

The **ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on July 3, 2007 at 8:05 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Seven members of the Board: Ms. Lotito, Ms. Rilling, Mr. Brita, Mr. Kaye, Mr. Mariano, Mr. Trocchia and Mr. Whelpley. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Sheahan and Ms. Girolamo.

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Following the call to order by Mr. John J. Hogan, Superintendent of Schools, the District Clerk to give the Oaths of Office to re-elected Board Members Martin Kaye and Davis Whelpley, and to newly elected Board member, Anthony Brita.

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The Acting Chairman, Mr. Hogan, then called for **NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**, whereupon Mr. Kaye nominated Vincent Trocchia to that office, seconded by Mr. Mariano. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Vincent Trocchia was declared elected as President by a vote of five to one, Ms. Rilling opposing and Mr. Brita abstaining.

Upon taking the Chair, the President called for **NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT**, whereupon Mr. Whelpley nominated Pamela Lotito to that office, seconded by Mr. Kaye. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed. Pamela Lotito was declared elected as Vice-President by a vote of five to one, Ms. Rilling opposing and Mr. Brita abstaining.

At this point of the meeting, the District Clerk administered Oath of Offices to Vincent Trocchia and Pamela Lotito.

**APPOINTMENTS** were made for the 2007 - 2008 school year as follows:

Upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried unanimously, Kathryn Girolamo was appointed as District Clerk and Secretary to the Board; Theresa Bryant was appointed as Deputy District Clerk; Carla Gutman was appointed as District Treasurer; the firm of Guercio & Guercio was appointed as Board Counsel; Dr. Eric Shoenfeld was appointed as Medical Inspector; the firm of Coughlin Foundotos Cullen & Danowski LLP was appointed as Auditor; BJLJ was appointed Architect, BOCES was appointed as Public Relations; Madeleine Schwartz was appointed as Internal Auditor; and Alvaro Escobar was appointed as Records Management Officer, all for the 2007 - 2008 school year.

Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by seven, the appointments of Deputy District Treasurer and Internal Auditor were tabled.

Upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried unanimously,

**STANDING COMMITTEES** were appointed by the President as follows:

**Building and Grounds**

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| 1. Chestnut Street   | D. Whelpley/C. Rilling |
| 2. Cornwell Ave.     | A. Brita/D. Whelpley   |
| 3. Marian Delaney    | M. Kaye/V. Trocchia    |
| 4. George Washington | V. Trocchia/P. Lotito  |
| 5. Middle School     | P. Lotito/C. Rilling   |
| 6. High School       | J. Mariano/A. Brita    |

**Fiscal Affairs**

- A. Brita
- V. Trocchia
- D. Whelpley

**Community and Private School Liaison**

- C. Rilling
- M. Kaye/P. Lotito

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| Legislation   | M. Kaye/A. Brita                  |
| Liaison to PTA, PTSA and SEPTA                            | P. Lotito/D. Whelpley             |
| Liaison to West Hempstead Community Scholarships (ad hoc) | C. Rilling                        |
| Policy Committee  | Committee of the Whole            |
| Civic Association Liaison                                 | A. Brita/P. Lotito/ J. Mariano    |
| Education Committee                                       | Committee of the Whole            |
| Audit   | Committee of the Whole            |
| BOCES Committee   | Committee of the Whole            |
| Land Utilization Committee                                | A. Brita/M. Kaye/V. Trocchia      |
| Sports Committee Liaison                                  | C. Rilling/J. Mariano/V. Trocchia |
| Public Relations Committee                                | Committee of the Whole            |

**BONDING:** On the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer shall be bonded as heretofore in the amount of \$900,000 each.

**DESIGNATION OF SIGNATORY:** On motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried unanimously, that the Treasurer be designated as signatory on payroll and all other checks.

**DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY:** On motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried unanimously, Bank of America, Citibank, HSBC Bank USA, State Bank of Long Island, Commerce Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank and/or Bank of New York were designated as depositories for district funds, and Bank of America, State Street Bank and Trust, Commerce

Bank and/or Depository Trust Company were designated as paying agents for bond and bond coupon collection.

**DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS:** On motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried unanimously, that the Beacon, Richner Publications (Herald), Newsday, The New York Times, Three Village Times, The Franklin Square Bulletin, and The Oceanside/Island Park Herald be designated as district newspapers.

**MILEAGE RATE FOR VEHICLES USED ON SCHOOL BUSINESS:** On motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried unanimously, the Mileage Rate for Vehicles used on School Business was established at 44 cents per mile.

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Under the **DISCUSSION** portion of the meeting, Mr. Trocchia asked to discuss the Budget Vote voting hours for the 2008 - 2009 school year. Mr. Kaye suggested opening at 8 a.m. After some discussion, it was unanimously agreed to have the hours remain the same for another year and to monitor the number of residents voting in the early hours. It was suggested to have an exit poll to ask if the early hours are a convenience to residents.

Also discussed were Board of Education Goals for the 2007 – 2008 school year. Changes were made. Mr. Hogan will revise the goals as discussed and forward to the Board of Education. Mr. Hogan will reflect those changes in the school calendar.

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At 9:15 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried unanimously, the Annual Reorganization Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

At 10:30 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried unanimously, the Board reconvened to public session for the purpose of appointing a Deputy District Treasurer.

Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried unanimously, Phyllis Barrett was appointed to the position of Deputy District Treasurer. The Board then returned to Executive Session at 10:32 p.m., which ended at 11:35 p.m.

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Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk