

The **BUDGET HEARING/REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Video Conference Room on May 13, 2008 at 8:04 p.m.

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

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The meeting began with the Budget Hearing library portion, with Mr. Trocchia introducing Regina Mascia, Director of the West Hempstead Library, and Ralph Reissman, President of the Library Board, who presented the library's budget for the 2008 – 2009 school year. Ms. Mascia announced the budget figure for the year is \$3,105,486, an increase of \$186,441. This portion of the meeting ended at 8:07 p.m.

The Budget Hearing school portion of the meeting then began. Mr. Trocchia and Mr. Cunningham gave a Power Point presentation, which covered appropriation analysis by category, three-part budget, shared goals, estimated revenues and recent budget history. Mr. Trocchia reminded the residents to come out and vote on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Rilling and carried by seven, the budget hearing adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The Regular Business Meeting was then called to order.

Student Representative, Camille Morales, updated the audience on happenings in the schools, including Class Nite, the Spring Concert, Relay for Life fundraiser, the upcoming elections for Student Council next year and the Kidney and Neurology walk this coming Sunday.

Mr. Trocchia announced that he received a letter from Senator Dean Skelos stating that the district will be receiving an additional \$100,000 from the state designated to be used for a broad spectrum of projects including sports and technology. The Board will discuss where the monies will be used.

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

**Docket #7-290:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on April 15, 2008, 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. Brita, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #7-291:** The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on April 16, 2008, 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. 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 #7-292:** The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on May 6, 2008, 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 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 #7-293:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for March 2008 having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants

Nos. 12 – 50, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

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Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Mr. Kaye asked residents to exercise their right to vote on May 20<sup>th</sup> and informed the Board he received a letter from Thomas Alfano thanking the Board and Administration for the sensitive handling of the tragic death of two students last month. He will make copies for the Board.

Ms. Lotito briefly spoke on the Strategic Planning Committee meeting that will meet for two more weeks and SEPTA's guest speaker, Sharon Perez, who presented a workshop on the feelings of siblings in special needs families, which was excellent. She requested the district look into workshops for our students for next year regarding that subject. Ms. Lotito also discussed letters from Mrs. Bickard's class requesting the Board to step up on recycling in the schools. The Town of Hempstead offers a program for the schools on recycling, which would help them be better informed on how to help the environment.

Ms. DiMarco, president of the PTA, gave a report on the Candidates' Forum taking place on May 14<sup>th</sup>; the next meeting is on May 19<sup>th</sup> at George Washington School; Family Fun at the Polls and the Installation Dinner on May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan covered Senator Skelos' legislative initiative of \$100,000 for technology, athletic and plant enhancements; congratulated tenured teachers and announced the Tenure Tea will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>; congratulated the girls' badminton team on their Conference Championship and the undefeated boys' varsity baseball team also being Conference Champions; George Washington concert; Class Nite at the High School and their spring concert; Middle School's concerts I and II; Senior Awards Night on May 29<sup>th</sup>; the Related Arts Exhibit being re-scheduled to May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>; the Budget Vote and

Election on May 20<sup>th</sup>; National Honor Society's induction at the High School and lastly, the AP, Science Performance Assessment and NYSESLAT testing taking place this month.

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 #7-294:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

**Topic: Probationary Appointment(s)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>End of Probation</u>
Ferraioli, Rebecca	Director of Data Services and Student Information	School District Administrator	\$82,500	7/1/08	7/1/11
O'Farrell, Kathleen	Director of English Language Arts	School District Administrator	\$114,778 + neg. increase	7/1/08	7/1/11

**Topic: Appointment of Non-Teaching Probationary Personnel**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ehlen, Elizabeth	Account Clerk	\$34,452 Step 4	6/1/08
Gul, Debra	Account Clerk	\$34,452 Step 4	6/23/08

**Topic: Annual Appointment(s)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Oddone, Ellen	Door Monitor Middle School	\$13.83/hr. Step 1	4/16/08 – 6/27/08

**Topic: Appointments for Regents Review Classes**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Benson, Melissa	Math B	\$61.82/hr.	6/3, 6/5, 6/10, 6/11
Benson, Melissa	Int. Algebra	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/4, 6/9, 6/12
Daempfle, Toby	Chemistry	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/4
D'Andrea, Michelle	Int. Algebra	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/4, 6/9, 6/12
Dellicarpini, Barbara	English	\$61.82/hr.	5/28, 6/4, 6/16
Dooley, Kellyann	Global History	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/9, 6/12

Gould, Dina	Living Environment	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/5
Hanna, Chad	Global History	\$61.82/hr.	6/9, 6/11
Howley, Michael	English	\$61.82/hr.	5/28, 6/4, 6/16
Kayaian, Dana	Earth Science	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/4
Knoernschild, Kimberly	Math A	\$61.82/hr.	6/3, 6/5, 6/10, 6/11
Knoernschild, Kimberly	Int. Algebra	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/4, 6/9, 6/12
Kurzban, Sandra	Math A	\$61.82/hr.	6/3, 6/5, 6/10, 6/11
Kurzban, Sandra	Int. Algebra	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/4, 6/9, 6/12
Lambo, Michelle	US History & Gov	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/9, 6/12
Lent, Theresa	US History & Gov	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/9, 6/12
Marder, Pamela	Int. Algebra	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/4, 6/9, 6/12
Melara, Karla	Chemistry	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/4
Mejia, Natasha	Spanish	\$61.82/hr.	5/15, 5/21
Nappi, Gina	Global History	\$61.82/hr.	6/2
O'Connor, Jamie	Global History	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/9, 6/12
Okpych, Christopher	Living Environment	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/5
Pusateri, Virginia	Living Environment	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/5
Ritrovato, Laura	Italian	\$61.82/hr.	5/15
Rowland, Cathieann	Math B	\$61.82/hr.	6/3, 6/5, 6/10, 6/11
Saul, Susan	Earth Science	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/4
Senia, Christopher	Math B	\$61.82/hr.	6/3, 6/5, 6/10, 6/11
Testa, Neil	US History & Gov	\$61.82/hr.	6/2, 6/9, 6/12
Trupia, Salvatore	Chemistry	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/4
Ypsilantis, James	Earth Science	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/4
Zuluaga, Rosemarie	Living Environment	\$61.82/hr.	5/19, 5/22, 5/27, 5/28, 6/5

**Topic:            Resignation(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Howley, Michael	English Teacher High School	8/31/08
Senia, Cindy	Elementary Teacher George Washington	9/1/08

**Topic:            Appointment of Substitute Clerical Worker**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
DiBrizzi, Gloria	\$175.00/day	5/14/08 – 6/30/08

**Docket #7-295:**            Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board approved tenure appointments as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Area</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Hutt, Tracy	Physical Education	9/1/08
Marder, Pamela	Mathematics	9/1/08
Mueller, Allison	Psychologist	9/1/08
Solarino, Jeannine	Elementary	9/1/08
Valentino, Michael	Physical Education	9/1/08

**Docket #7-296:**            Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, 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>
Carre, Dominick	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,584.00 (pro-rated)
Castoro, Joseph	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,584.00 (pro-rated)
Saul, Susan	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,584.00 (pro-rated)
Trupia, Salvatore	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,584.00 (pro-rated)

**Docket #7-297:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the School Conduct and Discipline Code for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

**Docket #7-298:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements with Manhasset, North Merrick, Rockville Centre and Uniondale School Districts.

**Docket #7-299:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Instructional Services Contract with Access 7 Consulting, Inc.

**Docket #7-300:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the agreements with SCOPE for an After School Child Care Program and Summer Recreation Program.

**Docket #7-301:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Transition Services Agreement with Abilities, Inc..

**Docket #7-302:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Individual Services Contract with A + Therapy LLC.

**Docket #7-303:** Upon the motion of Mr. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Instructional Services Contract and Memorandum of Agreement with Nassau BOCES.

**Docket #7-304:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the gift of \$40 from Box Tops for Education for the Chestnut Street School.

**Docket #7-305:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, 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 #7-306:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the Board authorizes the issuance of Tax Anticipation Notes not to exceed \$8,000,000 in anticipation of the receipt of taxes to be levied for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

**Docket #7-307:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

**Docket #7-308:** Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the cooperative bid for Fuel Tank Alarm Repair 2008 - 2009.

**Docket #7-309:** Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid for the Printing of District Calendars 2008 – 2009, as amended.

**Docket #7-310:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Mariano and carried by seven, this docket was tabled.

**Docket #7-311:** Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid for Drivers Education for the summer 2008.

**Docket #7-312:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Kaye and carried by seven, this docket was tabled.

**Docket #7-313:** Upon the motion of Mr. Kaye, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Charges for Health Services 2007 - 2008.

**Docket #7-314:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Lotito, 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>		
WH Youth Football	09/07/08 – 11/23/08 Sun. – 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Games	Field Grass Area & Food Shack

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

**Docket #7-258:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, 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>	<u>Effective</u>
Alexander, Thomas	Summer School Registration	\$337.70/day	6/30/08
	Summer School Registration	\$362.19/day	7/1/08, 7/2/08
	Revision of HS Schedules	\$362.19/day	8/18/08, 8/19/08
	Enroll New Students and Revision of Schedules	\$362.19/day	8/26/08, 8/27/08 8/28/08
Ragin, Linda	Summer School Registration	\$541.93/day	6/30/08
	Summer School Registration	\$558.86/day	7/1/08, 7/2/08
	Revision of HS Schedules	\$558.86/day	8/18/08, 8/19/08
	Enroll New Students and Revision of Schedules	\$558.86/day	8/26/08, 8/27/08 8/28/08
Schreiber, Karen	Summer School Registration	\$418.75/day	6/30/08
	Summer School Registration	\$431.84/day	7/1/08, 7/2/08
	Revision of HS Schedules	\$431.84/day	8/18/08, 8/19/08
	Enroll New Students and Revision of Schedules	\$431.84/day	8/26/08, 8/27/08 8/28/08
Seeberger, Donna	Summer School Registration	\$523.38/day	6/30/08
	Summer School Registration	\$539.74/day	7/1/08, 7/2/08
	Revision of HS Schedules	\$539.74/day	8/18/08, 8/19/08
	Enroll New Students and Revision of Schedules	\$539.74/day	8/26/08, 8/27/08 8/28/08

**Docket #7-279:** Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Edge Software License Agreement.

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

**Docket #7-315:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board Members and administrators to attend the Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association's 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting on June 2, 2008.

**Docket #7-316:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board Members and administrators to attend the New York State School Boards Association's "Educating Students with Disabilities" workshop on May 22, May 29 or June 12, 2008.

**Docket #7-317:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board Members and administrators to attend the New York State School Boards Association's "Media Relations Boot Camp" conference on June 13, July 11 or September 12, 2008.

**Docket #7-318:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board Members and administrators to attend the Capital Region BOCES "Ready, Set, Grow!" conference on May 28, 2008.

**Docket #7-319:** Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board Members and administrators to attend the PTA, PTSA, SEPTA Annual Installation Dinner on May 22, 2008.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – There was discussion on setting a date for a work session to discuss open/closed campus. It was unanimously agreed to set the date for June 9, 2008, 8 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria.

Also discussed was BoardDocs, that was previously discussed in the March Business Meeting. The Board asked to compile information on observing how the system actually works, possibly through other school districts that have that program. It was also suggested that the district look into how much money it will actually save the district (paper costs). Mr. Brita asked that we receive information from at least two school districts that use it. There was also discussion on if the district can do this in house without outside help.

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

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

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Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk