

The **REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING** of the Board of Education West Hempstead Union Free School District was called to order in the Chestnut Street Board Room on December 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Ms. Brohm turned the meeting over to Dr. Rivers who spoke a few minutes about the holiday season and then a video of the Chamber Choir performing holiday songs was shown.

After the performance, Ms. Brohm presented a \$10,000 scholarship check, from the estate of June Saal, to Jaren Mitchell. Jaren was selected for this scholarship by the Board for his essay on what Ram Pride meant to him.

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

Docket #0-174: The **MINUTES** of the Regular Business Meeting held on November 17, 2020, 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 #0-175: The **MINUTES** of the Special Business/Policy Meeting held on December 1, 2020, 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 #0-176: The **TREASURER'S REPORT** for the month ended October 31, 2020, 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 #0-177: The **CLAIMS AUDITOR'S REPORT** for the month ended November 30, 2020, 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:

Under **PTA, PTSA and SEPTA** – Ms. Brohm gave the report for SEPTA Co-President Kerry Mummendy. She encouraged everyone to virtually attend the next SEPTA meeting scheduled for January 13th. Representatives from the Pupil Personnel Services Department will be there to answer questions and report on new programs, annual reviews, etc. She also advised that the gift card fundraising was still going on. Kathleen Macchia, PTA Co-President wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season and Emily Merle, PTSA Co-President took the opportunity to encourage all to purchase a Ram blanket. She too wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Under **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Albert Bao, Student Council Co-President, gave the following report:

"The members of Student Council have been busy little elves running many different events to help spread some holiday cheer throughout the school and the West Hempstead community. We are currently in our final days of our first ever Holiday Home Decorating Photo Contest. Students and their families throughout the whole district are invited to share photos of their homes all decorated for the holidays. We have been sharing these images on our instagram account which is @rams_stuco if you would like to check them out. We have had a very positive response to the event and hope to continue it in future years. Please see our flyer for more information. If you would like to share pictures of your home please e-mail them to Ms Zuluaga or DM them to our instagram account.

This Monday December 14th, we hosted our first ever Operation Santa event. Operation Santa is run through the United States Postal Service. We entered as a team and club members designed, decorated and answered letters written to Santa Claus from underprivileged children from all over the United States. These letters were mailed out in hopes to help spread some holiday cheer to kids in need. Next year we hope to continue with Operation Santa and adopt a child's gift wish list and help make a child's holiday wishes come true.

On Tuesday December 22 we will be hosting a Gingerbread/ Cookie decorating event for the high school students. The event will be held in the High School cafeteria. Students must purchase tickets in advance. Tickets are \$2 each and are on sale now until Monday. At the event, students will receive an individual gingerbread house or cookie decorating kit they will be able to decorate their own to bring home.

Yearbook

Remember this is the last week for seniors to submit senior quotes and baby pictures. Don't forget to purchase your yearbook before the price goes up.

STEM & NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Peer tutoring in all subjects (including AP) are available for high school students in grades 9-12. Free tutoring is one hour a week and once every week via google meet. Sign up google form is on the High School webpage."

Under SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Mr. Rehman said about the following:

"Thank you and good evening. COVID-19 continues to pick up steam. I will say it again as it is worth repeating - everyone must practice social distancing, wear a mask, and wash your hands regularly (preferably with soap and water.) It is my opinion that the safest place for children to be is in school and the numbers are bearing that out. It will take the efforts of everyone in the West Hempstead community to reverse the tide of COVID-19 and it is only through these proven practices that it will occur.

The George Washington building will be closed, Wednesday, December 16, 2020 through Friday, December 18, 2020 because of staffing concerns and the importance of providing quality instruction. We will be learning remotely. The building will return to the concurrent -hybrid model Monday, December 21, 2020. Besides staffing concerns, we are closing through Friday because of the potential nor'easter. If the district closes Thursday, learning will not occur. We will make the day up on Thursday, May 27.

Switching gears to a more positive message.

Generosity as defined by the AHD Fifth Edition - Kindness or magnanimity

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. They 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 our Thanksgiving deliveries. I want to thank in no particular order, Mr. McEntee, Ms. Casto, 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.

Low to moderate risk sports are still scheduled to begin on Monday, January 4th but this is all subject to change if more information comes out from the Governor's Office, Department of Health, and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

For the high school the following sports would begin on Monday, January 4th: bowling and track and field. For middle school- winter track would begin on January 4th. The New York State Department of Health has determined the following sports high risk: basketball, boys lacrosse, competitive cheer leading, football, and volleyball. ice hockey, and wrestling. At this time these sports will not begin.

The bond work is beginning to pick up steam again. Although we are await approval on project C work meetings are taking place and plans are being constructed. The work includes the front of Chestnut Street, the Middle School gym, the High School FACS room and new media center.

The budget season for the 2021-2022 school year is underway. We still have not heard much from NYS regarding this year's state aid, let alone for the 21-22 school year. We look forward to the opportunity to create a prudent budget that aligns with our goals and deliverables.

Happy Holidays, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year to everyone."

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

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

Docket #0-178: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, Appointments, Resignations, etc. were accepted, granted and approved:

<u>Topic:</u>	Resignation Request(s) for Purpose of Retirement		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Butler, Robin	Principal Typist Clerk Chestnut Street	\$45,512.56	2/5/21

<u>Topic:</u>	Resignation Request(s)		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Hidalgo, Darina	School Monitor George Washington	\$17.19/hr.	11/23/20
Rieckehoff, Krystin	Leave Replacement School Psychologist	\$58,176	11/25/20
Weinstein, Emily	Nurse HANC	\$42,312.48	12/31/20

<u>Topic:</u>	Appointment of School Monitors		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Effective</u>	
McQuaid, Eileen	\$17.19/hr. Chestnut Street	12/16/20	
Scolpino, Caterina	\$17.19/hr. Chestnut Street	12/16/20	

<u>Topic:</u>	Appointments to School Educational Comprehensive Plan SCEP/TSI Committee		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Salary</u>		
Connor, Megan	\$56.34/hour 10-hour maximum		
Kaszubski, Jaclyn	\$56.34/hour 10-hour maximum		
Longo, Ashleigh	\$56.34/hour 10-hour maximum		
Luciere, Melissa	\$56.34/hour 10-hour maximum		

<u>Topic:</u>	Per Diem Substitute Appointments		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Salary</u>	
Rivera, Judith	Teacher	\$100.00/day	

Topic: **Removal of Per Diem Substitute(s)**
Guilfoyle, Joseph

Topic: **Mentor Appointment Rescinded**
The appointment of Laura Reetz as a mentor to a speech teacher was rescinded.

Docket #0-179: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, a resolution was adopted that increased the hourly wages for sub monitors and sub cleaners from \$13.00 per hour to \$14.00 per hour effective January 1, 2021.

Docket #0-180: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved the New Records Retention Schedule LGS-1 Regulations.

Docket #0-181: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved High School Club Charters.

Docket #0-182: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved a Consultant Service Agreement with Ryan Fisk.

Docket #0-183: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved Special Education Contracts for the 2020-2021 school year with the following: Achievement Behavior Services, Christine Baudin, Eden II School for Autistic Children, Inc., Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD, RCM Health Care Services and Seaford UFSD.

Docket #0-184: Upon the motion of Mr. Trocchia, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved a Stipulation of Settlement for Transportation Reimbursement.

Docket #0-185: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved a Stipulation of Settlement with parents of a student.

Docket #0-186: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves 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 #0-187: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board accepted the recommendations to add new vendors to the District vendor list.

Docket #0-188: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved the budgetary transfers.

Docket #0-189: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved the Stalco Construction, Inc. Allowance Access Authorizations for Project B3.

Docket #0-190: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved 2020-2021 Federal Part B Flow-Through Allocations – SEDCAR.

Docket #0-191: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Greaves and carried by six, the Board approved Use of Facilities as follows:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Day/Time</u>	<u>Room/Field</u>
<u>High School/Middle School</u> Chiefs Soccer	1/1/21-3/1/21 Monday – Friday 4pm – Dusk Saturday & Sunday 9am - Dusk	Turf

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

Docket #0-163 a-b: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 2551 – School District Records, Administrative Regulations for Policy 2551 and Policy 5158 – Confidentiality of Student Records – Access and Challenge were adopted.

Docket #0-164: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman , seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 1331 – Gratuities for School Personnel was adopted.

Docket #0-165: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 2455 – Crisis Response was adopted.

Docket #0-166: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 3547 – Special Transportation was adopted.

Docket #0-167: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 4211 – Non Certified Personnel recruitment and Selection was adopted.

Docket #0-168: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 5114 – Request for Early Dismissal of a Student was adopted.

Docket #0-169: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 5115 – Release of Student by Building Principal in an Emergency was adopted.

Docket #0-170: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 8345 – School Board Use of Electronic Mail was adopted.

Docket #0-171: Upon the motion of Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six, Policy 9275 – Duties of the Internal Auditor was adopted.

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

Docket #0-192: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by six, the Board approved the Vendor Services Contract with Agile Sports Technologies, Inc. d/b/a Hudl.

Docket #0-193: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by six, the Board approved the 2020-21 Modified School Comprehensive Education Plan (SCEP) for George Washington School.

Docket #0-194: Upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by six, the Board approved the contract with Benchmark Construction Group, Inc. and Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation.

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

Under **BOARD PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** action was taken as follows:

Docket #0-194: Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Magaraci and carried by six the Board agreed to discuss the Quote for the 2020-21 Yearbook Ad. Upon the motion of Ms. Shinsato, seconded by Mr. Hoffman and carried by six, the Board approved the Quote for the 2020-21 Yearbook Ad.

Ms. Brohm wished everyone a Happy Hanukah, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. She said she was looking forward to what next year will bring and thanked everyone for what they do to keep everyone safe.

At 8:08 p.m., upon the motion of Ms. Greaves, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss personnel and receive advice of counsel.

At 8:35 p.m. upon the motion of Mr. Magaraci, seconded by Ms. Shinsato and carried by six, Executive Session adjourned.



Theresa Bryant, District Clerk