

The **POLICY MEETING/WORK SESSION** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on October 9, 2007 at 8:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Trocchia, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Ms. Lotito, Ms. Rilling, Mr. Brita, Mr. Kaye, Mr. Mariano and Mr. Whelpley. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ann Peluso, Richard 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 #7-97: **Proposed Policy – Central Office Administrators’ Salaries and Stipends –**

It was unanimously agreed that this Proposed Policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board.

Docket #7-98: **Existing Policy 2150 – Staff Recruiting and Hiring For Certificated**

Positions – It was unanimously agreed that this Policy be tabled to the next Policy meeting.

Docket #7-101: **Existing Policy 5159 – Reporting Child Abuse and Maltreatment** – It was

unanimously agreed that this Policy be tabled to the next Policy meeting.

Docket #7-102: **Existing Policy 3545 – Transportation** – It was unanimously agreed that this

Policy be placed on the October 16th Business Meeting for adoption by the Board with amendments

as follows: Grade K-3 be changed to K-5

 Grade 4-6 be changed to grade 6 only

Under Note 2 – Wording will be changed to The West Hempstead High/Middle Schools are considered two buildings each with their own entrance.

Mr. Mariano left the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

The Work Session portion of the meeting included:

Ms. Lotito requested that the Board and Administration consider creating a policy on Transportation that would require corner stops only.

Mr. Trocchia approached the Board regarding Facilities and Space Utilization asking if they would like to form a committee. It was determined it will be brought up under Board Privilege of the Floor portion of the next meeting.

Mr. Kaye went on record to indicate that the Library Board President should be notified that the new library facility cannot open with outstanding requirements not yet finalized. Mr. Trocchia asked Mr. Cunningham if there was anything in the library lease concerning the condition of the rented space when they leave and who is responsible for cleaning it up?

Mr. Cunningham then took the floor to discuss EXCEL funds. He explained that in June 2006 Albany authorized districts to receive allocated funds for certain improvements. West Hempstead UFSD has been allocated \$761,773.00 in EXCEL funds. Leveraged by building aid, the total available is \$1,065,361.00. There would be no increase in taxes; projects would be authorized by voters, information would be sent to the state and then out to bid. Among the items that can be fixed under the EXCEL funds are: the boilers at Cornwell Avenue and George Washington schools; masonry work at the High School; air conditioning in the Server room; battery pack backups to the computers and fire alarm system. The District is also awaiting the results of an evaluation for the eligibility of an Energy Performance Contract, which can be used for certain projects thereby “freeing up” additional EXCEL monies.

Consideration of policy items for future meetings: Series 8000 and Budget Transfers.

At 9:16 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by six, the Policy Meeting was adjourned.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk