

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 12, 2019 at 7:39 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms. Brohm, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Mr. Cole, Ms. Greaves, Mr. Katrakazis, Mr. Magaraci, Ms. Shinsato and Mr. Trocchia. Also present were Mr. Rehman, Mr. Press, Ms. Reilly, Mr. Fleck and members of the staff and community.

Under **BUDGET WORKSHOP** – Mr. Press informed residents that this budget meeting will review the Instructional categories and Revenues portion of the budget and reviewed the Budget Timeline. Mr. Press then highlighted the following topics: Codes - Curriculum Development; Supervision Regular School; Regular School; Special Education; Occupational Education; Special Schools/Senior Program; School Library; Media Center and Audio Visual; Computer Aided Instruction; Attendance; Guidance; Health Services; Psychology Services; Social Work Services; Co-Curricular Activities and Interscholastic Athletics.

The 2019-20 Proposed Budget is \$63,575,777, with a Budget-to-Budget increase of \$2,635,955; a 4.01% spending increase and a 2.65% tax levy increase. Budget Adoption is on April 16th.

Challenges to Budgeting include the 2% tax levy limit legislation; auditing and financial compliance; Charter School funding; health insurance premium increases; mandated testing and scoring; pension and retirement contributions; response to intervention/AIS and Special Education mandates.

Mr. Press then spoke on the current consolidated budget; the 2019-20 State Aid increase to \$11,348,554; revenue projections; program support; 2019-20 initiatives and future plans. He

reiterated that these are preliminary numbers and are likely subject to change based upon finalized State Aid projections. Another possible budget meeting may be held on March 26th.

The Board then took questions from residents in attendance.

At 8:37 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

At 9:28 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Cole, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk