

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 September 17, 2019 at 7:43 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Ms. Brohm, who presided, and six other members of the Board: Ms. Greaves, Mr. Katrakazis, Mr. Magaraci and Ms. Shinsato and Mr. Trocchia. Mr. Hoffman joined in from Dallas, TX on Skype. Also present were Mr. Rehman, Ms. Reilly, Mr. Press, Mr. Mestecky, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community.

Ms. Brohm welcomed everyone back to the first regular meeting of the new school year.

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

**Docket #9-71:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on August 20, 2019, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #9-72:** The **MINUTES** of the Special Business Meeting held on September 3, 2019, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #9-73:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended July 31, 2019, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves 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 #9-74:**

The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended

August 31, 2019, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves 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 Irene Martinez remarked on the High School's Back to School Night on September 12<sup>th</sup> and the Middle School's is on September 19<sup>th</sup>; reminded everyone to meet at noon at Chestnut Street on Saturday for the Homecoming Parade; the new traffic light button on Nassau Boulevard has been installed and is working and Spiritwear is in full swing. Mr. Magaraci asked if they could attend the Middle School's sporting events to sell the Spiritwear as parents were asking where to purchase the items.

PTA Representative, Kris Koprivnik, reported the Miss Chocolate fundraiser is underway; West Hempstead magnets and pocket calendars are now for sale; September 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next meeting at 7:30 at George Washington and asked residents to sign up for PTA committees.

Mrs. Louisa Mistretta, standing in for SEPTA Co-President Theresa Walz, stated the next meeting is September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 at Cornwell Avenue's library.

President of the Student Council Ivana Salazar reported on the High School's Spirit Week is well on its way with a meme day, pajama day, multicultural day and Throwback Thursday; Friday is Ram Pride Black and Gold Pep Rally; Homecoming on September 21<sup>st</sup>; the Key Club and Student Council are holding their annual "Stuff the Bus" donations; Yearbook sales are underway; High School athletics are under way with Boys Junior Varsity soccer with a 4-0 record and Girls Junior Varsity volleyball has a record of 5-0 and winter sports begin mid-November.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** - Mr. Daniel Rehman began with our new staff being off to a fantastic start; thanked the custodians, building and grounds and the maintenance staff for all their hard work during the summer to make the schools look great for the new school year; Bond work is ongoing with electric and cabling being done in the evenings; STEM labs are almost completed; discussions for Project C have begun; Opening Day was a big success; enrollment is the same as last year; graduation rate went up to 97%; ENL Regents scores improved on every exam except for one; Grade 3 outperformed their assessment results from the previous two years; and he has created an Academic Leadership Team, which is comprised of 11 staff members; and plans to do more outreach to the community and engage in dialogue to improve relations.

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

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

**Docket #9-75:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci 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>
Abbott, Susan	Special Education	Students with Disabilities 1-6	\$62,168 1MA+30 (pro-rated)	9/13/19	9/13/23

**Topic:** Leave Replacement Appointment(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Rincon, Juan	Spanish Teacher	Spanish 5-9	\$70,072 2MA+60 (pro-rated)	9/9/19-12/3/19

**Topic:** Appointment of School Monitor(s)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
DeGregorio, Gina	George Washington	16.85/hr. Step 1	9/18/19

Schinina, Ann                      Chestnut Street                      18.39/hr.                      9/12/19  
Step 4

**Topic:                      Resignation Request(s)**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Gomez, Laura	School Monitor	\$18.39/hr.	9/9/19
Tudisco, Teresa	Teaching Assistant High School	\$20.01/hr.	9/19/19

**Topic:                      Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Cerniglia, Carole	Clerk Typist MS	\$47,250	10/7/19

**Topic:                      Appointment of Mentors**

<b><u>Mentor</u></b>	<b><u>Subject Area</u></b>
McCarthy, Lisa	Spanish
Silkes, Barbara	Music

**Topic:                      Appointment of Mentor Rescinded**

Gulisano, Stacy                      FACS

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>
Miller, Reva	School Nurse Middle School	10/15/19, 10/21/19, 10/22/19

**Topic:                      Per Diem Substitute Appointments**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Aluck-Macchia, Kathleen	Teacher	\$100.00/day
Quagliata, Alyssa	Teacher	\$100.00/day
Verderosa, Maria	Teacher	\$100.00/day
Stephen, Robert	Cleaner	\$12.00/hr.

**Topic:                      Removal of Per Diem Substitutes**

Bologna, Patricia  
Schinina, Ann

**Docket #9-76:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

**Topic:** Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility

**George Washington**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Luciere, Melissa	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Co-Intramural Coach	\$288.00
VanKovics, Chris	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Co-Intramural Coach	\$288.00

**High School**

Blier, Nicole	Musical Director	\$3,089.00
D'Elia, Philip	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,973.00
Dempsey, Sheila	Attendance Supervisor	\$1,920.00
Hochler, Andrew	Marching Band Director	\$3,859.00
Hochler, Andrew	Jazz Band Director	\$ 853.00
Hochler, Andrew	Pit Director	\$2,392.00
Ragin, Linda	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,973.00
Ypsilantis, James	Cafeteria Supervisor	\$3,973.00
Ypsilantis, James	National STEM Honor Society	\$1,597.00

**Topic:** Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Rescinded

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Cassa, Ariana	Co-Key Club Advisor
Heckler, Wayne	HS Musical Director
VanKovics, Chris	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Intramurals Coach

**Topic:** Appointments for Curriculum Writing Projects

<u>Name</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<b><u>High School</u></b>		
<b>(FIVE HOUR DAY)</b>		
McCarthy, Lisa	Spanish Native Speakers (9-12)	\$173.71 per day (3-day maximum)
Mejia, Natasha	Spanish 5C	\$173.71 per day (1-day maximum)
Mesidor, Vronski (Administrator)	Spanish Native Speakers (9-12)	\$173.71 per day (1-day maximum)
Mesidor, Vronski (Administrator)	Spanish 5C	\$173.71 per day (1-day maximum)
Weinstein, Daisy	Spanish Native Speakers (9-12)	\$173.71 per day (3-day maximum)
Weinstein, Daisy	Spanish 5C	\$173.71 per day (1-day maximum)

**Docket #9-77:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by seven, the Board approved the Tenure Appointment of Perscia Niclas.

**Docket #9-78:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, and seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Amendments to Dockets #9-36, #8-346 and #9-5 as follows:

**Docket #9-36**

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board amend the following extra pay appointments as highlighted below:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Karroll, Desiree	Mentor Trainer	\$100.00/hour <b>(16-hour maximum)</b>
Shinners, Laurie	Art Club Advisor	<b>\$2,034.00</b> <b>(20 sessions)</b>

**Docket #8-346**

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board amend the following summer help appointments by **extending the period of employment** as highlighted below:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Period</u></b>
Avila, Anthony	7/1/19 – 9/2/19
Dworsak, Jesse	7/1/19 – 9/2/19
Forti, Jeremiah	7/1/19 – 9/2/19
Gravalis, Tyler	7/1/19 – 9/2/19
Green, David	7/1/19 – 9/2/19
Torres, Angel	7/1/19 – 9/2/19

**Docket #9-5**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board amend the following appointments as highlighted below:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Barracato, Joseph	Boys JV Assistant Football Coach	<b>\$5,649.00</b>
Christenson, Nicole	Boys JV Volleyball Coach	<b>\$5,649.00</b>

**Docket #9-79:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the WH Board of Education and Local 42, United Public Service Employees Union – Custodial Unit with the Term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.

**Docket #9-80:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the WH Board of Education and West Hempstead Office Staff Association of United Public Service Employees Union (WHOSA) with the Term of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023.

**Docket #9-81:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Appointment of Steward Koenigsberg to the Audit Committee.

**Docket #9-82:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Stipulations of Settlement with WHEA.

**Docket #9-83:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Lakeview House Agreement.

**Docket #9-84:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Resolution Agreement between the District and the Parents of a West Hempstead student.

**Docket #9-85:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the appointments of Certification of Lead Evaluators of Administrators and Teachers to Daniel Rehman and Dina Reilly.

**Docket #9-86:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the appointments of Certification of Lead Evaluators of Teachers to Gina Callesano, Joseph Cangemi, James DeTommaso, Ryan Emmanuel-Cooke, Adam Hopkins, Bridget Karis, Michelle Lambo-Maron, Vronski Mesidor, Christopher Mistretta, Sean Murray, Michelle Notti, Joseph Pumo, Deanna Sinito and Faith Trip.

**Docket #9-87:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Appointment of Karen Brohm as Voting Delegate at the New York State School Board's annual convention, with Andrea Shinsato as alternate.

**Docket #9-88:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, and seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Title I Proposal for the 2019-20 School Year.

**Docket #9-89:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education/Consultant Services for the 2019-20 school year to Locust Valley Central School District, New York Therapy Placement Service, North Shore Speech-Language Associates and Variety Child Learning Center.

**Docket #9-90:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Individual Consultant Services Contract for Professional Development to Distinctive Educators Institute, Hamilton Consultants, LLC, and Carl Hicks d/b/a/ The Growth Group LLC Consultants to Management.

**Docket #9-91:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Appointment of Impartial Hearing Officer Marjorie Silver to Student #529162.

**Docket #9-92:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Varsity Cheerleading Trip to Orlando, Florida.

**Docket #9-93:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the donation of 22 backpacks and supplies for students grades K-12.

**Docket #9-94:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis 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 #9-95:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

**Docket #9-96:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

**Docket #9-97:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Contract with BookSmart Accounting to furnish financial statement accounting services for the annual external audit for the 2018-19 fiscal year.

**Docket #9-98:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Comprehensive School Safety Plan for the 2019-20 school year.

**Docket #9-99:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Greaves 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>High School</u></b>		
YIWH Basketball	9/23/19-6/30/20 Monday 7:30pm – 10:00 pm	Gym
WHPTSA Clothing Drive	10/20/19 & 10/21/19 Saturday & Sunday 9:00am – 1:00 pm	Steps of HS
Lions Club Pancake Breakfast	2/2/20 Sunday 7:00am – 1:00 pm	Cafeteria & Kitchen



**Docket #9-113:** Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by seven, the Board approved the SEQRA Resolution – West Hempstead Middle School: Proposed Smart School Bond Project.

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

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

Ms. Brohm reminded everyone about the Craft Fair, Homecoming this Saturday and the “Buy a Brick” program. She explained the bricks purchased already have not been laid because of ongoing construction, and commented residents/alumni, etc. can still purchase bricks.

At 8:12 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and advice from counsel.

At 9:01 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

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Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk