

The **REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on March 17, 2009 at 7:42 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, Mr. Gregory Guercio, Ms. Girolamo, Ms. Castonguay, and members of the staff and community.

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

Docket #8-251: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on February 10, 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 seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #8-252: The **MINUTES** of the Policy Meeting held on February 24, 2009, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #8-253: The **MINUTES** of the Budget Meeting held on March 10, 2009, 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. Ejnes, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #8-254: The **TREASURER’S REPORT** for January 2009 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. 8 – 44, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Mr. Kaye told the Board he will be forwarding a two-page legislative report home shortly. Ms. Lauren Lee gave a SEPTA report announcing a visit from Rick Lavoy who will be making a presentation on March 18 “Beyond F.A.T. City,” a program addressing learning disabilities of students. Ms. Lotito commented on the High School play, *The Wizard of Oz* and how enjoyable and excellent it was.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan first turned the meeting over to Ms. Linda Stone, Director of Business and Foreign Language.

Ms. Stone gave an excellent presentation on Business and Foreign Language that included the following topics: Under Foreign Language: Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) and the program’s goals; national standards for foreign language that included the five Cs – communication, cultures, connections, comparisons and communities; LOTE Learning Standards for New York State; what produces high achievement in languages – time on task and motivation; what else can we expect of a FLES program; foreign language in the Middle School; second language proficiency exam summary report; foreign language in the High School; Regent’s summary report; AP Spanish and Italian; professional development topics; cultural presentations; National Foreign Language Week; Professional Associations and field trips, clubs, Hispanic and Italian Heritage Months.

Under the Business Program the following was covered: course offerings; goals of the Business Program; guest speakers; field trips; examples of projects; school store; mock trial; *Apprentice* Competition and Professional Associations.

Mr. Hogan then proceeded with the Superintendent's Report covering a Happy St. Patrick's Day wish; comments on his Albany trip; the budget saga that may include a ¼% payroll tax for MTA funding; follow-up to last week's bomb scare and security measures being taken; Superintendent's Conference Day on March 27th; PTA/PTSA Joint Meeting on April 22nd; the progress of the Strategic Plan and Character Education; assessment testing in Math is completed; a WHEA fundraiser for graduating seniors this Friday and the District Attorney's Teenage Driving Safety program.

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

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

Docket #8-255: 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, *as amended*:

Topic: Appointment of School Nurse

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Wood, Patricia	School Nurse High School	\$46,343 Step 3	3/18/09

Topic: Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Colangelo, Charles	Special Education Teacher High School	\$103,084	6/30/09
DelliCarpini, Barbara	English Teacher High School	\$114,877	6/30/09
Flum, Joan	Social Worker High School	\$110,946	6/30/09
Gagliano-Pangallo Lorraine	Elementary Teacher Cornwell Avenue	\$114,877	6/30/09

Keating, Mary	Principal Chestnut Street	\$121,369	6/30/09
Kemnitzer, Thomas	Social Studies Teacher Middle School	\$114,877	6/30/09
Leo, Joanne	Spanish Teacher High School	\$114,877	6/30/09
Murray, John	Head Custodian George Washington	\$ 63,819	3/31/09
Schafer, Robin	Business Teacher High School	\$114,877	6/30/09
Sigmund, Nancy	Director of Mathematics	\$121,369	6/30/09
Sordelline, Diane	Director of Social Studies	\$119,369	6/30/09
Suchmann, Kaye	Music Teacher High School	\$110,946	8/23/09
Verdi, Kevin	English Teacher Middle School	\$107,015	6/30/09

Topic: Appointments for SAT Review Courses

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Benson, Melissa	Mathematics	\$63.75/hr.	6 sessions
Kufta, Jared	English	\$63.75/hr.	6 sessions
Marder, Pamela	Mathematics	\$63.75/hr.	6 sessions
Parker-Hall, Suzanne	English	\$63.75/hr.	6 sessions
Sigmund, Nancy	Administrator	\$63.75/hr.	6 sessions

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Eichinger, Christina	\$90.00/day
Feldman, Andrea	\$90.00/day
Griffin, Kerry-Jeanne	\$90.00/day
Harris, Donald	\$90.00/day
Heiss, Julie	\$90.00/day
Linder, Philip	\$90.00/day
Samuel, Biju	\$90.00/day
Savastano, Jeanette	\$90.00/day
Tudisco, Teresa	\$90.00/day
Vrana, Jaclyn	\$90.00/day
Williams, Jeanne	\$90.00/day

Topic: Substitute Cleaner Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Aizcorbe, Eduardo	\$11.36/hr.

Topic: Approval of Additional Compensation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Benson, Melissa	\$96.25 per period	3/5 (one period) and as needed until 6/26/09
Diehlmann, Mary	\$49.58 per period	2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 2/26, 2/27, 3/4 (one period per day)
Knoernschild, Kimberly	\$35.07 per period	2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 2/26, 2/27, 3/4 (one period per day)

Staddon, Jeffrey \$111.77 per period 3/5 (one period) and as needed
until 6/26/09

Topic: Approval of Supervision Stipends

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Klayman, Burt	\$66.00 per weekday event \$71.00 per weekend event	3/12/09 - 3/14/09
Kopstein, David	\$66.00 per weekday event \$71.00 per weekend event	3/12/09 - 3/14/09
Pierre-Louis, Philip	\$66.00 per weekday event \$71.00 per weekend event	3/12/09 - 3/14/09

Topic: Substitute Teaching Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cestaro, Michael	Social Studies High School	Social Studies 7-12	\$64,315 5 MA pro-rated)	3/16/09-5/1/09

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
O'Connor-Lind, Jaime	Social Studies Teacher HS	3/16/09	5/1/09

Topic: Appointment of Non-Teaching Probationary Personnel

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Lopinto, Frank	Custodian High School	\$47,136 Step 6	3/23/09

Docket #8-256: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility **Rescinded** be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
DiMaio, Christopher	MS Baseball Coach

Docket #8-257: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board approved tenure appointments as follows:

Topic: **Tenure Appointment**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Abruzzo, Lynette	Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services	4/24/09

Docket #8-258: Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Appointment of District Committee on Pre-School Special Education as follows:

Parent Representative
Theresa Walz

Docket #8-259: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Appointment of District Committee on Special Education as follows:

Parent Representative
Theresa Walz

Docket #8-260: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the Consultant Service Contract with Behavior Analysis Team.

Docket #8-261: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreement with Jericho Public Schools.

Docket #8-262: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Character Education Proposal.

Docket #8-263: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Mini Grants from Nassau TRACT Teacher Center.

Docket #8-264: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the establishment of the MOHRCO Corp. Scholarship.

Docket #8-265: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by seven, the Board accepted the gift of \$68.00 from Funding Factory to the Chestnut Street School.

Docket #8-266: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, 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 #8-267: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #8-268: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Interim Internal Auditing Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2009.

Docket #8-269: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid on Subscriptions to Periodicals 2009 - 2010.

Docket #8-270: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Ejnes and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid for the Printing of Agendas 2009 - 2010.

Docket #8-271: This docket was removed from the agenda.

Docket #8-272: 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		
WH Chiefs Soccer	03/22/09-05/31/09 Sat – 1:00 p.m.-Dark Sun – 12:00 p.m.-Dark Practice & Games	Field
WH Chiefs Soccer	04/06/09, 05/04/09 & 06/01/09 8:00-10:00 p.m. Board Meetings	Cafeteria
WH Chiefs Soccer	04/05/09 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Soccer Pictures	Cafeteria
WH Lions Club	04/25/09 5:00-11:00 p.m. Play	Auditorium
WH Kiwanis Club	05/03/09 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast	Cafeteria
Boy Scouts of America	05/02/09 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Car Wash	Parking Lot
Boy Scouts of America	05/02/09 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Garage Sale	Parking Lot
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
St. Thomas CYO	04/01/09-06/30/09 Sat – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Baseball	Large Field
WH Yankees	04/01/09-08/31/09 Sun – 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Baseball	Large Field
WH Little League	04/01/09-08/01/09 Sat & Sun – 1:00 p.m.-Dark Baseball	Large Field
WH Little League	04/01/09-08/01/09 Mon-Fri – 5:30 p.m.-Dark Softball	Small Field
GEORGE WASHINGTON		
WH Chiefs Soccer	03/22/09-06/14/09 Sat – 9:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Practice & Games	Both Fields
YIWH	03/22/09-06/21/09 Sun – 9:30-11:00 a.m. Softball	Small Field
WH Little League	04/01/09-08/01/09 Mon-Fri – 4:30 p.m.-Dark Sat – 3:00 p.m.-Dark Sun – 11:00 a.m.-Dark Softball	Small Field

CORNWELL AVENUE

YIWH	03/22/09-06/28/09 Sun – 8:00-11:00 a.m. Baseball & Softball	Both Fields
YIWH	03/22/09-06/21/09 Sun – 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Baseball & Softball	Both Fields
WH Little League	04/01/09-08/01/09 Mon-Fri – 5:30 p.m.-Dark Sat – 10:00 a.m.-Dark Sun – 5:00 p.m.-Dark Baseball & Softball	Both Fields

CHESTNUT STREET

St. Thomas CYO	04/01/09-06/30/09 Tues & Thurs – 5:30 p.m.-Dark Baseball	Both Fields
WH Little League	04/01/09-08/01/09 Mon, Wed & Fri – 5:30 p.m.-Dark Sat & Sun – 10:00 a.m.-Dark Baseball & Softball	Both Fields

EAGLE AVENUE

WH Chiefs Soccer	03/21/09-06/30/09 Mon-Fri – 4:00 p.m.-Dark Sat & Sun – 9:00 a.m.-Dark Practice & Games	Both Fields
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Under **OLD BUSINESS** action was taken as follows: Motion was “as amended” on the following:

Docket #8-218: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 4354 – Employee Protection (Whistle Blowers).

Docket #8-219: This docket was removed from the agenda.

Docket #8-220: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 3519 – Display of Flag.

Docket #8-221: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 3546 – Transportation for School Sponsored Activities and Field Trips.

Docket #8-222: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 3547 – Special Transportation, as amended.

Docket #8-223: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 3548 – Bus Transportation – Department of Pupils.

Docket #8-224: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 3610 – Use of School Telephones, Computers, Internet and E-Mail by the Staff and Students.

Docket #8-225: This policy was removed from the agenda.

Docket #8-226: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 4117 – Teachers and Teaching Assistants Supervision and Evaluation.

Docket #8-227: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 4141 – Authorship of Books or Materials by Members of the Staff.

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

Docket #8-273: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Public Hearing date be set for May 12, 2009, and the Annual Meeting date be set for May 19, 2009.

Docket #8-274: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Ejnes, and carried by seven, the Board appointed Pamela Lotito, President of the Board of Education, as Chairperson for the Annual Meeting of the District to be held on May 19, 2009.

Docket #8-275: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the non-binding nominations of Susan Bergtraum, Michael Weinick and Iris Wolfson for election as BOCES Board Trustees effective July 1, 2009.

Docket #8-276: Upon the motion of Mr. Ejnes, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Adoption Date of the School Budget from April 7 to April 21, 2009.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Ms. Lotito wished to discuss the Open/Closed Campus policy again.

Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by four, Mr. Brita, Mr. Kaye and Mr. Whelpley opposing, there will be an added Policy Meeting on March 31, 2009, to discuss the Open/Closed Campus Policy.

Under **FUTURE MEETING DATES** - #10 – Schools Closed for Spring Break was changed to April 9 – April 17, 2009.

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

At 9:45 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Business Meeting to Executive Session, which ended at 12:40 a.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk