

The **SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Middle School Cafeteria on May 19, 2020 at 7:39 p.m.

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**PRESENT:** Ms. Brohm, who presided, and five other members of the Board: Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Magaraci, Ms. Shinsato and Mr. Trocchia. Mr. Katrakazis was absent. Ms. Greaves joined the meeting, via videoconference, at 8:04 p.m. Also present were Mr. Rehman, Ms. Reilly, Mr. Press, Mr. Mestecky, Mr. Fleck and Ms. Bryant. Members of the staff and community participated via videoconference.

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**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Mr. Rehman began by welcoming everyone and hoping that everyone was healthy and safe. He said that the first budget meeting was held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the second March 10<sup>th</sup> and then came the COVID-19 pandemic. The original budget presented included a 2.96% tax levy increase. As of last week, two new budget scenarios were presented. One with a 0% tax levy increase and one with a 1% tax levy increase. These scenarios were compiled based on the current facts. Mr. Rehman commended Mr. Mestecky and Mr. Press for the work they’ve done on the budget. Mr. Rehman then turned the meeting over to Mr. Press.

**BUDGET ADOPTION PRESENTATION** – Mr. Press reviewed the adjusted budget timeline and the proposed 2020-21 budget expenditures. He spoke about the transportation

RFP and then reviewed the three possible budget scenarios: Scenario 1 – 0.0% tax levy increase, #2 – 1.0 tax levy increase and #3 – 2.96% tax levy increase.

Ms. Brohm then opened the meeting for questions from the community.

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

**Docket #9-320:** Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by six, the Budget for the 2020-2021 school year was approved at a 0.0.% tax levy increase.

**Docket #9-321:** Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Mr. Trocchia and carried by six, the Property Tax Report Card for the 2020-2021 school year was approved with a 0.0.% tax levy increase (A).

At 8:22 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman , seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board adjourned the Special Business Meeting into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and to receive advice of counsel.

At 9:01 p.m., upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board adjourned Executive Session.

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Theresa Bryant, District Clerk