Mr. Hogan then turned the meeting over to Mr. Cunningham, who began a PowerPoint presentation on the budget.

Under **CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ITEMS** – Staff and community members were given copies of the Proposed 2009 - 2010 Budget and Building Inspection items. They were invited to ask questions on any items as the Board and Administration

discussed the various items listed in these reports. It was explained that this evening's discussion would be on the Non-Instructional portion of the Proposed Budget.

Mr. Cunningham began with the Governor's Proposal and how it impacts West Hempstead, followed by the budget development timeline; a balance between revenues and expenditures; recent budget history and comparisons of our district to all Nassau County districts and objectives of the budget. He then covered account codes 1000 – General Support; 2815 – Health Services; 5500 – Transportation; 8000 – Community Services; 9000 – Undistributed Expenses and then Building Inspections.

Items listed in the Building Inspection Report, to be tentatively included in the Proposed Budget, are as follows:

George Washington School

Parking Lot Fencing	\$ 3,000
Renovation of Main Office and Nurse's Office	<u>3,500</u>
	\$ 6,500

Cornwell Avenue School

Purchase and Installation of Gym Mats	<u>\$18,000</u>
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West Hempstead Middle School

Painting of Gym Ceiling	<u>\$ 1,500</u>
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West Hempstead High School

Replace Stage Batten Curtains	\$ 7,000
Purchase and Installation of Smoke Detectors for Auditorium and Server Rooms	<u>7,000</u>
	\$14,000

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Purchase and Installation of Security Cameras	\$15,000
Purchase of Lawn Tractor	<u>15,000</u>
	\$30,000

Mr. Cunningham answered budget line questions by the Board and also made note of suggestions by the Board. He will report back at the next budget meeting.

Mr. Cunningham then finished the presentation with Proposed Budget vs. Contingent Budget and explained they will continue to refine the budget until it is finalized and formally adopted on April 21, 2009.

At this point of the meeting, residents were able to address the Board with any questions or comments they had.

At 10:00 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Public Meeting was adjourned.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk