

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 February 13, 2018 at 7:40 p.m.

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

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

Docket #7-205: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on January 16, 2018, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #7-206: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business/Policy Meeting held on January 30, 2018, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #7-207: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended December 31, 2017, 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 six, the Schedule of Claims & Warrants, Appropriation Status Report and Revenue Status Report were placed on the table for discussion and then filed.

Docket #7-208: The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended January 31, 2018, 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 six, 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 announced the Gift Cards fundraising will end March 12th; donate clothing to the spring cleaning event on April 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Middle School and nominations are now being accepted for next year's PTSA.

Aya Zubi, Student Council Representative, reported on 2018 fundraiser "Mr. Escobar Do Not Leave" that will raise money for next year's Senior Fashion Show; SADD visited and presented a program on bullying; Mix It Up Day; Key Club's PS I Love You, which encourages students to post signs of kindness and encouragement; and congratulated the Varsity Cheerleaders taking part in Cheerleading Nationals in Orlando.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss asked Christopher Mistretta, Director of Athletics, to introduce the Varsity Cheerleaders and their coaches.

Mr. Mistretta told the audience it was the best school trip he ever had and the girls really represented the school with their poise and demeanor and their presented routine to the judges was perfect. Their coaches, Ashleigh Longo and Christa Spano, also commented that they were remarkable on the court and off, they were truly a bonded team and they were very proud of them. Senior and Varsity Captain, Jordan Greaves, shared her experience stating it was an honor to represent the school; thanked her mom - Board Member Patricia Greaves, the Board and residents for their donations and support to make it happen; they made the Top 45 in the nation; the team's bonding will last forever; and proudly stated "We are history." The team included: Nina Alleva, Janaya Bobo, Sirena Brown, Kimberly Castro, Autumn Collins, Brittney Ferreira, Gianna Forte,

Jordan Greaves, Kaylah Griffith, Camila Hernandez, Jenny Lian, Victoria Napolitano, Jade Pendergast, Victoria Tudisco, Sophia Valette, Jenna Venditto, Alexa Virgo and Daniella Zaldivar.

They also thanked Mrs. Luisa Mistretta for all of her help. Ms. Brohm told them it was a beautiful routine and we are proud of their accomplishment and Ms. Greaves remarked on her trust of the coaches and applauded their devotion to the team.

Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss turned the meeting over to Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Daniel Rehman, who also introduced the Academic Achievement Committee – Dan DiPasquale, Al Escobar, Adam Hopkins, Michelle Lambo, Natasha Mejia and Cathieann Rowland. Karen Perri was not in attendance. The Committee presented their report to the Board, which consisted of: the Committee was given a charge with the ultimate goal of raising the achievement level of all students; meeting regularly to analyze student-related data and turning ideas into reality; seven key strategies to improve student performance; school culture; and instilling high expectations of all students and staff and a belief that all students matter equally. Ideas they plan to implement are: curriculum writing for essential understandings and common language; a pre-AP and AP model, including AP Capstone at the Middle/High schools; uniform grading policy; staggered schedule and advisory. The Committee then took questions from the Board.

Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss then reported on the district re-structuring and the ongoing conversations to make a smooth transition and that after the February break more questions and concerns will be addressed; she encouraged residents to email either her or Mr. Rehman with any questions they have on the transition; she discussed the school district calendar for next year; and introduced the new Interim High School Principal, Dr. Robert Hanna.

Senior Latrell Rawlins was given a Certificate of Achievement for receiving the Unsung Hero Award from the Long Island Association of Football Officials at the Nassau County High School Football Awards Dinner on December 6th. LIAFO recognizes student-athletes who embody

true sportsmanship and teamwork, and whose participation requires personal sacrifice with little recognition – but without whom there would be no team. Latrell was one of four students to receive this award. The District commends Latrell for his athletic prowess and exceptional character within the community and on the field.

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

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

Docket #7-209: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Leave(s) of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Phelan, Michelle	ENL Teacher CA/GW	2/16/18	t/b/d

Topic: Appointment of Leave Replacement Teacher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Barden, Michael	ESL Teacher CA/GW	ESL (pro-rated)	\$59,437	2/16/18 – t/b/d

Topic: Interim Appointment

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Hanna, Robert J.	Interim HS Principal	School District Administrator	\$725.00/day	2/14/18 – 6/30/18

Topic: Resignation Request(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
DiMartino, Marisa	Principal Typist Clerk, CA	\$57,909	3/2/18
Frankini, Maribeth	School Monitor CS	\$17.68/hr	2/9/18
Swittenberg, Tasha	Teaching Assistant HS	\$20.42/hr.	3/8/18

Topic: Appointment of Monitors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Sapuppo, Jennifer	GW	\$16.20/hr.	2/26/18 Step 1

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Brown-Menjivar, Samantha	\$100.00/day
Cohen, Nicole	\$100.00/day
Patten, Beverly	\$100.00/day
Trapani, Michael	\$100.00/day

Topic: Appointment of Alternative CSE Chairpersons

Amanda Catalano
Elizabeth Reyes-Boubert

Docket #7-210: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Abramson, Lindsay	Girls' JV Softball Coach	\$4,779
Allison, Tyree	MS Boys' Lacrosse Coach	\$3,416
Segreto, Dominick	Boys' JV Lacrosse Coach	\$4,779
Brown, Adam	College Planning for the Student Athlete Presentation	\$100/hr. (2 hour maximum)

Docket #7-211: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board accepted the Amendments to Docket # 7-140 Adopted on November 13, 2017 and

Docket #7-168 Adopted on December 19, 2017 as follows:

The Board amend the contract between the Board of Education of the West Hempstead Union Free School District and Keep Moving Forward, Inc. for an additional seventeen (17) one (1) hour sessions for student listed on Schedule A of contract dated November 21, 2017.

The Board amend the contract between the Board of Education of the West Hempstead Union Free School District and John Tittmann.

Docket #7-212: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with Interim High School Principal, Dr. Robert J. Hanna.

Docket #7-213: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, and seconded by Ms. Lotito and carried by seven, the Board approved the School Calendar for the 2018-19 school year.

Docket #7-214: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, and seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the non-binding Nominations of BOCES Board Seats to Susan Bergtraum, Martin Kaye and Michael Weinick effective July 1, 2018.

Docket #7-215: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, and seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board approved the Contract with Valley Stream Central High School District for the utilization of their track/field.

Docket #7-216: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, and seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board approved the Individual Consultant Services Contracts with David Fryling, Challenge Day Program, Kathleen Prete and Terence J. Purtell.

Docket #7-217: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board approved the Donation of \$112.50 from Box Tops for Education to Cornwell Avenue.

Docket #7-218: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Shinsato 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 #7-219: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, the Board approved the New Vendors.

Docket #7-220: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, the Board approved the Budgetary Transfers.

Docket #7-221: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Close and carried by six, the Board approved the 2017-18 Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations - SEDCAR.

Docket #7-222: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, 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>High School</u>		
PTSA	Friday April 20 th 6-10pm 8 th Grade Dance Committee Movie night fundraiser	Auditorium
PTSA	March 15, 16 & 17 th 5:00-9:30 pm Sr. Fashion Show Bake Sale	The Circle
PTSA	March 21 & 22 nd 3:00-9:30 pm & 4:00-9:30pm Rehearsal & Actual Sr. Prom Fashion Show	Auditorium
<u>Middle School</u>		
PTA	Friday March 9 PTA Fun Day Bingo	Cafeteria
<u>Eagle Avenue</u>		
WH Chiefs Soccer	March 1 – July 1 st Saturday & Sunday 8am – Dusk Monday - Friday 4pm – Dusk	Small Field & Large Field
<u>George Washington</u>		
WH Chiefs Soccer	March 1 – July 1 Monday – Friday 5pm - Dusk Saturday & Sunday 8am – Dusk	Fields
WHEPTA-Book Fair	Wednesday March 7 5:00-9:00 pm	Science Room
<u>Cornwell Avenue</u>		
WHEPTA	Thursday March 14 6:00-10:00 pm PTA Board meeting Thursday March 8 5:00—9:00 pm BookFair	Library Library

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

Docket #7-197: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by six, the Board approved Policy 5120 – District Attendance.

Docket #7-198: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by six, the Board approved Policy 3444 – Purchasing.

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

Docket #7-223: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expenses of New York State School Boards Association’s Board Retreat on February 8, 2018.

Docket #7-224: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board members and administrators to attend the New York State School Boards Association’s “Your Role in Addressing the Growing Mental Health Crisis Among Students” on March 15, 2018.

Docket #7-225: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that the District incur the expense of those Board members and administrators to attend the New York State School Boards Association’s 2018 Policy Workshop – Policies for Student Free Speech and Privacy March 27, 2018.

Docket #7-226: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board approved the Certification of Lead Evaluator of Teachers – Dr. Robert Hanna.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

There was no discussion.

Under **FUTURE MEETING DATES:**

Mrs. Sullivan-Kriss announced there may be a “Budget Contingency Meeting” on March 27, 2018.

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

At 8:55 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to receive advice from counsel and negotiations.

Ms. Brohm then took the time to thank Mr. Escobar for his 18 years of dedication to our students and for his friendship. She wished him well in his retirement.

Mr. Trocchia left Executive Session at 11:45 p.m.

At 12:10 a.m., upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by five, the Board adjourned Executive Session back into the Business Meeting.

Docket #7-227: Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by five, the Board approved the Consulting Services of Lawrence D. Blake.

At 12:12 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Close, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by five, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk