

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 December 18, 2007 at 8:06 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Mr. Trocchia, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Mr. Brita, Mr. Kaye, Mr. Mariano, Ms. Lotito, Ms. Rilling and Mr. Whelpley. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Ms. Peluso, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Guercio, Mr. Mestecky, Ms. Castonguay, Ms. Bryant and members of the staff and community.

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At this point of the meeting, the Board broke from its usual routine. Coach Linda Dailey presented the Girls' Conference Champions Varsity Tennis Team with certificates and Coach Jaime O'Connor, along with Assistant Coach, Michael Silberman, presented awards to the Girls' Conference Champions Varsity Volleyball Team. Also honored were: Melinda DiGiovanna who, in addition to Volleyball Conference Champion, was named All State and All County and student, Anthony Coker, who was named as Boys' Varsity Soccer Conference "Player of the Year."

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

**Docket #7-168:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business/Policy Meeting held on November 20, 2007, 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 amended.

**Docket #7-169:** The **MINUTES** of the Policy Meeting held on December 11, 2007, 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 five, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received. Mr. Trocchia and Ms. Rilling abstained.

**Docket #7-170:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for October 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, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 8 – 30, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Ms. Lotito, as liaison to the Civic Association, gave a report on the Town Meeting that was held on December 11, 2007 concerning the Urban Renewal Plan for the Courtesy Hotel. She thanked Superintendent Hogan for speaking at the meeting and mentioned that nothing has yet to be resolved.

Student Representative, Camille Morales, invited everyone to the Winter Concert on December 19<sup>th</sup> at the High School and spoke about the Girls' Basketball team playing at Madison Square Garden on December 28<sup>th</sup>. She spoke about the Open/Closed Campus issue stating that having an open campus gives students a sense of responsibility; gives the students who stay in the cafeteria the opportunity to wait on line, get their lunch and eat in a timely fashion and it would save the District the cost of having to renovate the cafeteria. She felt that the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders know that leaving the building for lunch was a privilege – one that was not often abused. Mr. Trocchia invited Camille to attend the January 8<sup>th</sup> Work Session to discuss this issue. She closed with wishes for a happy holiday.

PTSA Co-President, Risa Monroe announced that the PTAs would be holding their annual party on January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria and wished everyone a happy holiday.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan went over the holiday concert schedules and announced that the High School music students would be performing at Chestnut Street School on Friday. He spoke about the Chestnut Space Utilization Committee and the District Strategic Planning Committee. He has reached out to the administrators, teachers, parents, Rotary Club, Civic Association, HANC and St. Thomas. Information has also been placed on the homepage and will be in the next issue of the *EDUCATOR*. Mr. Hogan stated that the District will be closed from Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> and will re-open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. He also wished everyone a happy holiday.

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 #7-171:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

**Topic: Part-time Appointment(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Certification</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
D’Elia, Patricia	Reading K-12	\$59,767 (pro-rated) 4MA	12/3/07-6/20/08 (Chestnut Street)

**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>
Ramonetti, Megan	Special Education High School	\$19.88/hr. Step 4	12/10/07	12/10/10

**Topic: Appointment of Part-time Teaching Assistant(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Affronti, Gina	Special Education High School	\$19.88/hr. Step 4	12/17/07

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Jeanty, Mary	\$95.00/day	12/10/07 – 6/27/08 CA

**Topic: Annual Appointments**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
Burke, Tracey	EMT	\$72.00 (per assignment)	12/19/07 – 6/27/08
Murray, Marcia	Adult Education Coordinator	\$1,500.00	12/19/07 – 6/27/08

**Topic: Appointments for Academic Intervention Program**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
Molinari, Melissa	ELA Teacher 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	\$61.82/hr.	7 sessions

**Topic: Appointments for Regents Review Classes**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
Cluxton, Richard	Math A	\$61.82/hr.	3 sessions
Howley, Michael	English	\$61.82/hr.	4 sessions
Mardar, Pam	Math A	\$61.82/hr.	3 sessions
McCarthy, Lisa	ESL English	\$61.82/hr.	4 sessions

**Topic: Appointment of Mentors**

<b><u>Mentor</u></b>	<b><u>Subject Area</u></b>
Schaefer, Robin	Art
Schumacher, Mary Elizabeth	Special Education

**Topic: Appointment of Mentors Rescinded**

<b><u>Mentor</u></b>	<b><u>Subject Area</u></b>
Flum, Joan	Psychologist
Layburn, Ellen	Art

**Docket #7-172:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by seven, Bernadette Delphine was granted tenure as Director of Guidance effective January 9, 2008.

**Docket #7-173:** Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the 2007 – 2008 Fire Safety Reported was accepted.

**Docket #7-174:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by seven, the Board approved the Individual Services Contract(s) for Professional Development.

**Docket #7-175:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board accepted the following private donations: Framed Art Reproduction of George Washington for George Washington School, three books for the Chestnut Street School in memory of Alice Seligman, and \$350.00 to be used for the enhancement of geography materials.

**Docket #7-176:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling 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 #7-177:** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the use of facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/Field</u>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL</b>		
WHEPTA	05/14/08 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. BoE Candidates Forum, if needed	Video Conference Room

**Docket #7-178:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board approved the transfer of money.

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

**Docket #7-153:** Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board adopted policy - School Board Use of Electronic Mail.

**Docket #7-154:** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 2450 – Safety in School Buildings and on Grounds.

**Docket #7-155:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 2460 – Smoking on School Property.

**Docket #7-156:** Upon the recommendation of counsel, Policy 3160 – Transfer of Funds Between Categories – the Board tabled this docket.

**Docket #7-157:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 3290 – Disposition of Furniture and Equipment No Longer of Use for District Purposes.

**Docket #7-158:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 3533 – Insurance.

**Docket #7-159:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 5150 – Extra Classroom Activity Funds/Treasurer.

**Docket #7-160:** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board adopted Policy 9231 – Duties of the District Clerk.

**Docket #7-161:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board tabled this docket.

**Docket #7-162:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by seven, the Board tabled this docket.

**Docket #7-163:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, the Board tabled this docket.

**Docket #:7-164:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board adopted policy - Financial Accountability: Allegations of Fraud.

**Docket #:7-165:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by seven, the Board adopted policy - Audit Committees.

**Docket #7-167:** Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by seven, the Board adopted policy - Use of Cell Phones by Students.

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

**Docket #7-179:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of the Superintendent to attend the Council of School Superintendents' "Education is a Civil Right" Conference on January 13-15, 2008.

**Docket #7-180:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted for the District to incur the expense of those Board Members and Administration to attend the New York State School Boards Association's "The Internal and External Audit Process" workshop on January 25, May 9 or May 16, 2008.

**Docket #7-181:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley and carried by seven, the Board approved the hiring of Dr. Richard Bernato as the facilitator/consultant for the District Strategic Planning Council.

**Docket #7-182:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board approved an instructional services contract with AHRC for the purpose of providing instruction to a student with disabilities.

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

Mr. Mariano inquired about the District's recycling program.

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

At 9:35 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session, which ended at 10:50 p.m.

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Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk