

## MINUTES

JULY 5, 2023

The Reorganization Meeting of the Wantagh Board of Education, Wantagh Union Free School District, was held on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, and was called to order by Elaine McGuigan, District Clerk, at 8:00 p.m.

Those in attendance were:

Tara Cassidy  
Adam Fisher  
Anthony Greco  
Jennifer Perfetti  
Laura Reich (video conferenced)  
John McNamara  
Anthony Cedrone  
Carol-Ann Winans  
Stephanie Scolieri

MOTION was made by Adam Fisher, seconded by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that Elaine F. McGuigan be appointed as District Clerk of the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year. The Oath of Office was administered to the District Clerk.

The Oath of Office was administered to John McNamara, as Superintendent of Schools, for the 2023-24 school year.

The Oath of Office was administered to Tara Cassidy and Adam Fisher as the newly re-elected school board trustees.

MOTION was made by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously, approving Adam Fisher as President of the Board of Education. The Oath of Office was given to the Board President.

MOTION was made by Adam Fisher, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously, approving Tara Cassidy as Vice-President of the Board of Education.

MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed to the Wantagh Union Free School District Audit Committee for the 2023-24 school year (at no salary):

Board President – Adam Fisher  
Board Vice-President – Tara Cassidy  
Community Member – Christopher Austin  
Community Member – Jonathan Spisto  
Community Member – TBD

RESOLVED, that Michael Kearns be appointed as Treasurer of the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at a \$19,890 salary.

RESOLVED, that the Vice President of the Wantagh Board of Education be appointed as District Clerk Pro Tem for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2022-23 school year (at no salary).

RESOLVED, that Carlene Testa be appointed as Deputy Treasurer of the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at a \$500 stipend.

MOTION was made by Tara Cassidy, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the firm Guercio & Guercio, LLP be appointed as General and Labor Counsel for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at the rates of \$39,000 for general counsel and \$27,500 for labor counsel.

RESOLVED, that Hawkins, Delafield and Wood be appointed as Bond Counsel for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at the agreed upon rates.

RESOLVED, that Capital Markets Advisors be appointed as fiscal advisors for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at the agreed upon rates.

RESOLVED, that Dr, Gregory Puglisi/Dr. Joseph Grillo, and Mount Sinai South Nassau be appointed as the physicians for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at a price of \$20,000 and \$19,500 respectively.

RESOLVED, that R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP certified public accountants, be appointed as the External Auditor for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at a rate of \$41,300.

RESOLVED, that Cerini & Associates, LLP be appointed as Claims Auditor of the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at a rate of \$18,143.

RESOLVED, that Nawrocki Smith be appointed as Internal Auditor of the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at a rate of \$30,000.

RESOLVED, that the Nassau County Auxiliary Police be appointed to patrol school district properties at a rate of \$2,400 for the 2023-24 school year.

MOTION was made by Jennifer Perfetti, seconded by Anthony Greco, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that Mark Design Studios Architecture, P.C. be appointed as the Architect of the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at agreed upon rates.

RESOLVED, that Advanced Consulting Corporation be appointed as the Construction Management Services of the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year at agreed upon rates.

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed to the Committees on Special Education, Preschool Special Education & the Sub-Committee on Special Education for the 2023-24 school year:

*Committee on Special Education*

Stephen Moran, Assistant Superintendent of PPS, Chairperson

Dr. Caitlin Wong, Chairperson, Psychologist

Emily Bogart, Chairperson, Psychologist

Dr. Melissa Bennett, Chairperson, Psychologist

Maria Maleganos, Chairperson, Psychologist

Dr. Meredith Protzel, Chairperson, Psychologist

Agnes Lemyre, Chairperson, Psychologist

Dr. Tracy Zelenetz, Chairperson, Psychologist

Elise Desimone, Chairperson, Psychologist

The child's general education teacher (as per NYS 200.3)

The child's special education teacher or provider (as per NYS 200.3)

School Physician (if requested 72 hours before a meeting)

Parent Member (when requested)

District Speech Teachers (when requested)

District Occupational Therapists (when requested)

District Physical Therapists (when requested)

District Nurses (when requested)

Parent or Persons in Parental Relationship of the Student

Committee on Preschool Special Education

Stephen Moran, Assistant Superintendent of PPS, Chairperson

Dr. Caitlin Wong, Chairperson, Psychologist

Emily Bogart, Chairperson, Psychologist

Dr. Melissa Bennett, Chairperson, Psychologist

Maria Maleganos, Chairperson, Psychologist

Dr. Meredith Protzel, Chairperson, Psychologist

Agnes Lemyre, Chairperson, Psychologist

Dr. Tracy Zelenetz, Chairperson, Psychologist

Elise Desimone, Chairperson, Psychologist

Member of Evaluation Site

Parent Member (when requested)

Nassau County Representative

Early Intervention Coordinator (if appropriate)

Parent or Persons in Parental Relationship of the Student

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed to the Building Visitation Committee for the 2023-24 school year:

Board Members:

Tara Cassidy

Adam Fisher

Anthony Greco

Jennifer Perfetti

Laura Reich

John McNamara, Superintendent of Schools

Anthony Cedrone, Assistant Superintendent for Business

Stephen Moran, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services

Thomas Fucci, Director of Facilities

Carol Ann Winans, Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction K-12

Dr. Stephanie Scolieri, Director of Human Resources

Mark Design Studios Architecture, P.C., District Architect

Advanced Consulting Corporation, District Construction Management Services

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed to the District-Wide Safety Team, the AIDS Advisory Committee, the Health and Safety Committee, and the Wellness Committee for the 2023-24 school year:

Superintendent of Schools

Assistant Superintendent for Business

Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services  
 Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction K-12  
 Director of Human Resources  
 Building Principals  
 Assistant Principals  
 Director of Facilities  
 Maintenance Supervisor II  
 Lead Nurse  
 PTA Council President  
 Teacher Representatives  
 High School Student Council President  
 NYSIR Representative  
 POP Officer

RESOLVED, that the following individuals be appointed as Dignity Act Co-Coordinators for the 2023-24 school year:

District Wide – Dr. Stephanie Scolieri  
 Wantagh High School – Dr. Paul Guzzone and Nick Pappas  
 Wantagh Middle School – Anthony Ciuffo and Dr. Tracy Zelenetz  
 Forest Lake Elementary School –Thomas Burke and Emily Bogart  
 Mandalay Elementary School –Marie Pisicchio and Maria Maleganos  
 Wantagh Elementary School –Dr. Randee Bonagura and Dr. Meredith Protzel

MOTION was made by Tara Cassidy, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the following personnel shall be bonded in the amount of \$100,000 per person and \$1,000,000 as an aggregate group:

Elaine McGuigan	District Clerk
Michael Kearns	Treasurer
Carlene Testa	Deputy Treasurer
Judy Wing	Account Clerk
Nick Pappas	Chief Treasurer & Signatory for Extra-Classroom Activity Funds
Cerini & Associates, LLP	Claims Auditor
Donna Wick	Comptroller of Extra Classroom Activity Funds
Christine Taylor	Cashier of Extra Classroom Activity Funds
Susan Petrou	Cashier of Extra Classroom Activity Funds

Ruben Alborez  
Anthony Cedrone  
Christine Kim

Courier  
Assistant Superintendent for Business  
Assistant Director of Business for Educational Planning

MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approve the following banks for the 2023-24 school year as follows: Bank of America, Citibank, Capital One, Flushing Commercial Bank, J.P. Morgan/Chase, NYCLASS, TD Bank, HSBC, First National Bank of Long Island, Sterling National Bank and Hanover Bank. These accounts are for the General, Federal, Cafeteria, Capital, Special Revenue, Scholarship, Payroll, Debt Services, and Extra Classroom Funds.

The maximum amounts deposited in each depository are subject to the deposit maximums on file with the district; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer or, in his absence, the Deputy Treasurer or the Board President be authorized to sign checks by means of a facsimile signature and be authorized to sign payroll checks, also by facsimile signature.

RESOLVED, that the *Wantagh Herald*, *Long Island Business News*, and/or *Newsday*, be designated as the newspapers to be used for legal advertising for the 2023-24 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Public Information Officer be authorized to publish the Annual Financial Statement.

RESOLVED, that the following dates be designated as the monthly meeting dates for the Wantagh Board of Education:

August 24, 2023	December 14, 2023	April 4, 2024
September 21, 2023	January 18, 2024	May 8, 2024
October 19, 2023	February 6, 2024	June 6, 2024
November 16, 2023	March 21, 2024	July 2, 2024
August 22, 2024		

RESOLVED, that the Annual Reorganization Meeting for the 2023-24 school year be scheduled for July 2, 2024.

MOTION was made by Jennifer Perfetti, seconded by Tara Cassidy, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that, for the 2023-24 school year, John McNamara, Superintendent of Schools of the Wantagh Union Free School District or, in his absence, Anthony Cedrone, Assistant Superintendent for Business be designated as the person responsible for the certification of payrolls; and FURTHER RESOLVED, that Christine Kim, Assistant Director of Business for Educational Planning, and in her absence, Anthony Cedrone, Assistant Superintendent for Business, be designated individuals responsible for purchasing.

RESOLVED, that effective July 1, 2023, the following petty cash funds be approved:

<u>Fund Title</u>	<u>Custodian of Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Wantagh High School	Dr. Paul Guzzone/Nick Pappas	\$100
Wantagh Middle School	Anthony Ciuffo	\$100
Forest Lake School	Thomas Burke	\$100
Mandalay School	Marie Pisicchio	\$100
Wantagh Elementary School	Dr. Rande Bonagura	\$100
District Admin. Offices	Anthony Cedrone	\$100
Pupil Personnel Services	Stephen Moran	\$100
District Clerk	Elaine McGuigan	\$100
Board of Education	Diane Sales	\$100

RESOLVED, that NYSIR, Wright Risk Management Co., Inc., the Salerno Agency, and Wright Risk Management Co., Inc. (QBE Plan) be appointed as the Insurance Consultants/ Carriers for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year.

RESOLVED, that Zycron Industries be appointed as Medicaid Loss Prevention and Billing Services provider for the 2023-24 school year at 16% of annual billing.

RESOLVED, that Dr. Stephanie Scolieri, Director of Human Resources, be appointed Records Management and Access Officer for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that Anthony Cedrone, Assistant Superintendent for Business, be appointed as Residency Hearing Officer for the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend).

MOTION was made by Anthony Greco, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that Stephen Moran, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, be appointed as 504 District Officer of the Wantagh Union Free School District for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that Stephen Moran, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, be appointed as District Liaison for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that Frank Muzio, Director of Guidance, be appointed as District Education Officer for the 2023-24 school year pursuant to Board of Education Policy No. 2210 (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that Dr. Stephanie Scolieri, Director of Human Resources, be appointed as the District's Title IX Compliance Officer pursuant to Board of Education Policy No. 5020.1 and Regulation 5020.1-R for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Stephen Moran, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, be appointed as the District's second Title IX Compliance Officer pursuant to Board of Education Policy No. 5020.1 and Regulation 5020.1-R for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that Dr. Stephanie Scolieri, Director of Human Resources, be appointed as the Chief Privacy Officer for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that Penny Curry, Director of Instructional Technology/Information Systems, be appointed as the Data Protection Officer for the Wantagh School District for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that Thomas Fucci, Director of Facilities, for the 2023-24 school year be appointed to oversee and coordinate the AHERA Regulations (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that Anthony Cedrone, Assistant Superintendent for Business, be appointed as Trustee of the Nassau County Schools Cooperative Self-Insurance Plan for Workers' Compensation for the 2023-24 school year (at no stipend).

RESOLVED, that the following officers be appointed for the Middle School/High School Extra Classroom Activity Funds for the 2023-24 school year:

Nick Pappas	Chief Treasurer and Signatory
Dr. Paul Guzzone	WHS/Chief Faculty Advisor and Signatory
Anthony Ciuffo	WMS/Chief Faculty Advisor and Signatory
Donna Wick	Comptroller of Extra Classroom Activity Funds
Christine Taylor	WHS/Cashier
Susan Petrou	WMS/Cashier

MOTION was made by Tara Cassidy, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously, approving the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the rotational list of impartial hearing officers for the district as provided by the State Education Department;

WHEREAS, when need for an Impartial Hearing Officer arises as per Section 4404 of the Education Law and Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education must immediately appoint an Impartial Hearing Officer who is selected in accordance with the rotational selection process outlined in Board Policy 4321.8;

WHEREAS, to ensure timely appointment, Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and Policy 4321.8 permit the Board of Education to designate an individual Board member to appoint an appropriately selected Impartial Hearing Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the President of the Board of Education to appoint an Impartial Hearing Officer who was contacted through the process outlined in Board Policy 4321.8 and who has indicated his/her willingness to serve. The Impartial Hearing Officer shall be compensated at the rate of \$100 per hour, plus reasonable reimbursements for travel.

RESOLVED, that the Wantagh Union Free School District reimbursement rate for its employees and members not covered by employee contracts will be set at the IRS reimbursement rate for the 2023-24 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education readopt all of its existing policies numbered 0000 through 9700 for the 2023-24 school year.

RESOLVED, that the Wantagh Union Free School District extend to all senior citizens of Wantagh or Wantagh Programs, who are 65 years of age and older, an invitation to be our guests at school sponsored activities and functions for the 2023-24 school year. These events shall include athletic

events, plays, concerts, carnivals, etc. *Some events may be excluded due to limited seating capacity.*

MOTION was made by Tara Cassidy, seconded by Jennifer Perfetti, and passed unanimously, approving to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted,

Elaine McGuigan  
District Clerk