

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 11, 2020 at 7:33 p.m.

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

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

Docket #9-222: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on January 21, 2020, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #9-223: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business/Policy Meeting held on February 4, 2020, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, were presented, and upon motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by seven, that the reading of the Minutes of said meeting be dispensed with and that they be adopted as received.

Docket #9-224: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended December 31, 2020, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Hoffman 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 #9-225: The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended January 31, 2020, having been received by each member several days prior to the date of this meeting, was presented, and upon motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Hoffman 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: PTA Co-President Latoya Woods announced that the PTA Social is on February 13th at the Pompei, the next PTA meeting will be on February 24th at George Washington School and the PARP Program will start on February 24th. The reusable bag fundraiser will run from March 2nd to March 27th. Book Fairs will be held at the elementary schools in March. The Reflections Ceremony will be on March 26th in the Middle School Cafeteria.

PTSA Corresponding Secretary Ellen DeMott said that the PTSA previewed the *Wedding Singer* last evening and announced that the PTSA Social will be on March 19th at the Pompei. The next meeting will be on March 23rd.

Under **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

"Kindergarten registration is underway. If you know of anyone who has a child turning 5 before December 1 please direct them to Chestnut Street.

Congratulations to Mr. Mistretta for receiving the Athletic Administrator Award for Chapter 8 of the NYSAAA. He is receiving this award for his outstanding contribution to athletics over the years.

The budget process has been an interesting one. The Governor has rolled our expense aid (textbooks, technology, etc. and more importantly busing and BOCES) into the Foundation Aid formula. This is a concern moving forward because busing and BOCES aid is not currently capped but could be in the future).

More generally statewide, 68% of the school districts receive over 30% of their revenue from state aid compared to only 21% of Long Island school districts. Comparatively, 31% of school districts on Long Island receive less than 10% of their revenue from the state, compared to only 9% statewide.

Nassau and Suffolk Counties educate 17% of New York State students, yet receive only 12% of school aid from New York State.

If Foundation Aid had been fully funded, Long Island would be receiving an additional \$847 million in 2019-20, with 81.4% of that aid owed to low-wealth public school districts. The State has moved away from the formula as originally intended and massage the numbers so we receive the same percentage yearly. Since 06-07, if fully funded, we would have received just short of \$9 million more dollars.”

Ms. Brohm then introduced Principal/ENL Director Faith Tripp to give an update on the district’s ENL program.

After the presentation, Ms. Brohm opened the meeting for residents to address the Board.

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

Docket #9-226: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved as follows:

Topic: Civil Service Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Diolallevi, Stephen	Head Custodian II	\$62,314 Step 3	7/1/19

Topic: Appointment of School Monitors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Saffioti, Elena	\$16.85/hour	2/12/20-6/26/20 GW

Topic: Resignation for the Purpose of Retirement

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Cohen, Jill	Elementary teacher	\$125,187	6/30/20

Topic: Resignation

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Ricon, Juan	Foreign Language teacher Middle School Leave Replacement	\$70,072	2/14/20

Topic: Leave of Absence

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Miller, Reva	School Nurse Middle School	4/8/20 and 5/29/20

Topic: Per Diem Substitute Appointments

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Havern, Melissa	Teacher	\$100.00/day

Docket #9-227: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility as follows:

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility			
<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
DelRossi, Cathy	Deputy District Clerk	2/12/20	\$ 500.00 (pro-rated)
Evola, Marissa	Rescue Club Advisor	2/12/20	\$ 508.50
Indelicato, Ashleigh	Varsity Cheerleading Coach	2/1/20	\$7,727.00 (pro-rated)

Topic: Extra Pay for Extra Responsibility Resignation		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Indelicato Ashleigh	Co-Varsity Cheerleading Coach	2/1/20
Spano, Christa	Co-Varsity Cheerleading Coach	2/1/20

Appointments for Teacher Academy

<u>Name</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Effective</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cangemi, Joseph	Math Grades 4-6	1/21/20	\$100.00/hr. (2 hour maximum)

Docket #9-228: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved Amendment to the July 2, 2019 Reorganization Meeting appointing Cathy DelRossi as Deputy District Clerk effective February 13, 2020.

Docket #9-229: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Health and Welfare Services Agreements with the following school districts: Hicksville School District, North Merrick Union Free School District, Rockville Centre Union Free School District and the Uniondale Union Free School District.

Docket #9-230: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, and seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Individual Consultant Services Contract with Engineers Teaching Algebra.

Docket #9-231: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the Donation of \$135.70 from Box Tops for Education to George Washington.

Docket #9-232: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, 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 #9-233: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the New Vendors.

Docket #9-234: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Budgetary Transfers.

Docket #9-235: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Disposition of Records.

Docket #9-236: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Contract with Long Island University – Tilles Center for the High School commencement ceremony on June 28, 2020.

Docket #9-237: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board approved the Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/Field</u>
<u>High School</u> WHPTSA – Spirit Wear Fundraiser	2/27/20 Thursday 5:00pm-9:00pm & 5/28/20 Thursday 5:00pm-10:00pm	Main Lobby Hallway between Gym and Cafeteria
WHEA Battle of the Schools	3/6/20 Friday 3:30pm-9:00pm	Gym & Cafeteria

WH Little League	3/1/20-6/25/20 Sunday 8:00am-Dusk	Baseball Field
<u>Middle School</u> WH Community Support Association	3/25/20 Wednesday 6:30pm-9:30pm	Cafeteria
WH Little League Registration	2/3/20-3/17/20 Monday 7:00pm-10:00pm	Hall outside Gym
<u>Cornwell Avenue</u> WH Little League	3/1/20-6/25/20 Monday-Friday 4:30pm-Dusk Saturday 12noon-5:00pm	Both Fields
<u>Chestnut Street</u> WH Little League	3/1/20-6/25/20 Monday-Friday 4:30pm-Dusk Sunday 12noon-5:00pm	Both Fields Small Field

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

Docket #9-213: Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by seven, the Board approved Policy 4117 –Teachers and Teaching Assistants Supervision and Evaluation.

Docket #9-214: Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by seven, the Board approved Policy 4141 – Authorship of Book or Materials by Members of the Staff.

Docket #9-215: Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by seven, the Board approved Policy 4220 – The Breaking Procedures for Determining Seniority.

Docket #9-216: Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by seven, the Board approved New Policy 5151b – Student Health Services – Administrative Regulations.

Docket #9-217: Upon the motion of Mr. Katrakazis, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by seven, the Board approved Policy 5120 – Student Attendance.

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

Docket #9-238: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, and seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board approved the School Calendar for the 2020-21 school year.

Docket #9-239: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, a resolution was adopted terminating the employment of an employee listed on Confidential Schedule "A".

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

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


At 8:13 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel and receive advice from counsel.

At 8:25 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to a Regular Business Meeting.

Docket #9-240: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Katrakazis and carried by seven, the Board adopted a resolution approving a Stipulation of Settlement and General Release between the District and the Parents of a student.

At 8:26 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Mr. Magaraci, and carried by seven, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel.

At 8:39 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by seven, the Board adjourned Executive Session.



Theresa Bryant, District Clerk