

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 November 15, 2016 at 8:19 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 Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss, Mr. Rehman, Mr. Blake, Mr. Mestecky, Ms. Bryant, and members of the staff and community.

Ms. Brohm opened the meeting and turned it over to Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss, who introduced Alan Yu, representative of Cullen & Danowski, the District's external auditors. Mr. Yu presented to the Board his audit report for the 2015-16 school year. He reported that the District's fund balance had an increase of \$800,000 and complimented the Board for being fiscally responsible.

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

Docket #6-127: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on October 25, 2016, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, 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 #6-128: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended September 30, 2016, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Lotito 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 #6-129: The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended October 31, 2016, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Lotito 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:

Emily Merle from the PTA gave her report. She announced that the Holiday Boutique at George Washington and Cornwell Avenue will be December 5th through 7th and at Chestnut Street on December 7th and 8th. The PTA is selling car magnets for \$6.00. She invited everyone to attend the PTA meeting on November 28th where Mr. Popkin will be talking about bully prevention. Everyone was invited to see the Middle School play *The Lion King Jr.*, November 17th and 18th. Admission is free but all are asked to bring food for the Thanksgiving food drive.

Natalia Roberts, Student Council Representative, reported that Red Ribbon Week was the week of October 24th. She encouraged all to donate food for the Key Club and that the Robotics Club was fundraising for their trip to Virginia.

There were no other reports.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss turned the meeting over to Chestnut Street School's Principal Faith Tripp, who gave a presentation on English as a New Language. Ms. Trip's presentation included steady increase of ELLS on Long Island; CR Part 154 updates in the law; student proficiency levels and the terminology changes; West Hempstead's response to CR Part 154 that include program changes and professional development; how the District determines is a student is an ELL; how the District tracks data; languages spoken in the District; staffing requirements; ENL action in the District, which include integrated English 9, Stand Alone and Harvard Project Zero. She announced residents can follow on Twitter AWH-ENL and on the website whenl.weebly.com.

Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss finished her report by thanking Larry Blake and the Business Office for the work they did with the auditor and presenting the Audit Report. She congratulated the boys' volleyball team for their terrific effort in their semifinal match against Jericho in Long Beach. They lost three sets to two. Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss congratulated Gina Silecchia, a reading teacher at Cornwell Avenue and George Washington, who received a \$500 grant from LILAC to set up a Bilingual Book Exchange program, which would allow students to choose books to read at home with their parents in their native language, as well as in English. She reported that parent/teacher conferences at the High School were on November 7th and on that evening, the new PPS directors hosted a "meet and greet." She said that although there weren't many in attendance, Joanne Morgan and Susan Kosser were able to meet with parents on a more personal level. Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss thanked the Principals and Directors for providing professional development to teachers on Election Day. She also thanked Dan Rehman for organizing the day.

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

Docket #6-130: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Leave Replacement Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Hallford, Maria	Math teacher Middle School	Math 7-12	\$70,582 (pro-rated) 6 MA	11/1/16- 2/6/17

Topic: Appointment of School Monitors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Kaval, Kristine	\$15.88/hr. Step 1	11/16/16-6/23/17
Polsinelli, Lisa	\$15.88/hr. Step 1	11/16/16 – 6/23/17

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lavin, Kimberly	School Monitor High School	1/3/17	1/13/17
Roodman, Jessica	Math Teacher Middle School	11/1/16	2/6/17
Schreiber, Karen	Guidance Counselor High School	1/3/17	6/28/17

Topic: Resignation Request(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Calabrese, Joy	Teaching Assistant GW	\$20.37/hr.	10/27/16

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Bove, Christina	\$100.00/day
Cerrato, Lora	\$100.00/day
Sepulveda, Jessica	\$100.00/day
Sigmon, Angela	\$100.00/day

Topic: Regents Review Classes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Bennington, Gail	Earth Science	\$67/17/hr.	1/4/17-1/18/17 (6-hour maximum)
Dunbar, Patricia	English	\$67.17/hr.	11/28/16-1/9/17 (7 ½ -hour maximum)
Gould, Dina	Living Environment	\$67.17/hr.	1/4/17-1/18/17 (6-hour maximum)
Hanna, Chad	U.S. History	\$67.17/hr.	1/5/17-1/19/17 (6-hour maximum)
Kufta, Jared	English	\$67.17/hr.	11/28/16-1/9/17 (15-hour maximum)
LaRosa, Gina	Global Studies	\$67.17/hr.	1/5/17-1/19/17 (6-hour maximum)
Loizides, Harry	Geometry	\$67.17/hr.	12/13/16-1/17/17 (5-hour maximum)
Rowland, Cathieann	Algebra	\$67.17/hr.	12/13/16-1/17/17 (5-hour maximum)
Towers, Dianna	Algebra	\$67.17/hr.	12/13/16-1/17/17 (5-hour maximum)
Valencia, Madeline	ENL	\$67.17/hr.	11/28/16 -1/9/17 (7 1/2 -hour maximum)

Topic: Appointment of Mentors

<u>Mentor</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cutrone, Diane	Special Ed	\$656.16

Topic: Increase in Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Rowland, Cathieann	Math Teacher High School	\$20,720.40 (pro-rated) .2	11/14/16- 6/23/17

Docket #6-131: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Onesto, Mersina	MS Boys' Basketball Coach	\$3,407.00

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded

John O'Donnell MS Boys' Basketball Coach

Docket #6-132: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Tenure Appointment of Christa Spano.

Docket #6-133: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, and seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Amendments to the Reorganization Meeting held on July 5, 2016, Policy Sub-Committee from Caitlin Close to Andrea Shinsato and added Homeless Liaison Joanne Morgan.

Docket #6-134: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, and seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by seven, the Board approved the Amendments to Docket #6-115 and #6-117 adopted on October 25, 2016.

Docket #6-135: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito 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**, 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 #6-136: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the New Vendors.

Docket #6-137: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Budgetary Transfers.

Docket #6-138: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Audit Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, by Cullen & Danowski, LLP.

Docket #6-139: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Change Order No. 3 – Emergency Fire Alarm Replacement.

Docket #6-140: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves 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>George Washington</u>		
Girl Scouts	12/9/16 Friday 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Holiday Caroling	Cafeteria
WH PAL	4/3/17 – 6/12/17 Monday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Boys Basketball	Gym
WH PAL	4/4/17 – 6/13/17 Tuesday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Girls Baton/Ribbon	Gym
WH PAL	6/13/17 Tuesday 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm Ceremony	Auditorium

Middle School

WH Community
Support Association

12/4/16
Sunday
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Children's Holiday Party

Cafeteria

High School

PTSA Senior
Fashion Show

3/2/17
Thursday
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Paint Night –Fundraiser

Cafeteria & Art Room

PTSA Senior
Fashion Show

12/22/16 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
1/11/17 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm
1/14/17 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm
1/27/17 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm
1/31/17 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm
2/11/17 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Bake Sale

Outside Gymnasium

WH PAL

4/2/17 – 6/25/17
Sunday
9:00 am – 11:30 am
Boys/Girls Track & Field
Practice

Field & Track

PTSA

4/25/17
Tuesday
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Prom Fashion Show Rehearsal

Auditorium
2 Chorus Rooms

PTSA

4/27/17
Thursday
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Prom Fashion Show

Auditorium
2 Chorus Rooms

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

There was no Old Business to be addressed.

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

The following policy was motioned by Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, to be discussed at the December 6th Policy Meeting – #6-91 Policy 6132 – School Trips with Administrative Regulations.

The following policies were motioned by Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, to be discussed at the December 6th Policy Meeting:

Docket #6-141: New Policy – Change Orders

Docket #6-142: Policy 1515 – Parental Involvement

- Docket #6-143:** Policy 3290 – Disposition of Surplus Property
- Docket #6-144:** Policy 5135 – Reporting to Parents – Elementary Schools
- Docket #6-145:** Policy 6133 – Homework – Elementary Schools
- Docket #6-146:** Policy 6137 – Detention
- Docket #6-147:** Policy 6160 – Education of Homeless Children and Unaccompanied Youth
- Docket #6-148:** Policy 9510 – School Board Elections and Candidates and Campaigning

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – There was no business to be addressed.

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

At 9:31 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the meeting to Executive Session for to receive advice from counsel and to discuss personnel.

At 11:09 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board reconvened back into the Regular Business Meeting.

Docket #6-149: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Termination of Agreement with Johnson Controls.

At 11:10 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board adjourned the Regular Business Meeting.

Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk