

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 October 16, 2007 at 7:36 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Mr. Trocchia, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Mr. Brita, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Mariano and Ms. Rilling. Mr. Whelpley and Mr. Kaye arrived at 7:45 p.m. and 7:50 p.m, respectively. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Guercio, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Castonguay, Ms. Girolamo, and members of the staff and community.

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Before the meeting began, Mr. Trocchia sadly reported that the community lost two community members – Arthur O’Connor and Alice Seligman. Mr. O’Connor was always present at football games, was a former Vice President and President of the Board of Education and started computer usage in the district. Mrs. Seligman was a former PTA member and helpful person to residents. He extended the Board’s deepest sympathies to their families.

Mr. Hogan then announced that October is Board recognition month. The past three months he has seen how dedicated this Board is to the roughly 2,300 students and praised their civic lives donating their time and efforts to enhance the community. He thanked Directors Mr. Albinder and Ms. Suchmann for the orchestral and choral presentations. He then turned the meeting over to Ms. Healy, Director of Related Arts, who explained this year’s honor to the Board were ceramic tiles made by each of the schools, brought together in one mosaic showing the different stages of school life. It will be hung up in the Board room.

Also presented to the Board were personalized ceramic tile trays created and meshed together from children of Cornwell Avenue, George Washington and the Middle Schools. The students from Chestnut Street School each carried a letter and quotation marks when standing next to each other spelled out "Thank You." WHEA President, Barbara Hafner, gave each Board member a plaque recognizing their time and devotion to West Hempstead and Island Park students and also to the teachers of the district.

Camille Morales, Student Representative, gave a report on school happenings including the Pep Rally being the best one yet; the upcoming Halloween party for students K-5 with Island Park kids being invited too; Homecoming; Buddy Breakfast; Blues Festival at Hofstra University; the Art Club placing their artwork around town and finishing the murals on the school walls; the *Rampage* featuring artwork of students; and the meeting with Island Park parents for the purpose of presenting to them what West Hempstead schools and students are about - making new friendships and getting to know people from other communities, which enriches their lives.

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

**Docket #7-103:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on September 18, 2007, 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 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 #7-104:** The **MINUTES** of the Policy/Work Session Meeting held on October 9, 2007, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, that

the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #7-105:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for August 2007 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 4 – 20, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Mr. Kaye began with a report stating nothing afoot in Albany for now, except for some subcommittee meetings; the Board of Regents setting the tone for funding proposing more foundation aid for the upcoming school year; the state looking into pre-kindergarten programs with possible more funds to kick start the program; by 2013/14 school year pre-k may be universal in the state and lastly the district may be responsible to monitor and help private and parochial schools in their region to ensure students be on the same level as public school children.

Ms. Lotito spoke on her, Mr. Hogan and Ms. Peluso's visit and tour of St. Thomas school where they observed teachers using Smart Boards and using cameras for distance learning, planning tools posted on a computer, and the St. Thomas school library being very impressive. She also observed "PowerSchool" teacher training program that she liked. Mr. Kaye's visit to HANC also was an enjoyable day, stating there is a nurturing and serious environment in that school. Mr. Hogan and Ms. Peluso accompanied Mr. Kaye.

Mr. Brita spoke on the Civic Association and their concerns on the Urban Renewal Plan from the Town of Hempstead. Ms. Lotito also attended a meeting on the issue last month. The next town meeting is on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. where residents can go and voice their opinions about the project. The next Civic meeting is October 17, 2007.

Mr. Mariano requested another Board member be on the Health and Safety Committee, and Ms. Rilling volunteered.

The next SEPTA meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup>; PTSA reported on Open School Night and their plant sale being a complete sell out; and the PTA had a great turnout at their last meeting with a lot of new faces they hope will keep attending; Picture Day coming up in the schools and their next meeting is on October 22 at George Washington School.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan again thanked the Board for their dedication to the district and also thanked Directors Eric Albinder and Julia Healy, music teachers Kaye Suchmann and Patricia McVetty, the principals and Ms. Peluso for helping bring the presentations to the Board; covered Ms. Peluso's recent attendance at the Value Added Assessment Conference; his attendance at the NYSCOSS Annual Conference in Saratoga; visits to St. Thomas and HANC; fall sports and welcoming support from residents; the *Newsday* Marching Band Festival at Hofstra; interim reports are out; safety drills this Thursday; Superintendent's Conference Day on November 6<sup>th</sup>; and the meeting with Island Park residents with our students. Mr. Trocchia also announced that Ms. Diana Caracciolo, Island Park Board member was in attendance at this meeting.

Mr. Trocchia then opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

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

**Docket #7-106:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

**Topic: Probationary Appointment(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Area</u></b>	<b><u>Certification</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>End of Probation</u></b>
Walker, Candice	ESL MS/GW	Teaching English Speakers of other Languages Pre K-12	\$48,080 2BA	10/1/07	10/1/10

**Topic: Appointment of Regular Daily Substitute(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Etienne, Patricia	\$95.00/day GW	10/9/07 – 6/27/08
Prendergast, Mary	\$95.00/day GW	10/17/07 – 6/27/08
Shipley, Michele	\$95.00/day MS	10/17/07 – 6/27/08

**Topic: Appointment of Teaching Assistant(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>End of Probation</u></b>
Beavan, Linda	Special Education Middle School	\$16.55/hr. Step 1	10/22/07	10/22/10
Huetter, Ronald	Special Education High School	\$19.88 Step 4	10/17/07	10/17/10

**Topic: Appointment of Mentors**

<b><u>Mentor</u></b>	<b><u>Subject Area</u></b>
Dailey, Linda	Physical Education
D'Esposito, Christine	Elementary
Flum, Joan	Psychologist
Hawxhurst, Diane	Special Education
Keblish, Sandra	Elementary
Kemnitzner, Tom	Social Studies
Kurzban, Sandra	Mathematics
Layburn, Ellen	Art
Leo, Joanne	Foreign Language
Morelli, Karen	Science
Puccio, Vicki	Library/Media
Reetz, Laura	Special Education
Rowland, Cathieann	Mathematics

**Topic: Annual Appointments**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
Dapolito, Eileen	1:1 Monitor CA	\$13.83/hr. Step 1	9/25/07 – 6/27/08
Giordano, Andrea	Monitor GW	\$13.83/hr. Step 1	10/1/07 – 6/27/08

LaMarca, Patricia	Monitor GW	\$13.83/hr. Step 1	10/1/07 – 6/27/08
Medina, Christine	Substitute Monitor	<b>\$10.11/hr.</b>	9/24/07 – 6/27/08
Smith, Victoria	1:1 Monitor HS	\$13.83/hr. Step 1	10/1/07 – 6/27/08

**Topic:        Appointments for PSAT Review Courses**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
O'Connell, Aileen	English Teacher	\$61.82/hr.	9/26/07, 10/3/07, 10/10/07 10/11/07, 10/16/07

**Topic:        Resignations**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Bond, Kimberly	Regular Daily Substitute GW	9/25/07
Dominguez, Dina	Regular Daily Substitute GW	9/12/07
Grollman, Jeannie	Teaching Assistant High School	10/5/07
Traverso, Lois	One-to-One Monitor High School	9/27/07

**Docket #7-107:**        Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cosgrove, Edward	Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach	\$6,273.00
Dooley, Kellyann	HS Co-Kickline Advisor	\$1,567.50
Doyle, Timothy	Girls' Intramural Track Coach	\$ 521.00 (per 10 sessions)
Mastrarrigo, Jennifer	HS Co-Kickline Advisor	\$1,567.50
Mejia, Natasha	MS Cheerleading Coach	\$1,566.00 (pro-rated from 10/1/07)
Trapani, Jonathan	District String Orchestra Advisor	\$1,566.00

**Topic:        Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Scaturro, Michael	Girls' JV Basketball Coach

**Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Resignation**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>
Dooley, Kellyann	Kickline Advisor

**Docket #7-108:** Public Library Lease - Mr. Trocchia placed this docket to the end of the meeting.

**Docket #7-109:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Board of Education, West Hempstead Union Free School District, approved the Instructional Service Contract with the Rockville Centre Union Free School District for the 2007 – 2008 school year.

**Docket #7-110:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Board of Education, West Hempstead Union Free School District, approved the Tuition Agreement with the Franklin Square Union Free School District for the 2007 – 2008 school year.

**Docket #7-111:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Board of Education, West Hempstead Union Free School District, approved the Individual Services Contract(s) for Professional Development.

**Docket #7-112:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Board of Education, West Hempstead Union Free School District, approved the gymnastics coach for a student participating on the Garden City UFSD gymnastics team.

**Docket #7-113:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Board of Education, West Hempstead Union Free School District, approved the use of hearing officers Steven Bluth and John Miccichie at superintendent's hearings.

**Docket #7-114:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board accepted five dozen golf balls to be used by the boys' varsity gold team.

**Docket #7-115:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, 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 #7-116a/b:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved contracts with Cheryl Morgan and Nijah Shomo to be records management clerks for the 2007-08 school year.

**Docket #7-117:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Board accept the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/ Field</u>
<b>CORNWELL AVENUE</b>		
Girl Scouts	10/26/07-06/27/08 Every Other Fri – 3:30-4:30 p.m. Brownie Meeting	Classroom
Girl Scouts	10/19/07-06/20/08 Every Other Fri – 5:30-7:30 p.m. Troop Meeting	Cafeteria
WH Chiefs Soccer	11/12/07-03/31/08 Tues & Thurs – 6:00-10:00 p.m. Soccer	Gym & Cafeteria (Tues Only)
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>		
WH Lions Club	10/24/07, 11/28/07, 01/23/08 02/27/08, 03/26/08, 04/23/08 05/21/08 & 06/25/08 6:30-8:30 p.m. Regular Club Meetings	Cafeteria



WH Chiefs Soccer	12/01/07-03/31/08 Sat – 5:00-10:00 p.m. Sun – 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Soccer	Gym & Cafeteria
WH Lions Club	12/02/07 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast	Cafeteria & Kitchen
Girl Scouts	10/19/07-12/21/07 Fri – 4:00 p.m.-Dusk Tennis Lessons	Tennis Courts

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

**Docket #7-84:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board approved the tuition contract with the Levittown UFSD.

**Docket #7-86:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the service agreement with the Rehabilitation Institute.

**Docket #7-97:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board adopted proposed policy – Central Office Administrators’ Salaries and Stipends.

**Docket #7-102:** Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board adopted the changes to existing Policy 3545 – Transportation.

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

**Docket #7-118:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board Members and administrators to attend Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association's 48<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual Dinner meeting on December 4, 2007.

**Docket #7-119:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board members and administrators who wish to attend the New York State School Boards Association’s Fiscal Oversight Fundamentals for School Board Members on November 17, 2007.

**Docket #7-120:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the consultant service contract with Jacqueline Pitt for the school year 2007-08.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** action was taken as follows:

Discussion ensued on what to do with the library space on Chestnut Street when the library moves to its new facility. Mr. Mariano desires a youth center and stated that he wants to make sure the students get what they deserve. He feels a program study should be done and it should be a committee of a whole. Ms. Lotito asked to study the projected enrollment statistics in case the district needs the space in the future. Ms. Rilling asked for the recent demographics study that was done before we move on it. Mr. Trocchia asked if the Board was interested in advertising the space when it's ready to be occupied. Mr. Kaye stated that maybe the district should consider bringing special education classes in on a tuition basis, charging neighboring districts fees for use of the space. Mr. Brita feels there should be a planned process of a committee, and contact other districts to see what they did with extra space. Mr. Trocchia also commented that we should expand discussion to the community and that we need a starting point. The space will need renovation and it can be sub-divided and we should look into the cost factors. Mr. Hogan agreed that community members, as well as administrators and teachers have some input and possibly create subcommittees to help with the decision.

Mr. Mariano asked when the Board will be discussing Open Campus, which will be discussed at the December 11<sup>th</sup> Policy meeting. He also asked if the district recycles, which it does not.

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Mr. Trocchia again opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

At 9:12 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss Docket 7-108 and upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Kaye, the Board reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

At 9:28 p.m. the Board reconvened to public session.

**Docket #7-108:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board approved the library lease.

At 9:28 p.m. the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session, which ended at 10:20 p.m.

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Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk