

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 21, 2017 at 7:39 p.m.

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

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

Docket #7-130: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on October 17, 2017, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #7-131: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on November 9, 2017, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #7-132: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on November 13, 2017, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #7-133: The **TREASURER'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 Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato 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 #7-134: The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended October 31, 2017, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato 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: Gene Heikkila from the PTA gave his report. He spoke of the success of the PTA fundraising efforts with Kids Stuff and Miss Chocolate. He announced that picture retake day will be on November 29th. He spoke of the Holiday Boutique and upcoming events the PTA will be scheduling for the spring. The next PTA meeting will be held on November 27th and he invited all to attend. The elementary principals will be presenting math games. Mr. Heikkila also encouraged all to follow the PTA on social media.

Santos Welti from the PTSA gave her report. She encouraged all to participate in the gift card fundraiser through November 27th. She announced that the PTSA adopted two families through the Key Club for the holidays and reminded all that the Barnes & Noble Book Fair will be held on December 7th. She stated the next PTSA meeting will be held on December 4th.

Nella Yelenovic from SEPTA reported that the greeting cards fundraiser was very successful and that in the early spring they will have a Yankee Candle fundraiser. She said that SEPTA was considering having a daytime meeting and that the next SEPTA meeting will be on January 24th. Ms. Yelenovic also announced that there will be a joint PTA/PTSA/SEPTA meeting on January 8th.

Aya Zubi, Student Council Representative, reported on Fun Day Fridays. They have already had karaoke and speed friending activities. She announced that the Halloween party on October 27th was a success. Aya spoke about Ms. Dempsey and the Student Council cleaning the trails at Tanglewood Preserve on October 28th and was proud to announce all the successes of our athletic teams this season.

There were no other reports.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss thanked Ms. Zubi for highlighting the successes of our sports teams. She congratulated the Middle School for their production of *Beauty and the Beast*. She congratulated Robin Rodriguez and Lee Boodoo for being nominated by Senator Todd Kaminisky for the Presidential Scholar award. Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss announced that Varsity Night will be held on Friday, December 15th. She thanked the Key Club for organizing their annual Thanksgiving Drive. This year 45 families were provided with a Thanksgiving dinner and thanked the community for their support. She also announced that Winthrop Hospital adopted 25 families for the holidays. Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss invited all to greet our new crossing guard at Chestnut Street, who was also a graduate of the Chestnut Street School. Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss announced the retirement of Kay Prete, Senior Account Clerk for the District, calling her a "Jack of all trades." Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss proceeded to give a construction update saying that metal capping and wind valves are continuing to be installed at Cornwell Avenue and Chestnut Street and that LandTex has been working on the fields with fifty percent of the irrigation system having been installed. She announced that last week we had a bid opening for future roof and window work. This bid has not yet been awarded. Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss thanked Tony Vecchione, who was able to procure LED lights from PSE&G through a lighting company for the entire District, which will save the District thousands of dollars. At this point, Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Daniel Rehman, who presented the

District’s School Report Card to the Board. Mr. Rehman reported that this report was preliminary and was very excited about the progress. He spoke about proficiency, mastery. Coherence, practice and teamwork. He spoke about providing teachers the tools, through professional development, to help improve student achievement. He spoke of the need to align curriculum, instruction and assessment through K-12. He spoke of Middle School teaming and skill building.

Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss thanked Dan Rehman for his presentation and his vision for the future. She thanked everyone for their efforts and stated that we will continue to move on and grow. She spoke about parental concern about our substitute teaching situation and the use of special area teachers to cover classes. Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss and Mr. Rehman said that they were aware of the situation and outlined measures they were taking to address this issue. This is a common problem for Long Island schools. Another subject addressed was the six-day cycle.

Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss finished her report by wishing everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

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

Docket #7-135: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved as follows:

| <u>Topic:</u> Appointment of School Monitors | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Name</u> | <u>Salary (plus negotiated increase)</u> | <u>Assignment</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
| Canton, Nathalia | \$15.88/hr. Step 1 | Cornwell Avenue | 11/22/17 – 6/22/18 |
| DelRossi, Janine | \$15.88/hr. Step 1 | St. Thomas | 11/6/17 - 6/22/18 |
| Omashwari, Antooa | \$15.88/hr. Step 1 | George Washington | 11/14/17-6/22/18 |
| Villanueva, Rebekah | \$15.88/hr. Step 1 | Chestnut Street | 11/27/17-6/22/18 |

Topic: Civil Service Appointment

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Doyle-Ponst, Marie | Clerk-Typist Administration | \$38,945 Step 6 | 12/11/17 |

Topic: Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Prete, Kathleen | Senior Account Clerk Administration | \$67,927 | 1/6/2018 |

Topic: Resignation Request(s)

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Diggins, ToniAnn | Clerk Typist Athletic Office | \$40,364.47 | 11/3/17 |
| Mrakovcic, Dolores | School Monitor CA | \$16.43/hr. | 11/14/17 |

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Anstadt, Charles | Teacher | \$100.00/day |
| Birmingham, Madeline | Teacher | \$100.00/day |
| Cox, Lester | Cleaner | \$11.36/hr. |
| Mendez, Jose | Cleaner | \$11.36/hr. |
| Mongelluzzo, Michael | Cleaner | \$11.36/hr. |

Topic: Removal from Per Diem Substitute Lists

Kosinski, Kristie

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Kearns, Kristen | Special Ed Teacher | 12/6/17 – 6/30/18 |

Topic: Regents Review Classes

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Bourazeris, Dean | Global History | \$67.34/hr. | 1/4/18 – 1/18/18 (6 hr. maximum) |
| Dunbar, Patricia | English | \$67.34/hr. | 11/27/17 – 1/8/18 (7 ½ hr. maximum) |
| Hanna, Chad | U.S. History | \$67.34/hr. | 1/4/18 – 1/18/18 (6 hr. maximum) |
| Kufta, Jared | English | \$67.34/hr. | 11/27/17 – 1/8/18 (7 ½ hr. maximum) |
| Loizides, Harry | Geometry | \$67.34/hr. | 12/12/17 – 1/16/18 (5 hr. maximum) |

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| Rowland, Cathieann | Algebra II | \$67.34/hr. | 12/12/17 – 1/16/18 (5 hr. maximum) |
| Towers, Diana | Algebra | \$67.34/hr. | 12/12/17 – 1/16/18 (5 hr. maximum) |
| Valencia, Madeline | English ENL | \$67.34/hr. | 11/27/17 – 1/8/18 (7 ½ hr. maximum) |
| Ypsilantis, James | Earth Science | \$67.34/hr. | 1/3/18 – 1/17/18 (6 hr. maximum) |
| Zuluaga, Rose | Living Environment | \$67.34/hr. | 1/3/18 – 1/17/18 (6 hr. maximum) |

Docket #7-136: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay Rescinded

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|------------------|---------------------------|
| Messana, Allison | MS Math Olympiads Advisor |

Docket #7-137: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board accepted the Amendments to Docket #6-346 Adopted on June 20, 2017; Docket #7-5 Adopted on July 5, 2017; Docket #7-27 Adopted on July 25, 2017 and Docket #7-35 Adopted on August 15, 2017. These amendments are highlighted below.

Docket #6-346

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| Marconi, Amanda | JV Co-Cheerleading Coach | \$2,389.50 |
| Towers, Dianna | JV Co-Cheerleading Coach | \$2,389.50 |

Docket #7-5

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
|---------------|---|---------------|
| Blier, Nicole | Acapella Club Director (instead of Show Choir Director) | \$999.00 |

Docket #7-27

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-----------------|--|-------------|-----------|
| Messana, Alison | 6 th Grade Math/ Social Studies Teacher Middle School | 9/1/17 | 6/30/18 |
| Parillo, Diana | Math Teacher Middle School | 9/1/17 | 1/1/18 |

Docket #7-35

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Certification</u> | <u>Salary</u> | <u>Effective</u> |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Daily, Susan | Mathematics 7-12 | \$49,873 | 9/1/17 – 12/31/17 |

Stanisci, Katrina

Pre K,K,1-6
English 7-9

\$76,506
7MA+15

9/1/17 – 6/30/18

Docket #7-138: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the Club Charters.

Docket #7-139: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the Amendment to Contract with Horizon Healthcare Staffing and Addendum to Contract with Clinical Staffing Resources, Inc.

Docket #7-140: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, the Board approved the Contract for Special Education Services/Consultant Services for the 2017-18 school year with Keep Moving Forward, Inc. and Long Island Neuropsychological Services.

Docket #7-141: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, the Board approved the Individual Consultant Services Contract for Professional Development with Vasiliki Giouroukakis.

Docket #7-142: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Close 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 #7-143: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, the Board approved the New Vendors.

Docket #7-144: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, the Board approved the Budgetary Transfers.

Docket #7-145: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, the Board approved the Amendment to the Fitzharris Benefits Administrators Administrative Services Agreement.

Docket #7-146: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Close 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>George Washington</u> | | |
| WH Chiefs | November 1, 2017 March 31, 2018 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Training | Gym |
| <u>Middle School</u> | | |
| WH Basketball League | January 2, 2018 June 30, 2018 7:00 pm – 10:20 pm Basketball | Gym |
| <u>Cornwell Avenue</u> | | |
| WH Chiefs | November 1, 2017 March 31, 2018 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm Training | Gym |
| <u>High School</u> | | |
| WH PAL | April 1, 2018 June 24, 2018 9:00 am – 11:30 am Boy's/Girls Track & Field | Field |
| WH Chiefs | January 1, 2018 March 31, 2018 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Training | Gym |
| WH Youth Football | November 18, 2017 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Viewing of Football Film | HS Room 100 |

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

Docket #7-114: Upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board approved the Club Charters.

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

The following policies were motioned by Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, to be discussed at the December 5th Policy Meeting:

Docket #7-147: Policy 3443 – Investments

Docket #7-148: Policy 4100 – Employee Code of Ethics

Docket #7-149: Policy 9240 – Duties of the District Treasurer and Deputy District Treasurer

Docket #7-150: Policy 9348 – Executive Sessions

Docket #7-151: New Policy – Student Fundraising Activities

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 9:21 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to receive advice from counsel and to discuss negotiations.

At 11:16 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

Theresa Bryant, Deputy District Clerk