

MINUTES

October 19, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Wantagh Board of Education, Wantagh Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, and was called to order by President, Adam Fisher at 8 p.m. The following were present:

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Adam Fisher	President
Tara Cassidy	Vice-President
Anthony Greco	Trustee
Jennifer Perfetti	Trustee
Laura Reich	Trustee
John McNamara	Superintendent of Schools
Stephen Moran	Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services
Carol-Ann Winans	Exec. Director of Curriculum & Instruction K-12
Stephanie Scolieri	Exec. Director of Human Resources & Administration

A Moment-of-Silence was held for: Father of Maria Shamah
Innocent lives lost in the Middle East

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously:

approving the minutes of September 21, 26, and October 5, 2023.

approving acknowledgement and acceptance of financial reports and budget transfers as printed.

A communication was received from:

Jessica Martinez
Cynara Hermes McQuillan
Erin Brennan
Cristine Rizzuto
Stacie Noonan
Amie Gorman
Danielle De La Torre
Alexandra Ferrara
Judy Bejarano
Antoinette Scuderi
Jacqueline Nerney
Katie Matthies
Mia Wallace
Brooke Myers
Angela Dunne
Regina Haas

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Tara Cassidy, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously:

approving the attached resignation.

approving the attached amendment to a tenure period.

approving the attached requests for leave of absence.

approving the attached club offerings.

approving the attached club/extracurricular rescissions.

approving the attached club/extracurricular appointments.

approving the attached coaching appointments.

approving the attached instructional substitute appointment.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Laura Reich, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously:

approving the attached resignations.

approving the attached changes in FTE/title.

approving the attached requests for leave of absence.

approving the attached civil service personnel appointments.

approving the attached non-instructional substitute appointments.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously:

approving the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement from the following unit regarding an offer to an alternative health insurance plan to current and future retirees who are Medicare eligible, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreement:

Wantagh United Teachers (WUT)

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approving the SEDCAR agreements with the following outside agencies to provide special education services to our students for the 2023-24 school year, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreements. SEDCAR services are funded by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) flow-through funds, Part B, Section 611 and Section 619:

SEDCAR Rates 2023-24

PL611 Related Services Only	\$ 460
PL611 Program Rate	\$1,381
PL619 Related Services Only	\$ 154
PL619 Program Rate	\$ 462

Providers

ACDS, Inc.
 Brookville Center for Children's Services Center for Developmental Disabilities
 Developmental Disabilities Institute
 Eden II
 Hagedorn Little Village
 Harmony Heights School
 Just Kids Early Childhood Learning Center
 Kidz Therapy
 Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
 Variety Child Learning Center

approving the following agreements for the 2023-24 school year, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreements:

<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Ref. #</u>
Eden II	2	073520000 073190020
The Center for Developmental Disabilities	1	760837864

approving an agreement with the following school district for enrollment of their students in the Wantagh School District special education program for the 2023-24 school year at the rate set by the State Education Department, or at the individual itemized expense, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreement:

School District

Island Park UFSD

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Laura Reich, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously:

approving the agreement from Dr. Donna Geffner for the 2023-24 school year to provide an evaluation for one student, ID # 760835706, at an estimated cost of \$2,450, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

approving a revocable permit agreement with the Jericho Union Free School District for use of their pool facilities for the 2023-24 school year at a fee of \$125 per hour, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

approving the following extra classroom activity charters for the 2023-24 school year:

High School

Academic Team
Band Council
Baseball
Big Sisters Club
Board Games Club
Boys Football
Boys Swim Club
Boys Varsity Soccer
Cinematic Society
Class of 2024
Class of 2025
Class of 2026
Class of 2027
Dance Team
DECA
Entrepreneurship Club
Environmental Advocacy Club
Esports Club
FIDM Fashion Club
Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)
General Organization
Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
International Thespian Honor Society
Italian Club
Jewish Club
Junior Chamber of Commerce
Literary Society
Minding Your Mind
Music Organization - Orchestra
National Art Honor Society

National Business Honor Society
 National Honor Society
 Physical Education Leaders Club
 Science National Honor Society
 Science Olympiad
 Spanish Club
 Sportsnite
 Theatre
 Tri-M Music Honor Society
 Wantagh Foundation for Furthering the Sciences (WFFS)
 World Food Club
 Yearbook

Middle School

Drama Club
 Esports Club
 Middle School Computer Science
 Middle School General Store/Entrepreneurship Club
 Middle School Yearbook
 Tri-M Music Honor Society

approving that the Board of Education appoint the following individuals to the Business Advisory Board for the 2023-24 school year:

Superintendent of Schools
 Executive Director for Curriculum and Instruction K-12
 Building Principals
 Assistant Principals
 Executive Director of Human Resources & Administration
 Supervisor of Fine and Performing Arts
 Teacher Representatives: Bobbi Colavita, Christine Compagnino, Nancy O'Connor
 Parent Representatives: Laura Dupkin Memisha, Heidi Felix, Adam Gottlieb, Liz Greco, Liz Guber, Rich Ivey, Romina Marion, Claudia Massari, Kristen Panella, Andy Parton, Cathy Powell, Paul Spiteri, Angela Testa
 Community Leader/Business Partners: Al DaLomba, Lorraine Englander, Tina Fiorentine, Carly Helfand, Mike LiPetri, Brittany Perednia, Norman Samut, Jen Trezza, Nick Barberio (alumni), Rich Corbin (alumni), Heather Friedfertig (alumni), Al Iaquina (alumni), Jared Koreff (alumni), Jeff Memisha (alumni), Austin Williams (alumni), George Williams (alumni)

approving the Terms of Employment for the following non-represented employee, as attached:

Tracey Hiscock

approving the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Wantagh Union Free School District hereby approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Wantagh Monitors and Teacher Aides Association (WAM); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously:

approving the recommendations of the Committees on Special Education and Preschool Special Education as specified in the minutes of the meetings of September 18, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, October 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, and 16, 2023.

approving the Board of Education/Superintendent goals for the 2023-24 school year, as attached.

approving that the Board of Education accept for a first reading the attached revised Policy # 4321, “Programs for Students with Disabilities”, Policy # 6700, “Purchasing”, Policy # 6700-R, “Purchasing Regulations”, Policy # 6830, “Expense Reimbursement”, Policy # 414.5, “Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers”, Policy # 8414.5-R, “Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Regulation”, Policy # 8414.5-E, “Alcohol and Drug Testing Program Acknowledgement Form”, Policy # 8414.5E.1, “Alcohol and Drug Testing of Drivers Exhibit, Policy #0110, “Sexual Harassment,” and Policy # 5205, “Eligibility for Co-Curricular and Extracurricular Programs.”

MOTION was made by Tara Cassidy, seconded by Anthony Greco, and passed unanimously, approving to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted,

Elaine McGuigan
District Clerk

The following reports/presentations/information was given:

Superintendent's Report

John McNamara reported on the following items:

- NYSSBA Board of Education Recognition
- Capital Projects Update
- Homecoming
- Thanked Wantagh Aides & Monitors negotiating committee
- Update on mascot committee
- Congratulations to:

Valedictorian	Maylani Lee
Salutatorian	Catherine Ibrahim
James Tullo	Coca-Cola Scholarship Semi-Finalist
Alessandra Hermes-Bevans	L.I. Scholar Artist in Dance
- Adam Fisher read a statement regarding the mascot lawsuit

- ❖ Student Government
- ❖ Foundation for Educational Excellence
- ❖ Forest Lake PTA
- ❖ Mandalay PTA
- ❖ Wantagh Elem. PTA
- ❖ SEPTA
- ❖ 6-12 Assoc.
- ❖ Bandwagon