

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 December 18, 2018 at 7:47 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Ms. Brohm, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Ms. Greaves, Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Katrakazis, Mr. Magaraci and Ms. Shinsato. Mr. Trocchia was absent. Also present were Mr. Rehman, Ms. Reilly, Mr. Press, Mr. Mestecky, Ms. Girolamo and members of the staff and community.

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

**Docket #9-173:** The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on November 19, 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 Mr. Hoffman and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #9-174:** The **MINUTES** of the Special Business/Policy Meeting held on December 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 Mr. Hoffman and carried by six, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

**Docket #9-175:** The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended October 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 Mr. Hoffman 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 #9-176:** The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended November 30, 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 Mr. Hoffman 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 Irene Martinez stated the Barnes & Noble Book Fair fundraiser was a great even and they raised \$447.49; the next meeting is on January 6<sup>th</sup> and the Joint meeting is on January 13<sup>th</sup> where the dangers of vaping will be discussed.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Mr. Rehman's gave his report as follows:

If you have ever taken part in holiday deliveries, you know it is a special time. If you have ever been a part of the NYU Langone Winthrop partnership, you do not need to have the word generosity ever defined for you. You see it live and in living color. It is impressive to witness a cadre of medical personnel devote their time, effort, and energies to organize what amounts to an entire hospital to support our families in need.

People with their own lives, with their struggles, with their human frailties wanting to give of themselves financially, emotionally, and physically - did this knowing they will never be able to put a gift to a name or face. They did it because it was the right thing to do. Not looking for reward or recognition. Not looking for a pat on the back or an "Atta boy/girl." Not looking to get paid overtime or extra (there were several staff who came into Winthrop yesterday for no other reason than to help).

These thoughts and sentiments also apply to the Barnes and Noble fundraiser and Thanksgiving deliveries. I want to thank in no particular order, Mr. McEntee, Ms. Evola and the Key Club for all of their efforts in continuing these wonderful traditions. I would also like to thank all of the staff, community, and administration who donated time, money, food, etc. to brighten the holiday spirits of others. Thank you to Winthrop, who went above and beyond this year by

donating holiday gifts to 28 families. Thank you to the PTSA and all involved in creating a memorable event at Barnes and Noble.

The bond work continues. Most of it is not pretty. Boilers, cabling and the like. We are awaiting approval on project C work and look forward to the continued improvements.

The budget season for the 2020-2021 school year is underway. We are cautiously optimistic, but we know that we have to face certain realities. For example, we are looking at a 20% - 30% increase in busing costs. This is not a concern for just us, but several districts.

We look forward to the opportunity to create a prudent budget that aligns with our goals and deliverables. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to everyone.

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 #9-177:** Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, 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>
Gerbino, Victoria	Special Education Teacher	Students w/ Disabilities 1-6 and 7-12	\$69,121 (pro-rated) SMA	1/2/20	1/2/24
Quagliata, Alyssa	ENL Teacher	English to Speakers of Other Languages	\$57,600 (pro-rated) IMA	11/7/19	11/7/23
Tomassian, Aroxy	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant	\$18.76/hr. Step 1	1/6/20	1/6/24

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Girolamo, Kathryn	District Clerk	\$74,670.00	1/31/20

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Krieger, Erika	Physical Education Teacher	Physical Education	\$53,287 2BA	12/18/19

**Topic: Appointment of School Monitors**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Meyers, Rochelle	\$16.85/hour	1/2/20 GW
Reid, Arquilla	\$16.85/hour Step 1	12/18/19 GW

**Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Nicole Greenwald	Teacher	\$100.00/day

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

<u>Name</u>	Leslie Palacios Velasquez
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**Docket #9-178:** Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility be approved as follows:

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Gutenmann, Kianna	JV Basketball Coach

**Topic: Regents Review Classes**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Period</u>
Cassa, Ariana	U.S. History	\$68.53/hr.	1/2/20 – 1/16/20 (6 hour maximum)
Kufta, Jared	English	\$68.53/hr.	(12/4/19 – 1/15/20) (7 ½ hour maximum)
Loizides, Harry	CC Algebra	\$68.53/hr.	(12/2/19 – 1/13/20) (5 hour maximum)
Marder, Pamela	Geometry	\$68.53/hr.	12/2/19 – 1/13/20 (5 hour maximum)
McCarthy, Lisa	Math ENL	\$68.53/hr.	12/2/19 – 1/13/20 (5 hour maximum)
Mills, Adam	Global	\$68.53/hr.	1/2/20 – 1/16/20 (6 hour maximum)
Rowland, Cathieann	CC Algebra II	\$68.53/hr.	(12/2/19 – 1/13/20) (5 hour maximum)
Ypsilantis, James	Earth Science	\$68.53/hr.	12/18/19 – 1/15/20 (6 hour maximum)
Stamatiades, Jennifer	English	\$68.53/hr.	(12/4/19 – 1/15/20) (7 ½ hour maximum)

Valencia, Madeline	English ENL	\$68.53/hr.	12/4/19 – 1/15/20) (7 ½ hour maximum)
Zuluaga, Rose	Living Environment	\$68.53/hr.	12/18/19 – 1/15/20 (6 hour maximum)

**Topic: Appointments for Teacher Academy**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>Effective</u></b>	<b><u>Salary</u></b>
Karis, Bridget	Mental Health Curriculum	11/19/19	\$100.00/hr. (2 hour maximum)

**Topic: Appointment of Mentors**

<b><u>Mentor</u></b>	<b><u>Subject Area</u></b>
Mejia, Natasha	Foreign Language

**Docket #9-179:** Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved the Increase in Hourly Wages for Sub Monitors and Sub Cleaners as follows:

Sub Monitors from \$12.00 per hour to \$13.00 per hour  
Sub Cleaners from \$12.00 per hour to \$13.00 per hour

**Docket #9-180:** Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement with an employee.

**Docket #9-181:** Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Gersh Academy, Inc. regarding staffing of a school nurse office for the 2019-20 school year.

**Docket #9-182:** Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved the Club Charters for the 2019-20 school year as follows:

**Middle School**

Art and Beautification Club  
Cooking Club  
Dignity and Tolerance Club  
Drama Club  
Math Olympiads (Mathletes)  
National Junior Honor Society

**High School**

Student Council  
Rampage  
Men’s Club of West Hempstead

**Docket #9-183:** Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved the appointment of Jeffrey Silverson as Impartial Hearing Officer to Student #5333257.

**Docket #9-184:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the Contracts for Special Education/Consultant Services for the school year 2019-20 with Great Neck UFSD and Seaford UFSD.

**Docket #9-185:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci 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 #9-186:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the New Vendors.

**Docket #9-187:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the Budgetary Transfers.

**Docket #9-188:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the Agreement with the American Legions Cathedral Post No. 1087 for Senior Club Activities two days per week at a cost of \$320 per month.

**Docket #9-189:** Upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<b><u>Organization High School</u></b>	<b><u>Day/Time</u></b>	<b><u>Room/Field</u></b>
WH Chiefs Soccer	1/12/20-3/22/20 Sundays 10:00am-4:00pm	Gym

	3/1/20 – 6/30/20 Monday – Friday 6:00pm-Dusk Saturday & Sunday 9:00am - Dusk	Turf
<b><u>Middle School</u></b>		
WH Shuls Little League	3/1/20 & 3/8/20 Sunday 1:30pm-7:00pm	Gym
<b><u>Cornwell Avenue</u></b>		
WH Chiefs Soccer	1/12/20-3/22/20 Tuesday & Thursday 6:00pm-10:00pm	Gym
<b><u>George Washington</u></b>		
WH Chiefs Soccer	3/1/20-6/30/20 Monday-Friday 6:00pm- Dusk Saturday & Sunday 9:00am - Dusk	Field
PTA Sixth Grade Fun Day	12/18/19 Wednesday 7:30pm-9:00pm	Cafeteria
<b><u>Eagle Avenue</u></b>		
WH Chiefs Soccer	3/1/20-6/30/20 Monday – Friday 5:00pm - Dusk Saturday & Sunday 9:00am - Dusk	Large & Small Field

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

**Docket #9-163:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board approved the changes to Policy 5159 – Child Abuse, Maltreatment or Neglect in a Domestic Setting with Administrative Regulations and New Policy 5159A – Child Abuse in and Educational Setting with Administrative Regulations.

**Docket #9-164:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board approved New Policy 3332 – Uniform Guidance Compliance for Federal Awards: Procurement, Suspension and Debarment.

**Docket #9-165:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board reaffirmed Policy 1140 – Use of Students for Distribution of Materials.

**Docket #9-166:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board reaffirmed Policy 1350 – Contests of Outside Organizations.

**Docket #9-167:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board reaffirmed Policy 1520 – Cooperation with Community Groups on Substance Abuse.

**Docket #9-168:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board reaffirmed Policy 3120 – Planning Calendar for Preparation of School Budget.

**Docket #9-169:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board reaffirmed Policy 3441 – Inventory of Textbooks.

**Docket #9-170:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board reaffirmed Policy 6135 – Repair and Maintenance Charges for Musical Instruments.

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

**Docket #9-190:** Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board approved the expense for Board Members and District Administration to attend NSSBA’s “Need to Know” Conference on January 29, 2020.

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:**

**Docket #9-191:** Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board approved the Quote for the 2019-20 Yearbook Ad.

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**Docket #9-192:** Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by six, the Board approved the Board of Education as lead agency on the reconstruction projects for Cornwell Avenue, George Washington and the High School in connection with the requirements of SEQRA.

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

Ms. Brohm then wished everyone a Happy Holiday from the Board.



At 8:09 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to receive advice from counsel and discuss personnel.

At 9:25 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

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Kathryn Girolamo, District Clerk

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