

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 February 9, 2016 at 7:43 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Brohm, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Ms. Close, Ms. Greaves, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Schindler, Ms. Shinsato and Mr. Trocchia. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Mr. Rehman, Mr. O’Keefe, Mr. Mestecky, Mr. Vecchione, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community. Mr. Guercio arrived at 8:20 p.m.

Before the meeting began, Mr. Hogan announced the Middle School volleyball team had an undefeated season of 11-0. Certificates of Athletic Achievement were presented to the following: Makayla Abiaoun, Sophia Baiamonte, Danielle Cavallo, Madelyn Close, Grace DeStasio, Haley Duran, Jenna Eivazi, Morgan Greaves, Isabel Manne, Fiona O’Connor, Kristina Patterson, Morgan Salmon, Kate Shanley, Ajaleigh Simpson, Madison Sturm and Alexa Virgo.

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

Docket #5-218: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on January 19, 2016, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #5-219 The **TREASURER’S REPORT** for the month ended December 31, 2015, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, the Schedule of

Claims & Warrants, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Docket #5-220 The **INTERNAL CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended January 31, 2016, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, the report was placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **REPORT OF COMMITTEES** action took place as follows:

PTSA Co-President Loraine Magaraci reported that their last meeting was cancelled due to the snow and their next meeting will possibly be on February 23rd and Mr. Rehman will be there. The purpose of the meeting is parental involvement. They are hoping to get the Middle School's play ensemble to sing and the Robotics Club to do a presentation. February 28th is their fundraiser. Ms. Magaraci also reported on the PTA Social.

Student Council Representative, Alex Perlak, covered the month of February's "The Kindness Challenge," which promotes random acts of kindness such as sitting with another student at lunch and Post It notes for encouragement with inspirational quotes displayed around the school; Family Literacy Night will take place on February 25th and intramurals are underway for spring sports.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Hogan turned the meeting over to Mrs. Notti, Principal of George Washington School and Mr. Cali, Principal of Cornwell Avenue School. They proceeded to present to the Board an overall picture of education from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade. Topics covered were: the Read, Write, Grow connection; kids who read succeed; the better the students understand the text structure, the better the reading comprehension; reading and writing are integrally related; comprehension and learning increase in collaborative settings; reviewing Kindergarten screening results and using it as a benchmark for future years to

share with upcoming teachers; student reports are sent to their next teacher to prepare them for the next year; Professional Development and Data Team meetings are held to analyze NYS ELA and Math assessments; workshops exploring strategy-based instruction to build and support common methodologies and language for students across grade levels; reading, writing connection and technology; shared texts; monthly grade level meetings; and lastly, they provided a video presenting the students actively engaging in curriculum. They then took questions by the Board.

Mr. Hogan finished up his report by announcing the upcoming meeting dates – March 1st – Bond Community Forum; March 8th Budget: Non-Instructional Programs; March 22nd Budget: Instructional Programs; **new date** - March 29th Regular Business Meeting; and the March 15th Bond Proposition Vote.

Ms. Brohm then opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

Under **POLICY MEETING** – the following policies were discussed:

Docket #5-216 – Policy 3362 – Approval of Conference Expenses and

Docket #5-217 – Policy 5120 – Student Attendance

Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board motioned to adopt these policies with no changes at the next Business Meeting.

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

Docket #5-221: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were made, accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: **Resignation Request(s)**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Nugent, Susan	Teaching Assistant George Washington	\$17.95/hr.	1/29/16

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Parente-Sparacello Lisa	Speech Teacher MS/St. Thomas	9/1/16-6/30/17
Scully, Annemarie	Reading Teacher Cornwell Avenue	4/8/16-5/20/16
Wezenter, Kate	Reading Teacher George Washington	9/1/16-1/30/17

Topic: Increase in Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Papocchia, Bernadette	Special Ed Middle School .2 FTE	\$8,643.00	2/2/16-6/30/16

Topic: Appointment of School Monitor

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Mrakovcic, Dolores	\$15.57/hr. Step 1	2/22/16-6/24/16 CA

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Troia, Calogero	Cleaner	\$11.36/hr.

Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute Lists

Name
Kalabacas, Lauren
Saltzman, Georgette

Docket #5-222: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>High School</u> Oppedisano, Sandra	Softball Supervisor	Monday-Friday - \$70.00 per event Saturday - \$75.00 per event

Docket #5-223 Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education Services with North Merrick UFSD for the 2014-15 school year.

Docket #5-224: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements with Great Neck UFSD, Hempstead UFSD, Malverne UFSD and Uniondale UFSD.

Docket #5-225: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board appointed Karen Brohm as Chairperson for the Bond Proposition on March 15, 2016, with an alternate of Patrick McNeill.

Docket #5-226: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board discussed this docket. Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Appointment of Election Inspectors for the Bond Proposition Vote on March 15, 2016, as amended.

Docket #5-227: There was no discussion.

Docket #5-228: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, the Board accepted the donation of \$958.10 from Box Tops for Education to George Washington School.

Docket #5-229: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close 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.

Docket #5-230: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, the Board approved the Amendments to the Annual Reorganization Meeting as follows:

Daniel Rehman – District DASA Coordinator and Alvaro Escobar – DASA Coordinator – High School.

The **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS**, 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 #5-231: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, the Board accepted the recommendations to add New Vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #5-232: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, the Board approved the Budgetary Transfers.

Docket #5-233: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, the Board approved the 2015-16 Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations - SEDCAR.

Docket #5-234: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, the Board approved the Charges for Health Services to St. Thomas the Apostle School and The Hebrew Academy of Nassau County for the 2015-16 school year.

Docket #5-235: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Disposition of Equipment.

Docket #5-236: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Disposition of Textbooks.

Docket #5-237: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/Field</u>
<u>Chestnut Street</u> Young Israel of WH	3/20/16 – 9/18/2016 Sundays 8:00 am – 11:30 am	Large Softball Field Small Softball Field

Cornwell Avenue

Boy Scout Troop 240	2/10/16 – 6/30/16 Mondays 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Gym & Cafeteria
PTA Book Fair	March 3, 2016 Thursday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Library

George Washington

PTA Book Fair	March 2, 2016 Wednesday 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Science Lab
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Middle School

PTA	February 26, 2016 Friday 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Super Market Bingo	Cafeteria
WH Basketball League	April 3, 2016 – June 26, 2016 Sundays 7:00 pm – 10:20 pm	Gym

High School

PTSA Committee	February 20, 2016 Wednesday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Meeting	Cafeteria
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Under **OLD BUSINESS** action was taken as follows:

Docket #5-175: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Board discussed this docket. Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the School Calendar for the 2016-17 School Year, as amended.

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

There was no new business to be addressed.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – There was no discussion.

Ms. Brohm again opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

At 9:15 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel, discuss personnel and negotiations.

At 11:38 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, Executive Session was adjourned.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk