

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 January 17, 2017 at 7:40 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Brohm, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Close, Ms. Greaves, Ms. Lotito, Mr. Schindler and Mr. Trocchia. Also present were Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss, Mr. Blake, Mr. Mestecky, Ms. Girolamo, and members of the staff and community. Ms. Shinsato and Mr. Rehman were absent.

Ms. Brohm opened the meeting and turned it over to Mrs. Kriss, who remarked the year is starting on a high note and the Board was about to recognize accomplishments of our students in music, art, physical education and Presidential scholars. She then turned the meeting over to the Middle School's Assistant Principal, Jonathan Trapani.

Mr. Trapani informed the audience that the following students were selected to participate in this year's All County Musical Festival: From Cornwell Avenue – Georgia Leppard, Caterina Pacheco and Monica Poblador. From George Washington: Apryl Acer, Christina Gabayan, Rory Gallo, Alicia Maria, Steven Poirot and Kerilee Vargas. From the Middle School: Andrew Filincieri, Ana Calderon, Lillian Dempsey, Grace Leppard, Jonathan Obando, Emily Oh and Andrew Schreck. From the High School: Matthew Carlson, Theodore Kim, Muhammad Moughal and Enmer Yanez. In addition, two students made it to the Long Island String Festival: Muhammad Moughal and Jeffrey Schreck.

Mr. Adam Hopkins, Assistant Principal of the High School and Director of Guidance, took the meeting over to honor two students who earned the Outstanding Physical Education Student Award from the Nassau Zone of New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance: Matthew Arasmo and Lisette Palomo. He then announced Ciamara

Donawa has been chosen as a National Young Arts Foundation Finalist in the category of Visual Arts and Sofia Guiterrez was chosen to be one of twenty students from New York to be nominated for the 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

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

Docket #6-180: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on December 20, 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. Greaves and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #6-181: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on January 10, 2017, 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. Greaves and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #6-182: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended November 30, 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. Greaves and carried by six, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Docket #6-183: The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended December 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. Greaves and carried by six, the report was placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

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

Ms. Brohm informed the residents that the Policy Meeting scheduled for February 7th has been cancelled and will take place along with the Regular Business Meeting on February 14th. She encouraged parents to attend Parent University on April 5th. The program has 26 presenters and there will be three workshops and a fabulous keynote speaker.

Student Council representative, Natalia Roberts, reported on the upcoming LipSinc Battle, the Winter Art Show and the school newspaper will be out next week.

Ellen Shanley, Co-President of PTSA reported that Judge Karen Gopee spoke about her experiences to the 7th grade Social Studies classes; Middle/High schools Adult Press Send program; the Reflections Contest had 11 students making the final cut and two are going on to the state competition. The next meeting is on January 23rd.

The PTA reported on the February 9th PTA Social and flyers will be going out shortly and the next meeting is on January 30th at Cornwell Avenue.

SEPTA report was given by Karen Brohm for Lauren Lee: Randy Young from the Long Island Parents' Center will be speaking on January 18th in Cornwell Avenue's library.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss thanked students, parents, teachers and administrators for all of the efforts on the music awards; Visual Arts Show is on Thursday at 7:00 p.m.; on January 13th the Historical Society and representative Leslie McAvoy, came and re-dedicated Chestnut Street School with a frame filled with pictures of time passed, which is located in the vestibule of the Chestnut Administration building; congratulated Science Expo winners; updated residents on the Bond Projects stating they will have a meeting with District architects, Tetra Tech, on January 25th; Syntax will be updating bond progress in a newsletter and on the website; and encouraged everyone to attend "Diploma Options for Students" forum on February 7th with Senator Todd Kaminsky, NYS Board of Regents Chancellor Betty Rosa, Long

Island Regent Roger Tilles, Christopher Sariano, Assistant Commissioner Office of Special Education, Assemblyman Brian Curran and Assemblywoman Shelly Mayer.

Mrs. Kriss also congratulated Elaine Mendez, a finalist in the Reflections contest, now at the state level of judging. There will be a reception on March 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Middle School. She finished her report praising the efforts of the Business Department's Jane Docar, on her tenacity in receiving \$128, 636.96 from the City of New York for back payments on parentally placed students that date back to the 2009/10, 2010/11 and 2011/12 school years.

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

Docket #6-184: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. was motioned to discuss. Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved, as amended, as follows:

Topic: Leave Replacement Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Tudisco, Teresa	N-K, Grades 1-6	\$56,465	1/5/17 – 3/24/17

Topic: Salary Credits

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Conti, Lauren	Special Education Teacher, GW	6MA+15	\$2,799.00	\$73,380.00	2/1/17
Kearns, Kristen	Special Education Teacher, HS	7MA+15	\$2,910.00	\$76,315.00	2/1/17
Lambraia, Michele	Elementary Teacher GW	7MA+15	\$2,910.00	\$76,315.00	2/1/17
Longo, Ashleigh	Mathematics and Social Studies Teacher MS	3MA	\$7,388.00	\$62,112.00	2/1/17
Piazza-Eliash, Lauren	Special Education Teacher, MS	6MA+45	\$2,829.00	\$78,977.00	2/1/17
Weinberg, Stacery	STELLAR Teacher CA	5BA+45	\$2,686.00	\$67,758.00	2/1/17
Wezenter, Kate	Reading Teacher GW	4MA+60	\$2,574.00	\$75,233.00	2/1/17

Topic: Civil Service Change of Title

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>New Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Butler, Robin	Principal Typist Clerk Chestnut Street	6	\$3,621.00	\$40,693.00	1/18/17

Topic: Resignation Request(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Gomez, Laura	School Monitor GW	\$16.88/hr.	12/31/16

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Cleaners:</u> Romero, Miguel	\$11.36/hour

Docket #6-185: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Sherman, Ben	MS Baseball Coach

Docket #6-186: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, and seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Stipulation of Settlement and General Release between the District and parents of a student.

Docket #6-187: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, and seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nassau County Police Department for participation in the Nassau County Alert Domain Awareness System (ADAS).

Docket #6-188: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, and seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board accepted the Corrective Action Plan for the 2015-16 school year.

Docket #6-189: Upon the motion of Ms. Lotito, and seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer to Nancy Lederman.

Docket #6-190: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, and seconded by Ms. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Donations of \$250 from a private donor to be used for the enhancement of geography education; a \$500 Mini-Grant from Long Island Language Arts Council and \$1,438.40 from Box Tops for Education for George Washington School.

Docket #6-191: Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, 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 #6-192: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the New Vendors.

Docket #6-193: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Budgetary Transfers.

Docket #6-194: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the 2016-17 Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations -SEDCAR.

Docket #6-195: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Transportation Contracts for the 2016-17 school year.

Docket #6-196: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/Field</u>
<u>Middle School</u>		
WH Basketball League	2/4/17, 2/18/17 Saturday 7:30 pm – 10:45 pm Basketball	Gym
PTSA	3/13/17 Monday 6:00 pm -9:30 pm Reflections Ceremony	Cafeteria
<u>High School</u>		
PTSA	1/30/17 – 2/2/17 Monday-Friday Lunch Periods Selling Tickets for Lip Sync Battle	Cafeteria
PTSA	2/2/17 Thursday 5:30 pm – 9:00 pm Lip Sync Battle	Circle

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

There was no old business to be addressed.

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

Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Schindler and carried by six, the following policies were motioned for discussion at the February 14, 2017 Policy/Regular Business Meeting:

- Docket #6-197:** Policy 1510 – Relationships with Parent/Teacher Organizations
- Docket #6-198:** Policy 2360 – Teacher Meetings
- Docket #6-199:** Policy 2470 – Reporting Hazardous or Unhealthful Conditions
- Docket #6-200:** Policy 2480 – Fire and other Safety Inspections
- Docket #6-201:** Policy 3180 – Central Office Administrators’ Salaries and Stipends
- Docket #6-202:** Policy 3330 – Bids
- Docket #6-203:** Policy 3362 – Approval of Conference Expenses
- Docket #6-204:** Policy 3545 – Transportation
- Docket #6-205:** Policy 5120 – Student Attendance
- Docket #6-206:** Policy 5127 – Open Campus with Administrative Regulations
- Docket #6-207:** Policy 5140 – Interscholastic Athletics with Administrative Regulations

<u>Docket #6-208:</u>	Policy 5151 – Wellness
<u>Docket #6-209:</u>	Policy 5151A – Concussion Management
<u>Docket #6-210:</u>	Policy 6144 – Cafeteria Services
<u>Docket #6-211:</u>	Policy 6152 – Limited English Proficiency
<u>Docket #6-212:</u>	Policy 6510 – Meals and Refreshments
<u>Docket #6-213:</u>	Policy 9110 – Organization of the Board
<u>Docket #6-214:</u>	Policy 9130 – Elected Board Officers
<u>Docket #6-215:</u>	Policy 9160 – Student Participation – Board Activities
<u>Docket #6-216:</u>	Policy 9265 – District Payroll Certification
<u>Docket #6-217:</u>	Policy 9310 – Amendment of By-Laws
<u>Docket #6-218:</u>	Policy 9320 – Suspension of By-Laws
<u>Docket #6-219:</u>	Policy 9345 – Order of Business at Annual Organization Meeting
<u>Docket #6-220:</u>	New Policy – School District Records with Administrative Regulations
<u>Docket #6-221:</u>	New Policy – Homebound Instruction

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Ms. Brohm discussed advocacy with the Board. She polled the Board asking if they would like to have a Board member, along with administration, have meetings with our current legislators to discuss the dire straights of our District in hopes of receiving more money towards programs and receiving more state aid. The Board agreed to pursue it and Mrs. Kriss said hopefully we can schedule a meeting before the next year’s budget is put to rest for vote.

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

At 8:35 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Board adjourned the meeting to Executive Session for to receive advice from counsel and to discuss personnel.

At 10:30 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board reconvened the Regular Business Meeting to discuss Docket #6-222.

Docket #6-222: With a vote of four to two, Ms. Brohm, Ms. Close, Ms. Lotito and Ms. Greaves voting yes, Mr. Schindler and Mr. Trocchia voting no, this docket was tabled to the February 14, 2017 meeting.

At 10:33 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, the Board adjourned the Regular Business Meeting.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk