

The **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 June 17, 2008 at 8:03 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. Guercio, Mr. Sheahan, Ms. Girolamo, Ms. Castonguay and members of the staff and community.

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

Docket #7-322: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on May 13, 2008, 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. Brita, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted *as amended*.

Docket #7-323: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on May 20, 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 #7-324: The **MINUTES** of the Work Session held on June 9, 2008, 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 Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #7-325: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for April 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 Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants Nos. 13 – 55, appropriation status report and revenue status report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** – Mr. Kaye gave his legislative report covering the 110th Congress. At present, two bills of note are being considered – the reauthorization of NCLB and an appropriations bill for the District of Columbia, which includes “back door” funding for private school education supported by voucher dollars. Albany’s legislative session is coming to an end this week and there has not been much activity of late. Only five of the 18 bills initiated by Governor Patterson have been passed. The highly charged issue of the Suozzi commission on “tax capping” and its strategy will not be reviewed until after Election Day in November. The full report will be presented to the governor and legislature in December. If the governor calls the legislators back into special session for “tax cap” deliberations, along with other unresolved issues, the legislature will surely bring up their key member issue – and increase in their salaries and stipends in 2009.

Mr. Trocchia briefly spoke on a presentation given by Johnson Controls that gave energy-saving tips for the District; explained that the overall savings to the District would be within 18 years and the biggest cost to the schools is heating, with the replacing of several boilers in the schools. Honeywell also had a proposal for the District. Monies spent on an energy performance contract would not have to be on a Bond Issue. Mr. Brita agreed replacing items will be more energy efficient in the long run and the Board is on the same page on that topic.

Ms. DiMarco, president of the PTA, said they are winding the year down – Family Picnic Day at Chestnut Street this Friday. Ms. Josephine Scheel, president of SEPTA reported membership was very high this year, they presented five scholarships to deserving seniors, they had great speakers this year and Parent-to-Parent rap sessions with SEPTA members was a success.

Mr. Trocchia announced there were several Island Park Board members in the audience – Steven Foster, Diana Caracciolo and former Board member, Elen Levitt.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Mr. Hogan first turned the meeting over to Ms. Peluso, who gave a Power Point slide presentation on the year’s coverage of the Strategic Planning Council, resulting in a three-year plan for 2008 – 2011. Covered topics were the “seeds,” council formed, meeting topics, action plan subgroups, community involvement action plan, curriculum and data assessment action plan, educational technology action plan, professional development action plan, additional recommendations, council feedback and reflection and, lastly, thanked the Board, Mr. Hogan, council members, Dr. Richard Bernato and Mr. Cirnigliaro for their help and expertise. Mr. Mariano and Ms. Lotito commented that this was the best committee they had ever been on and Mr. Brita added that the council had a lot of value for District goals.

Mr. Hogan then began his Superintendent’s Report that covered final items for the last days of the school year including finals and Regents exams, Chestnut Street Family Picnic this Friday, Moving Up exercises at Cornwell Avenue and George Washington schools, the 8th grade dance, the Senior Prom, Middle School commencement, High School graduation and the last day of school is June 27th. Mr. Hogan thanked the Board and the community for their support in his first year as superintendent; things to be proud of this school year; the passed school budget; strategic planning and updates to numerous District plans.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Hogan took a few moments to honor Vincent Trocchia, who has given the District 18 years of dedicated service. He presented Mr. Trocchia with citations from The Town of Hempstead, the Nassau County Legislature, the State Assembly and Senate and presented a plaque honoring his 18 years as a Board member and a West Hempstead Diploma making him an honorary member of the Class of 2008. Ms. Caracciolo, Island Park Board member also presented a plaque and thanked him for his leadership and commitment. WHEA President, Barbara Hafner, thanked him on behalf of the teachers and said they will miss his opening day speeches. Mr. Trocchia told the audience that it was an honor to serve this community, and even though there were ups and downs, it was a wonderful experience.

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

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

Docket #7-326: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Rilling, 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>
Bonadonna, Louis	School Psychologist Chestnut Street (.05) CPSE Chairperson (.05)	School Psychologist	\$57,846 1MA + 30	9/1/08	9/1/11
Bowie, Kimberly	Elementary George Washington	Pre-Kindergarten Kindergarten and Grades 1-6	\$64,315 5MA	9/1/08	9/1/10
Dooley, Ryan	Physical Education/ Health Middle School	Physical Education/Health Education	\$47,221 1BA	9/1/08	9/1/11
Kufta, Jared	English High School	English 7-12	\$64,315 5MA	9/1/08	9/1/10
Weinstein, Daisy	FLES CS/CA/GW	Spanish 7-12 FLES 1-6	\$51,471 1BA + 30	9/1/08	9/1/11

Weiss, Jeremy	Mathematics High School	Mathematics 7-12	\$53,596 1MA	9/1/08	9/1/11
Zimmerman, Blake	Elementary Chestnut Street	Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6	\$61,635 4MA	9/1/08	9/1/10

Topic: Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Etienne, Patricia	Elementary GW	Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6	\$54,570 (pro-rated) 2 MA	5/27/08 – 6/27/08
Lampman, Laura	Elementary CA	Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6	\$66,865 5 MA + 15	9/1/08 – 6/30/09

Topic: Annual Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Amato, Donna	1:1 monitor CA	\$13.83/hr.	5/27/08 – 6/27/08
Zapf, Amanda	1:1 monitor MS	\$13.83/hr.	6/10/08 – 6/27/08

Topic: Summer Help Employees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Cohen, Keith	Cleaner (HS/MS)	\$7.50/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Durham, John	Painter	\$7.50/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Gagliano, Joseph	Cleaner (CA)	\$8.00/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Jabouin, Darryl	Cleaner (HS/MS)	\$7.15/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Jabouin, Reynald	Cleaner (HS/MS)	\$7.15/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Pirro, Peter	Grounds	\$7.50/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Theodule, Richard	Grounds	\$7.50/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Uhl, Ian	Painter	\$7.15/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Voorhees, Chris	Cleaner (Chestnut)	\$7.15/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Williams, Joshua	Cleaner (GW)	\$7.15/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Williams, Steven	Cleaner (GW)	\$7.15/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Paluch, Peter	Computer Assistant	\$7.65/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Trezza, Timothy	Computer Assistant	\$8.00/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08
Trimper, Nick	Computer Assistant	\$7.65/hr.	6/30/08 – 8/29/08

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Dato, Vanessa	4 th Grade Teacher GW	5/27/08	6/27/08

Topic: Resignation Requests

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Dapolito, Eileen	One-to-One Monitor (CA)	5/23/08
McCarthy, Carol	School Monitor (CA)	5/19/08
Santiago, Carlos	Cleaner (HS)	6/10/08
Slefko, Lindsay	School Monitor (MS)	5/23/08

Topic: Appointment Rescinded

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Gul, Debra	Account Clerk Administration

Topic: Appointments for Summer Curriculum Writing Projects

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Acocella, Donna	Social Studies (Grade 1)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Andrejko, Jaclyn	Social Studies (Grade 2)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Angelo, Lia	Social Studies (Kindergarten)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (2 day maximum)
Benson, Melissa	Geometry	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Bowie, Kimberly	Social Studies (Grade 2)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (1 day maximum)
Bowie, Kimberly	English Language Arts (Grade 2)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Brown, Adam	Health Curriculum (K-12)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Cappell, Mary Jane	English Language Arts (Grade 2)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Cappell, Mary Jane	FLES (Grade 2)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (1 day maximum)
Cavaliere, Aileen	Technology (Grades 1-5)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Cavaliere, Aileen	Social Studies	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Crocker, Virginia	Social Studies (Grade 1)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Ferguson, Lili	English Language Arts (Grade 3)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Ferreiro, Jennifer	Technology (Grades 1-5)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Gewirtz, Robert	Health Curriculum (K-12)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Gibbons, Caron	English Language Arts (Grade 5)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Karroll, Desiree	English Language Arts (Grade 4)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Kurzban, Sandra	Geometry	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)

Luciere, Melissa	English Language Arts (Grade 5)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Manes, Bonnie	English Language Arts (Grade 4)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Messina, Edna	English Language Arts (Grade 1)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Milack, Katherine	Social Studies (Grade 2)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Molinari, Melissa	Social Studies (Grade 3)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Pappas, Joseph	English Language Arts (Grade 3)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Pappas, Joseph	Social Studies (Grade 3)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (1 day maximum)
Popkin, Howard	Gifted	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (2 day maximum)
Popkin, Howard	Technology (Grades 1-5)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Rowland, Cathieann	Geometry	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Sena, Michelle	Social Studies (Kindergarten)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (2 day maximum)
Sena, Michelle	English Language Arts (Kindergarten)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Scotto, Jessica	FLES (Grade 1)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (1 day maximum)
Sordelline, Diane	Social Studies (Grades 1-2-3)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (3 day maximum)
Staddon, Jeffrey	Geometry	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Stone, Linda	FLES	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Sweeny, Marie	English Language Arts (Grade 1)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Wagner, Robyn	Social Studies (Kindergarten)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (2 day maximum)
Wagner, Robyn	English Language Arts (Kindergarten)	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)
Wagner, Robyn	FLES	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (1 day maximum)
Weinstein, Daisy	FLES	\$161.64 per day (5 hour day) (4 day maximum)

Docket #7-327: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by

seven, the Board approved tenure appointments as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Tenure Area</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Yanni, Richard	Technology	9/1/08

At 8:53 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board broke into Executive Session to discuss Docket 7-328 and reconvened at 9:08 p.m.

Ms. Rilling did not return back into the session until Docket #7-336.

Docket #7-328: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

GEORGE WASHINGTON

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ferreiro, Jennifer	Computer Club Advisor	\$ 946
Gibbons, Caron	Math Olympiads Advisor	\$1,198
Hovanec, Michael	Intramurals Coach	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)
Lindquist, Patricia	School Newspaper Advisor	\$1,615
Schwartz, Stacey	Student Council Advisor	\$2,039
Schwartz, Stacey	Science Club Advisor	\$ 946
VanKovics, Chris	Intramurals Coach	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)

CORNWELL AVENUE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ferrante, Christina	Intramurals Coach	\$ 537
Hawxhurst, Dianne	Stamp and Art Club Advisor	\$ 946
Hawxhurst, Dianne	Co-Drama Club Advisor	\$ 473
Heckler, Wayne	District Band Advisor	\$1,615
Karroll, Desiree	Math Olympiads Advisor	\$1,198
Manes, Bonnie	Co-Drama Club Advisor	\$ 473
Messina, Edna	Student Council Advisor	\$2,039
Moore, Teresa	School Newspaper Advisor	\$1,615

HIGH SCHOOL

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Bosch, Keith	Assistant JV Football Coach	\$4,525
Braico, Joseph	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$6,131
Brown, Adam	Varsity Football Coach	\$7,667
Brown, Adam	Weight Room Supervisor	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)
Carre, Dominic	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$6,131
Colangelo, Charles	Golf Coach	\$3,591
Colangelo, Charles	Girls' Indoor Track Coach	\$5,987
Colangelo, Charles	Weight Room Supervisor	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)
Colangelo, Charles	Intramural Girls' Tennis Coach	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)
Colangelo, Charles	Intramural Boys' Tennis Coach	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)
Cosgrove, Edward	Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach	\$6,469
Dailey, Linda	Girls' Tennis Coach	\$5,025
Dailey, Linda	Girls' Bowling Coach	\$3,115
D'Andrea, Michelle	Swimming Coach	\$5,025
Doyle, Timothy	Boys' Indoor Track Coach	\$5,987
Doyle, Timothy	Weight Room Supervisor	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)
Doyle, Timothy	Intramural Track Coach	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)
Gewirtz, Robert	JV Football Coach	\$5,365
Gewirtz, Robert	JV Wrestling Coach	\$4,525
Gewirtz, Robert	Weight Room Supervisor	\$ 537
		(per 10 sessions)

Hovanec, Michael	Boys' JV Soccer Coach	\$4,525
Hutt, Tracy	Girls' JV Volleyball Coach	\$4,525
Lambo, Michelle	Girls' Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach	\$4,525
McIntyre, Robert	Weight Room Supervisor	\$ 537
	(per 10 sessions)	
O'Connor, Jaime	Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$6,469
Primeggia, Edward	Cross Country Coach	\$4,311
Senia, Christopher	Boys' JV Basketball Coach	\$4,525
Silberman, Michael	Girls' Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach	\$4,525
Silberman, Michael	Boys' Bowling Coach	\$3,115
Scaturro, Michael	Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach	\$6,469
Scaturro, Michael	Intramural Paddle Tennis Coach	\$ 537
	(per 10 sessions)	
Testa, Neil	Varsity Wrestling Coach	\$6,469
Valentino, Michael	Girls' JV Soccer Coach	\$4,525
Van Kovics, Chris	Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach	\$6,469
Van Kovics, Chris	Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach	\$6,469
Van Kovics, Chris	Intramural Girls' Basketball Coach	\$ 537
Van Kovics, Chris	Intramural Boys' Softball Coach	\$ 537
Zuluaga, Rosemary	Varsity Cheerleading Coach	\$3,233
Zuluaga, Rosemary	JV Cheerleading Coach	\$3,233

Docket #7-329: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Board of Education, West Hempstead Union Free School District and the United Public Service Employees Union Operations and Maintenance Membership Unit (Local 424) from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011, attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Docket #7-330: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, the Board approved the compensation time for directors to work additional hours/days beyond their contractual obligations during the summer of 2007.

Docket #7-331: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the Board accept the Appointments of District Committee on Special Education as follows:

C.S.E. Chairperson

Ellen Loewy/Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Lynette Abruzzo/Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Alternative Chairpersons

Kristin Beriloff, School Psychologist
Dr. Allison Mueller, School Psychologist
Dr. Jacqueline Sullivan, School Psychologist
Dr. Steven Baron, School Psychologist
Dayna Bartholomew, School Psychologist
Andrea Bernstein, School Psychologist
Louis Bonadonna, School Psychologist

Parent Representatives

Edna Blumstein	Josephine Scheel	Elizabeth Waldvogel
Marilyn Calick	Scott Snyder	Jennifer Suffa
Karen Cohen	Evelyn Maag	Lori Finkelstein
Sevgi Piatos	Deborah Kinney	

Psychologists

Dr. Steven Baron	Dr. Jacqueline Sullivan
Andrea Bernstein	Kristen Beriloff
Dr Allison Mueller	Dayna Bartholomew

Medical

Dr. Schoenfeld

Special Education Teachers

All District Special Education Department and speech/language teachers

All Regular Education Teachers

All district regular education teachers

The Parent/Legal Guardian of the Child Student

Whenever appropriate, the student will attend

Docket #7-332: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the Board accept the Appointments of District Subcommittees on Special Education as follows:

C.S.E. Sub-Committees Chairpersons

Ellen Loewy/Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Lynette Abruzzo/Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Andrea Bernstein, School Psychologist
Dr. Steven Baron, School Psychologist
Dr. Jacqueline Sullivan, School Psychologist
Dr. Allison Mueller, School Psychologist
Kristin Beriloff, School Psychologist
Dayna Bartholomew, School Psychologist
Louis Bonadonna, School Psychologist

Special Education Staff

All special education and speech/language teachers

All Regular Education Teachers

Regular Education Teacher of the child **if** appropriate

The Parent/Legal Guardian of the Child

Student

Whenever appropriate, the student will attend

Docket #7-333: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the Board accept the Appointments of District Committees on Preschool Special Education as follows:

C.P.S.E. Chairperson

Ellen Loewy/Director of Pupil Personnel Services
Lynette Abruzzo/Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Alternative Chairperson(s)

Andrea Bernstein, School Psychologist
Louis Bonadonna, School Psychologist

Parent Representatives

Deborah Kinney Lynette Terjesen
Karen Cohen Jennifer Suffa
Sevgi Piatos Deborah Kinney

Teachers of Speech/Hearing Impaired

Suzanne Isaacson Wendy Mock Wendy Kravat
Nancy Gunyan Mimi-Dryce Schultz Lisa Parente

Evaluators

BOCES, Special School or Independent Evaluator Representative(s)

County

Nassau County Representative
Early Intervention Coordinators, if appropriate

Special Education Teachers

All District Special Education Teachers

General Education Teachers

All District General Education Teachers

The Parent/Legal Guardian of the Child

Docket #7-334: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the Board accept the Appointments of District 504 Committee on Special Education as follows:

504 Committee Chairperson

Dr. Allison Mueller, School Psychologist

Alternative Chairpersons

Dr. Steven Baron
Dr. Jacqueline Sullivan
Kristen Beriloff
Andrea Bernstein
Louis Bonadonna
Dayna Bartholomew

Docket #7-335: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the Board approve the contracts of Ann Peluso, Assistant Superintendent; Richard Cunningham, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations; Jeffrey Banfield, Director of School Facilities and Operations; Vincent Fleck, Director of Technological Services; Rebecca Farraioli, Director of Data Services and Student Information; Kathryn Girolamo, District

Clerk/Secretary to the Board of Education; Theresa Bryant, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools; Jane Docar, Senior Stenographer/Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations and William Lohrberg, Personal Computer Support Technician, all for the school year 2008 – 2009.

Docket #7-336: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the District Technology Plan, as revised June 2008.

Docket #7-337: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the District Three-Year Strategic Plan (2008 – 2011).

Docket #7-338: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Instructional Services Agreement with The Eden II Programs.

Docket #7-339: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements for the school year 2007 - 2008.

Docket #7-340: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Service Agreements with Healthcare Waste Solutions.

Docket #7-341: Upon the motion of Mr. Whelpley, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board tabled this docket.

Docket #7-342: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Tuition Contract with UCPN.

Docket #7-343: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Related Service Contract with Kids First Evaluation and Advocacy Center Inc.

Docket #7-344: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board tabled this docket.

Docket #7-345: Upon the motion of Mr. Mariano, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the gift of 250 tee shirts for the 2008 senior class.

Docket #7-346: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, 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 #7-347: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Federal Single Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Docket #7-348: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #7-349: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the transfer of funds to the Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve Fund.

Docket #7-350: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the transfer of funds to the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund.

Docket #7-351: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Kaye, and carried by seven, the Board approved the Change Order No. 1 – Exterior Masonry Repair at George Washington School.

Docket #7-352: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid on subscriptions to periodicals 2008 - 2009.

Docket #7-353: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid on physical education supplies, equipment and uniforms 2008 - 2009.

Docket #7-354: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid on custodial supplies 2008 - 2009.

Docket #7-355: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid for wood floor sanding and refinishing 2008 - 2009.

Docket #7-356: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board approved the participation in cooperative bid coordinated by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County.

Docket #7-357: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the licensed security guard services contract extension 2008 - 2009.

Docket #7-358: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board approved the contract with School Insurance Group as insurance brokers for the District.

Docket #7-359: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board authorized The Omni Financial Group as its duly authorized agent pertaining to the District's 403(b) Program 2008 - 2009.

Docket #7-360: Upon the motion of Mr. Brita, seconded by Ms. Rilling, and carried by seven, the Board approved the prices for student meals and milk for the school year 2008 - 2009.

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

Docket #7-281: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Ms. Lotito, and carried by seven, the Board approved the contract with MML Software Ltd. d/b/a/ Finance Manager 2007 - 2008.

Docket #7-312: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board approved the contract with CC Productions, Inc. to provide hardware and software support for the Point of Sale Systems and the Year-End Rollover for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

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

Docket #7-361: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, 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 Boards Association's 2008 New School Board Member Academy on July 11, August 1, August 8, August 15 or August 22, 2008.

Docket #7-362: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, 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 Boards Association's 2008 Summer Institute for School Board Members on July 18 – 20 or September 5 - 7, 2008.

Docket #7-363: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, 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 Boards Association's 89th Annual Convention and Educational Trade Show on October 16 - 19, 2008.

Docket #7-364: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Mariano, 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 Boards Association's 14th Annual School Law Conference on July 18 or July 25, 2008.

Docket #7-365: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Brita, and carried by seven, the Board motioned Policy 5127 – Open/Closed Campus to be discussed at the June 24, 2008 Special Business meeting.

Docket #7-366: Upon the motion of Ms. Rilling, seconded by Mr. Whelpley, and carried by seven, the Board approved the bid on musical equipment, audio and supplies 2008 - 2009.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Mr. Brita spoke on his and Mr. Kaye's visit to a Southampton School Board meeting, where they observed the use of Board Docs. He asked Mr. Hogan if he could arrange a demonstration from Board Docs to have hands-on experience.

Ms. Lotito then read the following on the "retirement" of Vincent Trocchia: "I would like to recognize a Board member who is retiring at the end of June. Vinny, your time commitment to this District has been extraordinary! Your 18 years as a Trustee of the West Hempstead School District is unparalleled. Your leadership abilities have been called upon for more than half the time you've served on the Board. As Board president for seven years and vice president for five years, you've worked with 13 different Board members and four superintendents. In the past three years you have led the Board and the community through an extensive superintendent search for a candidate that reflected our District's criteria. Understanding how vital the Board-Superintendent relationship is to the well being of public school governance, you have done an excellent job mentoring our superintendent and insuring a positive transition for our District. We know Board members have varying expectations of their terms of service and how they can best serve the interests of their District. You were always a Board member who put the best interest of the District first. You always asked the important

questions and didn't worry about who would take exception. You followed Frank A. Clark's words, 'We find comfort among those who agree with us – growth among those who don't.' We thank you for your dedication and commitment to our students. You viewed your role as 'guardian of our children' as a profound responsibility and the children of this District have benefited from your years of hard work. We applaud all your time and effort and thank you for your service on the West Hempstead Board of Education.”

Mr. Mariano told Mr. Trocchia that it has been an honor and a privilege to have served with him the last 14 years. He informed the residents that Mr. Trocchia was always community minded, acted from the heart, even if it was not a popular thing to do. Mr. Trocchia also brought expertise to school finances and building inspections. Mr. Mariano smiled and stated that Vinny was a cheerleader in high school and many people did not know that. Mr. Trocchia is a lifelong resident of West Hempstead, a graduate of the District, and his dedication and friendship will be missed.

Ms. Rilling added that she met Mr. Trocchia 20 years ago and they wanted to create a new resident group called the CCEE – Concerned Citizens for Excellent Education. She shared that his expertise on buildings – roofs, bathrooms, boiler rooms, etc. – proved invaluable to the Board. She thanked him for saving the District thousands of dollars.

Mr. Kaye also paid tribute to retiring Board member and current President, Mr. Trocchia. Mr. Kaye reminisced about the 1992 financial crisis in New York when the state budget was cut \$1.2 million in aid to our district and the School Board had to decide on a course of action. Mr. Trocchia took the leadership role and evaluated each program and each budget line, making sure that no harm was done to the educational process for the students. With his leadership, we managed to avert a real crisis. Mr. Trocchia is devoted to excellence in education and his 18 years of active, dedicated service will be sorely missed.

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

At 10:00 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 12:10 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk