

The **SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING/BUDGET WORKSHOP** –

INSTRUCTIONAL ITEMS of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Video Conference Room on April 5, 2016 at 7:48 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Brohm, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Greaves, Ms. Lotito, Ms. Shinsato and Mr. Trocchia. Ms. Close arrived at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Schindler was absent. Also present were Mr. Hogan, Mr. Rehman, Mr. O’Keefe, Mr. Fleck, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community.

Under **SPECIAL BUSINESS** action took place as follows:

Docket #5-281: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by five, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were 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>
Bennington, Gail	Science Teacher	Earth Science/ Biology	\$84,834 (pro-rated) 7MA+60	4/4/16	4/4/20

Topic: Leave-Replacement Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
LoNigro, Frank	Teaching Assistant HS	Physical Education PreK-K	\$17.95/hr.	4/4/16-6/24/16

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Position</u>
Edwards, Bernadette	\$100.00/day	Teacher

Ms. Brohm then turned the meeting over to Mr. Hogan who informed the audience that the Instructional portion of the Budget would be discussed, which is the core and educational mission of the District. The State budget restored the GAP Elimination back to the school amounting to \$500,000. The State shorted the District \$28K from last year to this year. He explained that retirement and resignation positions will not be replaced and there will be 13 position in total that may be excessed. Class sizes may go up, but we will still be maintaining academics, music, art, etc.

Mr. Hogan then turned the meeting over to Mr. O'Keefe who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Instructional portion of the budget.

Under **CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ITEMS** – Staff and community members were given copies of the Proposed 2016 - 2017 Budget. They were invited to ask questions on any items as the Board and Administration discussed the various items listed in these reports.

Mr. O'Keefe began with Instructional Account Codes and their breakdowns - 2010 – Curriculum Development; 2020 – Supervision Regular Schools; 2110 – Regular School; 2250 – Special Education; 2280 – Occupational Education; 2330 – Special School/Seniors; 2610 – Library/Media Center; 2611 – Audio Visual; 2630 – Computer Aided Instruction; 2805 – Attendance; 2810 – Guidance; 2815 – Health Services; 2820 – Psychology Services; 2825 – Social Work Services; 2850 – Co-curricular Activities; and 2855 – Interscholastic Athletics.

Mr. O'Keefe the covered the current consolidated budget with comparisons expenses from 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 school years to the current proposed budget. Mr. O'Keefe spoke on closing the gap with nearly \$2m in total reduction from the draft

budget; \$509K in additional State Aid over the Executive Budget; \$200K in additional revenue from Marian Delaney and utilizing an additional \$550K from fund balance, totaling \$982K. He presented a chart breaking down the 2016-17 State Aid with a \$762,440 change from the 2015-16 school budget. Also presented were the 2016-17 revenue projections. Lastly, Mr. O’Keefe covered the “2% Tax Cap” and the 2016-17 Tax Levy Cap.

The Board then asked their questions on the budget and opened up the meeting to residents.

At 9:00 p.m. upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Budget Workshop was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

At 9:30 p.m. Ms. Close left Executive Session.

Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, Executive Session ended at 9:45 p.m.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk