

The **REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Middle School Cafeteria on October 17, 2017 at 7:43 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Ms. Brohm, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Ms. Close, Mr. Cole, Ms. Greaves, Mr. Magaraci, Ms. Shinsato and Mr. Trocchia. Also present were Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss, Mr. Rehman, Mr. Glasu, Mr. Vecchione, Mr. Mestecky, Ms. Bryant and members of the staff and community.

Mrs. Kriss announced it was Board Recognition Week and asked all to stand while the Chorus sang the *Star Spangled Banner*. The chorus, along with the orchestra, then performed the *West Hempstead Alma Mater*. Mrs. Kriss introduced, and turned the meeting over to Ryan Emmanuel-Cooke, Director of Fine Arts/ Director of Innovative Educational Opportunities. Mr. Emmanuel-Cooke presented a short film where he explained what the Board of Education did and interviewed students asking them what they thought the Board of Education's job was and how much they thought the Board was paid. Students then presented each Board member with a gift.

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

**Docket #7-103** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on September 19, 2017, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #7-104:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended August 31, 2017, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Close 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 #7-105:** The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended September 30, 2017, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Close 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:

PTSA Co-President Santos Welti stated that the PTSA clothing drive will be on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Middle School. She stated that the Scholastic Book Fair was ongoing and that the next meeting will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

PTA Co-President Laurene Baumann announced that the Miss Chocolate fundraiser was ongoing and their anti-bullying program is scheduled to begin at the end of the month. She also stated that the next PTA meeting is to be held on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

SEPTA Co-President Nella Yelenovic stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> and a guest speaker will talk about Sensory Processing Disorders. She encouraged all to attend the *Tackling the Opioid Crisis* meeting scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> in the Middle School Cafeteria. She announced that the SEPTA's *Cards for a Cause* fundraiser was ongoing, and all the information was on the webpage.

Student Council Representative, Aya Zubi, gave a report to the Board. She stated that every Friday students gather from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for Fun Day Friday. This Friday will be "Karaoke Friday." She said that on October 27<sup>th</sup> Student Council is sponsoring Trick or Treat for Unicef. This program will take place in the High School cafeteria for students in grades K-5. She spoke about all the activities planned for Red Ribbon Week to make students aware of the dangers of drugs and substance abuse. Aya then continued with an update on the sports program. She

announced that senior cheerleaders and football team members were honored at East Rockaway High School on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Docket #7-106 a-f:** The Building Inspection Reports, 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 Mr. Magaraci and carried by seven, the reports were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mrs. Kriss announced that the District made initial application for Smart Bond money and has received a project number from the State. She explained that the District has to spend money first and then get reimbursement from the State. Included in this project are the telephone system and security upgrades. Mrs. Kriss announced that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade West Hempstead/Island Park Parent Orientation to the High School has been changed from November 9<sup>th</sup> to November 29<sup>th</sup>. She said that it was originally scheduled for the evening before the Veterans Day weekend and many families use this weekend for family and college visitations. Mrs. Kriss announced that the Annual Emergency Management Dismissal Drill will be held on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. She introduced members of the School Construction Company, Will Recce and Mark Grossman to the public and Board of Education. She explained that these individuals would be the District's eyes and ears during construction and ensure that the work being done is in accordance with the approved plans. Mark Grossman will be on site every day and will be working closely with Anthony Vecchione. Mrs. Kriss announced that she attended a meeting with representatives from the State Education Department concerning the 180 day school calendar. Auditors have determined that students must be in school a minimum amount of time each week to receive state aid. Half days, for parent-teacher conferences, etc. will not be eligible for state aid. Due to more districts celebrating various religious holidays, as well as contractual obligations, the

180 day calendar becomes difficult. Next year's calendar can be a challenge unless changes are made by the State.

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 #7-107:** Upon the motion of Ms. Close, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, 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>
Evans, Mary	Science	Biology 7-12	\$76,506 7MA+15	10/23/17	10/23/20

**Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Bettineschi, Tonya	Teacher	\$100.00/day
Kosinski, Kristie	Teacher	\$100.00/day
Thomas, Kelinda	Teacher	\$100.00/day
Wyatt, Paulette	Teacher	\$100.00/day
Morrow, Tiffany	Clerical	\$15.00/hr.
Williams, Lawanda	Cleaner	\$11.36/hr.

**Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute Lists**

<u>Name</u>
Benabides, Alex
Perlowitz, Debra
Pelaez-Shea, Gloria

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Foster, William	Maintainer	9/28/17 – 11/29/17

**Topic: Increase in Full Time Equivalent (FTE)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Manca, Robert	Technology Teacher MS	\$18,243.80 (pro-rated)	9/5/17 – 10/20/17

**Docket #7-108:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Indelicato, Ashleigh	Math Olympiads Advisor MS	\$999.00 ( <b>pro-rated</b> )
Ventura, Desiree	Central Treasurer HS	\$4,122.00 (pro-rate from 9/28/17)

**Topic: Extra Pay Resignation**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Diggins, Toni Ann	Central Treasurer	9/27/2017

**Docket #7-109:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Board approved the Tenure Appointments of Michelle Phelan, Gina Silecchia, Antonella DeLuca and Matthew Scanlan.

**Docket #7-110:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by seven, the Board approved the Stipulation of Settlement with National Insulation & G.C. Corp.

**Docket #7-111:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by seven, the Board approved the 2018-19 Budget Timeline.

**Docket #7-112:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by seven, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education/Consultant Services for the 2017-18 school year to Christian Nursing Registry, Inc., Eden II/Genesis Outreach Autism Center, New York University/NYU Faculty Group Practice and Dr. Yvette Thompson.

**Docket #7-113:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by seven, the Board approved the Individual Consultant Services Contracts for Professional

Development to The Center for Arts Education, Child Abuse Prevention Services, John McNeur and Dr. Lesli Clara Myers.

**Docket #7-114:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Club Charters for the 2017-18 school year, with the following amendment: Jazz Band to Jazz Band Club. The following charters were tabled: Acappella Club, Debate Club, Homework Club, Public Relations Club and the Middle School Chess Club.

**Docket #7-115:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato 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 #7-116:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

**Docket #7-117:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

**Docket #7-118:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Change Order Numbers 01.2, 04.1 and 05 for SC-03 – West Hempstead Middle/High School Site Reconstruction.

**Docket #7-119:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Letter of Agreement with Tetra Tech Architects & Engineers – George Washington Window Replacement.

**Docket #7-120:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Risk Assessment Report – October 2017 prepared by Cerini & Associates, LLP.

**Docket #7-121:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Disposition of Equipment.

**Docket #7-122:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<b><u>Organization</u></b>	<b><u>Day/Time</u></b>	<b><u>Room/Field</u></b>
<b><u>George Washington</u></b>		
Girl Scouts Assoc.	12/1/17 Friday 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM Troop Caroling	Cafeteria
PTA	11/9/17 Thursday 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM Fun Day Movie Night	Auditorium
PTA	10/18/17 – 10/19/17 Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM Fun Day Committee Meeting	Cafeteria
<b><u>Middle School</u></b>		
YIWH	11/18/17, 12/2/17 1/13/18, 2/10/18 Saturday 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Gym Nights	Gym
PTA	3/28/18 Wednesday 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Reflections Ceremony	Cafeteria
PTSA	10/22/17 Sunday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Clothing Drive	Parking Lot
PTSA	10/16/17 – 10/20/17 Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM Scholastic Book Fair	Library
WH Community Support Assoc.	10/26/17 Thursday 6:30 PM – 10:00 PM Community Meeting	Cafeteria

**Cornwell Avenue**

PTA

10/19/17  
Thursday  
6:30 PM – 9:30 PM  
Board Meeting

Library

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 #7-123:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense for Board Members and District Administration to attend NYSSBA’s 2017 Budget Workshop on October 28, 2017.

**Docket #7-124:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato, and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense for Board Members, District Administration and staff members to attend NYSCOSS’ Cultivating Excellence and Equity in December 2017.

**Docket #7-125:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved the Affordable Care Act Agreement with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for the 2017-18 school year.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**Docket #7-126:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by seven, the Board adopted the Board Goals for the 2017-18 school year.

Under **FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

The West Hempstead/Island Park 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation was changed to November 29<sup>th</sup>.

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



At 8:34 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Close, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and advice from counsel.

At 10:48 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board adjourned Executive Session to reconvene the Business Meeting.

**Docket #7-127:** Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board approved a resolution requesting defense and indemnification submitted by the employees identified in a confidential schedule in connection with a Federal Court Action No. 17CV4910, and confers upon the employees the benefits and protections of Section 18 of Public Officers Law, in addition to the benefits and protections of Section 3811 of the Education Law as applicable; and **IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the District shall accordingly indemnify and defend the employees for any costs, attorneys' fees, judgments, damages, settlements, fines, or penalties, provided that the acts or omissions from which the judgment or claim (etc.) arose or occurred while they were acting within the scope of their public employment or duties, and provided further that in the case of a settlement, the duty to indemnify and save harmless shall be conditioned upon the approval of the amount of any such settlement by the Board of Education; and no Certificate of Good Faith or merit shall be required.

At 10:50 p.m. upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Business Meeting was adjourned.

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Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk