

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 May 9, 2017 at 7:38 p.m.

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

Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss introduced Library Director Regina Mascia and Kathleen Dunne, Trustee of the Library Board, for their budget presentation. Ms. Dunne outlined the expenses for the 2017-18 budget stating monies are being used to update the technology in the Library's computers that will benefit not only young adults, but the other demographics in West Hempstead. Ms. Mascia reported on the expansion of the Library's basement. They stated they are piercing the tax cap with a 3.75% increase.

Ms. Brohm then turned the meeting over to Mr. Blake to cover the Budget Hearing portion of the meeting.

Mr. Blake then gave the final proposed 2017 - 18 Budget Hearing presentation. He explained that the total budget is \$59,943,330, representing a 1.36% increase from 2016-17 and the Tax Levy is \$44,566,967, a 1.70% increase. Mr. Blake gave a summary of expenditures. If the budget does not pass, the Board would need to reduce the proposed budget by \$743,068. He also reviewed proposed budget revenues and encouraged all to review the *Educator* and the detailed budget on the website.

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

**Docket #6-315:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on April 25, 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. Close and carried by five, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #6-316:** The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on May 1, 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. Close and carried by five, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #6-317:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended March 31, 2017, 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 five, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

**Docket #6-318:** The **INTERNAL CLAIM'S AUDITOR REPORT** for the month ended April 30, 2017, 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 five, the Report was placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

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

PTA representative, Jennifer Leddick, informed residents that the PTA will sponsor buy-one, get-one book fairs at George Washington School on May 31<sup>st</sup> and Cornwell Avenue School on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Leddick also announced that the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance will be held on June 10<sup>th</sup> in the Middle School cafeteria.

PTA representative, Emily Merle, reported that they are wrapping up the year and if anyone has not picked up student pictures yet to please pick them up as soon as possible.

The PTSA reported on May 8<sup>th</sup> they honored some students and Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> is Game Show Night at the Pompei. The Candidates Forum will take place on May 10<sup>th</sup> in the High School Video Conference Room.

Student Representative, Natalia Roberts, reported on happenings around the school, which included: June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Student Council will host a “Secret Life of Pets” party for the students in kindergarten and elementary schools; AP exams are ongoing; the Fashion Show was a success; yearbooks will be handed out on June 5<sup>th</sup>, along with having a senior breakfast; Senior Awards night is also on June 5<sup>th</sup>; Underclassmen awards are on June 6<sup>th</sup>; June 6<sup>th</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> are the Sports Athletic dinners; Alumni Return Day is May 24<sup>th</sup> and the Key Club is still accepting food donations. The Board thanked her for her reporting during the school year and wished her success in her future endeavors.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:** Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss remarked it is a special time of year for concerts and recognizing student accomplishments; the Achievement Dinner, honoring the top 25 students and several teachers, was a wonderful event; Bond update that includes the Middle/High School athletic fields; congratulations were given to Kathleen O’Farrell, the District’s Director of Language Arts, who was appointed as a principal in Sachem for 2017-18; congratulations to the badminton team on a undefeated season; an ESSA workshop will take place at Half Hollow Hills East on May 11<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome to attend.

Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss then presented NYSSBA Achievement Awards to members of the Board. Ms. Greaves received a Level 1 Certificate and Ms. Brohm received a Level 3 Certificate and a voucher for a free one-day seminar.

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

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

**Docket #6-319:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved as follows:

**Topic: Civil Service Appointments**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Abreu, Jessica	School Nurse Part-time Gersh Academy	\$50,058 (pro-rated) Step 2	5/2/17 - 6/30/17
Castellano, Sharon	Account Clerk Administration	\$40,500 Step 4	6/12/17
Linares, Cosme	Cleaner Cornwell Avenue	\$37,089 Step 1	5/10/17

**Topic: Resignation Request(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Gail Bennington	Science Teacher High School	\$88,317	6/30/17
Beriloff, Kristen	School Psychologist Middle School	\$88,317	6/30/17
Hagelberg, Jennifer	Clerk-Typist High School	\$38,751.81	5/16/17
Horvath, Deborah	Clerk-Typist High School	\$46,437	5/16/17
O'Farrell, Kathleen	Director of English	\$136,449	6/30/17
Ragnauth, Shivanie	School Monitor Cornwell Avenue	\$17.33/hr.	5/19/17

**Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Khan, Shelley	\$100.00/day

**Topic: Leave(s) of Absence**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>From</u></b>	<b><u>To</u></b>
Miller, Reva	School Nurse Middle School	6/1/17	6/1/17

**Topic: Summer Hours for CPSE/CSE Staff**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Baron, Steven	Psychologist	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (5-day maximum)
Boles, AnnMarie	Occupational Therapist	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (1-day maximum)
Byrne, Kelly	Special Education Teacher	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (3-day maximum)
Coghlan, Caitlin	CPSE Chairperson	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (5-day maximum)
Gunyan, Nancy	Speech Pathologist	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (2-day maximum)
Hawxhurst, Dianne	Special Education Teacher	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (3-day maximum)
Karroll, Desiree	General Education Teacher	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (2-day maximum)
Lublner, Cari	Social Worker	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (1-day maximum)
Schwartz, Stacy	General Education Teacher	7/1/17 – 8/31/17	daily/hourly rate (2-day maximum)

**Docket #6-320:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by five, the Board approved Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility as follows:

**Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
<b><u>HIGH SCHOOL</u></b>		
Bourazeris, Dean	JV Football Coach	\$5,665.00
Carre, Dominic	Varsity Football Coach	\$8,098.00
Carre, Dominic	Boys' Winter Track Coach	\$6,324.00
Cosgrove, Edward	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$6,475.00
Cosgrove, Edward	Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach	\$6,832.00
Dooley, Ryan	Boys' JV Volleyball Coach	\$4,779.00
Gewirtz, Robert	Cross Country Coach	\$4,553.00
Gewirtz, Robert	Girls' Bowling Coach	\$3,290.00
Gil, Danielle	Girls' JV Basketball Coach	\$4,779.00
Grey, Colin	Girls' Varsity Swimming Coach	\$5,307.00
Grey, Colin	Girls' Winter Track Coach	\$6,324.00
Hovanec, Michael	Girls' Varsity Tennis Coach	\$5,307.00
Hutt, Tracy	Girls Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$6,832.00
Longo, Ashleigh	Varsity Cheerleading Co-Coach (fall)	\$3,416.00
Longo, Ashleigh	Varsity Cheerleading Co-Coach (winter)	\$3,416.00
Magaraci, Joseph	Assistant JV Football Coach	\$4,779.00
Onesto, Mersina	Boys' JV Soccer Coach	\$4,779.00
Paul, Michael	Assistant JV Football Coach	\$4,779.00
Scaturro, Michael	Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach	\$6,832.00
Segreto, Dominick	Assistant Varsity Football Coach	\$6,475.00

Senia, Chris	Boys' JV Basketball Coach	\$4,779.00
Silberman, Michael	Boys' Bowling Coach	\$3,290.00
Spano, Christa	Varsity Cheerleading Co-Coach (fall)	\$3,416.00
Spano, Christa	Varsity Cheerleading Co-Coach (winter)	\$3,416.00
Towers, Dianna	JV Cheerleading Coach	\$4,779.00
Valentino, Michael	Girls' JV Soccer Coach	\$4,779.00
VanKovics, Chris	Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach	\$6,832.00
VanKovics, Chris	Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach	\$6,832.00
Wilson, Andrew	Boys' Varsity Volleyball Coach	\$6,832.00

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Hanna, Chad	Football Coach	\$4,596.00
DeMarzo, Chris	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,895.00
Dooley, Ryan	Girls' Volleyball Coach	\$3,416.00
Gil, Danielle	Girls' Soccer Coach	\$3,416.00
Gould, Dina	Cross Country Coach	\$3,416.00
LoNigro, Frank	Assistant Football Coach	\$3,895.00
Scaturro, Michael	Girls' Basketball Coach	\$3,416.00
Onesto, Mersina	Boys' Basketball Coach	\$3,416.00
Wilson, Andrew	Boys' Volleyball Coach	\$3,416.00

**Docket #6-321:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the Tenure Appointments to the following:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tenure Area</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Bourazeris, Dean	Social Studies teacher	9/1/17
Conti, Lauren	Special Education teacher	9/1/17
Fuentes, Elizabeth	School Psychologist	9/1/17
Konovitch, Sarah	Special Education teacher	9/1/17
Longo, Ashleigh	Elementary teacher	9/1/17
Mottola, Jenna	Elementary teacher	9/1/17
Simone, Gabriella	Elementary teacher	9/1/17
Villacorta, Denis	Foreign Language teacher	9/1/17
Merman, Melissa	Teaching Assistant	9/1/17

**Docket #6-322:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the Abolishment of Positions as follows:

One (1)	occupational therapist position	1 Retirement
One (1)	speech teaching position	1 Retirement
Two (2)	teaching assistant positions	1 Resignation/D. Bolognini

**Docket #6-323:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the West Hempstead Board of Education and West Hempstead Administrators and Supervisors Association and Joseph Cangemi.

**Docket #6-324:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the Professional Development Plan for the 2017-18 school year.

**Docket #6-325:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements for the 2016-17 school year with Floral Park-Bellerose UFSD, Jericho UFSD, Lawrence Public School District, South Huntington UFSD and Westbury UFSD.

**Docket #6-326:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the Individual Consultant Services Contracts for Professional Development/Transportation Consultant for the 2017-18 school year as follows:

Lee Araoz (2); Amy Benjamin Educational Services, Inc.; Deborah DeBetta; Distinctive Educator's Institute; Geraldine A. Fedoronko; Bryan Frank; Marc E. Greene; Laughstrom Enterprises, Inc. (2); Danielle L. Mammolito (2); Michael Stano; Carolyn Tellone and Nancy Nunziata.

**Docket #6-327:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the Contract for Special Education/Consultant Services for the 2016-17 school year with Long Island Neuropsychological Services.

**Docket #6-328:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board accepted the Donations of: \$250.00 from the PTSA; \$551.70 from Box Tops for Education for George Washington and \$92.00 from Box Tops for Education for Chestnut Street.

**Docket #6-329:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, 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 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 #6-330:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by five, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

**Docket #6-331:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by five, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

**Docket #6-332:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by five, the Board approved the Tax Anticipation Note Borrowing for the 2017-18 school year, with Extract of Minutes attached hereto.

**Docket #6-333:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by five, the Board approved the License Agreement with Edge Software.

**Docket #6-334:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by five, the Board approved the Site Alterations Project A-2a – West Hempstead Middle and High Schools.

**Docket #6-335:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by five, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

**George Washington**

5th Grade Fun Day Committee	5/18/17 Thursday 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Bake/Raffle Sale	Lobby in front of Auditorium
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**Cornwell Avenue**

Empire Safety Council	5/31/17 Wednesday 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm Defensive Driving Class For Teachers	Cafeteria
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**Middle School**

PTSA

5/23/17  
Friday  
7:00 am – 12:00 pm  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up

Cafeteria

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

There was no old business to be addressed.

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

**Docket #6-336:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the expense for attendance at NSSBA's 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Meeting on May 31, 2017.

**Docket #6-337:** Upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board approved the Appointment of James McKeever as an Impartial Hearing Officer to Case Identifier: 503681.

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

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

At 8:33 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Schindler, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by five, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of receiving advice from counsel and discussing personnel.

Ms. Lotito joined the Board in Executive Session.

Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by six, Executive Session adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

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Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk