

The **BUDGET WORKSHOP** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the High School Video Conference Room on March 28, 2017 at 7:34 p.m.

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

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Under **CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ITEMS** – Staff and community members were given copies of the Proposed 2017 - 2018 Budget items. They were invited to ask questions on any items as the Board and Administration discussed the various items listed in these reports. It was explained that this evening's discussion would be on the Instructional portion of the Proposed Budget.

Mr. Blake gave a PowerPoint presentation on the instructional areas of the budget, which included: curriculum development; supervision regular school; regular school; Special Education; Occupational Education; special school/seniors; library/media center; audio visual; computer aided instruction; attendance; guidance; health services; psychology services; social work services; co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics.

Also covered were: the current consolidated budget (general support, instruction, transportation, employee benefits, debt service and interfund transfers); the 2017-18 Tax Levy Cap; the Proposed Budget amount of \$59,943, 330 that includes a \$802,506 budget-to-budget increase; 1.36% spending increase and a 1.70% tax levy increase.

Next the 2017-18 State Aid was discussed amounting to \$10,273,354 - a \$46,921 change from the 2016-17 school year and 2017-18 Revenue Projections with a proposed dollar amount of \$59,943,330.

The Board asked questions after each section and residents were also permitted to ask questions at the conclusion of each section covered and at the end of the meeting.

At 8:25 p.m. the Budget Workshop was adjourned.

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Patricia Sullivan-Kriss, Superintendent