

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Wantagh Board of Education, Wantagh Union Free School District, was held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Senior High School and was called to order by President, Elizabeth Guber at 8:00 p.m.

The following were present:

Mrs. Elizabeth Guber	President
Mr. Adam Fisher	Vice-President
Mr. Anthony Greco	Trustee
Mrs. Kera McLoughlin	Trustee
Mrs. Laura Reich	Trustee
Mr. John McNamara	Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Marc Ferris	Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
Mr. Anthony Cedrone	Assistant Superintendent for Business

and those listed on exhibit with supplemental file for these minutes.

A Moment-of-Silence was held for: Mother of Anna DeCesare
Retiree: Carmine Vitale; and father of Steven Vitale
Father of Donna Sullivan
Wife of Stephen Taylor

MOTION was made by Kera McLoughlin, seconded by Anthony Greco, and passed unanimously:

approving the minutes of October 17, and November 7, 2019.

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

Communications were received from: Joel and Kimberly Insigna
Suzanne Brady

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Adam Fisher, seconded by Kera McLoughlin, and passed unanimously:

approving the following extended leave of absence for the purpose of child care in accordance with Article XXVIII, Section 3 of the WUT contract:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Length of Leave</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Genna Groeber	World Lang. Teacher	1/27/20 – 8/31/20	1/27/20	\$113,900.50

approving the following temporary appointment for a teacher on leave of absence during the 2019-20 school year unless earlier terminated by the Board of Education:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Ctf. Status</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Exp. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Slavomira Lorenzo	World Lang. Teacher	Prof. Spanish 7-12, Prof. Spanish 1-6 Prof. ESOL	M	1	1/27/20	6/30/20	\$65,857 pro-rated

approving that the part-time fraction for Denise Homolka be revised from .1 to .25 at a pro-rated salary of \$16,464.25 effective October 29, 2019.

approving that the appointment of the following teacher be rescinded from half of a sixth instructional class that was approved on the September 19, 2019 Board agenda:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Ellen Carr	1/27/20 – 6/30/20	\$4,175

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

approving that the following teacher teach half of a sixth instructional class in accordance with the WUT contract:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Barbara Kearney	1/27/20 – 6/30/20	\$4,175

approving the revision of the High School W.A.R.R. Club from Level II to Level III.

approving the following clubs:

High School

English Honor Society	Level II	\$ 800
Jewish Club	Level II	\$ 800
Chamber Ensemble	Level III	\$1,200

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Kera McLoughlin, seconded by Adam Fisher, and passed unanimously:

approving the following extracurricular/club appointment for the 2019-20 school year:

<u>School/Club</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
<u>Wantagh Middle School</u> Earth Warriors	Bonnie Hersch	\$400

approving the rescission of the following coaching appointment:

<u>Winter Sports</u>	<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
<u>Track - Boys & Girls</u> Varsity Assistant Coach	Jamie Kanner	\$5,058

approving the following coaching appointment for the 2019-20 school year:

<u>Winter Sport</u>		
<u>Track Boys & Girls</u> Varsity Assistant Coach	Alexander Goodstein	\$5,058

approving the following long-term substitute teacher, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law, at the rate of \$120 per day for the 2019-20 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Area</u>
Julia Moore	Spanish

approving the following instructional substitute teachers, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law at the approved rates of pay for the 2019-20 school year:

1-20 days	\$ 90
21-40	\$100
41+	\$110
Home tutoring rate as per WUT contract.	

Kara Ann Leone
Jacqueline Michelli

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

approving the following resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Service Began</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Donna Giglio	School Monitor Part-Time	1/23/17	11/21/19	\$12.69/hr.

approving the appointment of the following individuals, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Robin Fitzgerald	Typist Clerk	11/25/19	\$32,089 pro-rated
Donna Giglio	Teacher Aide	11/22/19	\$13.61/hr.

approving a change of title for the following civil service employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title From</u>	<u>Title To</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Donald Camp	Cleaner- Bus Driver	Messenger- Bus Driver	11/22/19	\$49,869

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

approving the appointment of the following individuals as non-instructional substitutes, at the approved rates of pay, having officially met the requirements of New York State Education Law for the 2019-20 school year:

Gina Diegnan	Typist Clerk	\$12/hr.
Danielle Ortiz	Teacher Aide	\$12/hr.
	School Monitor PT	\$12/hr.
	Typist Clerk	\$12/hr.

approving the following health service contract for the 2019-20 school year, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said contract:

<u>School Attended</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Per Pupil Charge</u>	<u>Total</u>
St. William the Abbot (Seaford UFSD)	21	\$1,070.35	\$22,477.35

approving the following tuition contract for the 2018-19 school year, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said contract:

<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Ref. #</u>	<u>Cost per Student</u>
Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District	1	090890002	\$2,307.15

approving the following tuition contracts for the 2019-20 school year, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said contracts:

<u>School</u>	<u># of Students</u>	<u>Ref. #</u>	<u>Cost per Student</u>
Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf	1	760836243	\$65,575.80
Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District	2	090890002 01550002	\$43,150.00 \$43,150.00
Bellmore-Merrick Central School District	1	010003212	\$51,450.00

approving a special education agreement with the West Islip Union Free School District for related services for one parentally placed student for the 2019-20 school year at an estimated cost of \$5,250, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said agreement.

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

approving the following extra-classroom activity charters for the 2019-20 school year:

High School

Boys Swimming and Diving
International Outreach
Italian Club
Model Congress
National World Language Honor Society
Science National Honor Society
Science Olympiad
World Food Club

Middle School

Class of 2026
Drama Club
Home and Career Skills Club
Middle School Student Council
Science Olympiad
Video Club

approving the following transportation contract for the 2019-20 school year, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said contract:

<u>Bus Company</u>	<u>Contract</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Educational	New-Partial Year	\$13,275

approving the disposal of obsolete books from the Middle School Library, as attached.

approving the disposal of the following equipment:

<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Model #</u>	<u>Serial/Tag #</u>	<u>Location</u>
1	Bass ½	Kay	18058/WMD #1108	FL-Rm. 19
1	Bass ½	Kay	18059/WMD #1197	FL-Rm. 19
1	Cello ½	Englehardt	64977/WMD #675	WES-Rm. 115A
1	Cello 4/4	Mueller	49725/WMD #1063	HS-Rm. 119
1	Piano	Hamilton	175252	FL-Rm. 19
1	Viola 14”	Mueller	V497183/WMD #1290	MS-Stage
1	Viola	Thoma	21230/WMD #1760	MS-Stage

approving the following budget increases:

Increase of the Supply Code in the amount of \$11,000 into budget code A2855-450-09-0000. This increase represents a grant received from Nassau County to purchase AED’s and lockboxes for the Athletic Department.

Adjust the 2019-20 budget so as to increase the Workers’ Compensation code A9040-800-08-0000 by \$75,000, to be funded by an increased appropriation of funds from the Workers’ Compensation Reserve.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Kera McLoughlin, seconded by Adam Fisher, and passed unanimously, approving a donation from the Wantagh Elementary School PTA, of an outdoor courtyard for the Wantagh Elementary School which includes masonry work, natural boulders, stepping stones, an irrigation system, benching and seating, along with a sensory wall, at an estimated value of \$35,000.

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

approving the renewal of the district’s national flood insurance policy with Wright National Flood Insurance Company, effective December 18, 2019 through December 18, 2020, at a premium of \$3,553.

approving the following resolution:

WHEREAS, R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP has prepared the External Audit Reports dated June 30, 2019 for the 2018-19 school year;

WHEREAS, in response to such External Audit Report the District has prepared a Corrective Action Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education accepts the aforementioned External Audit Report prepared by R.S. Abrams & Co., LLP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of accepts the aforementioned Corrective Action Plan.

approving the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Wantagh Union Free School District (Board of Education) is considering improvements at the Wantagh Middle School, located at 3299 Beltagh Ave, Wantagh, NY 11793;

WHEREAS, the proposed project includes:

1. Removal of existing cabinets
2. Installation of new cabinets
3. Installation of new floor tile
4. Replacement of existing ceiling tiles

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §617.5(a), “Actions or classes of actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section are not subject to review under this Part, except as otherwise provided in this section. These actions have been determined not to have a significant impact on the environment or are otherwise precluded from environmental review under Environmental Consideration Law, Article 8. The actions identified in subdivision (c) of this section apply to all agencies”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c) (1), (2) the “*maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility*”, *replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure of facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes...*”, are Type II actions; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, after review of the proposed action, 6 NYCRR §617.5, and the opinion provided by John A. Grillo, Architect PC, hereby determines that the proposed projects are Type II Actions pursuant to 6 NYCRR §§617.5(c) (1), (2) of the implementing regulations of the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and will, therefore, by definition, have no significant adverse impact on the environment.

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

approving the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby appoints Dr. Thomas A. Aronson as School Medical Inspector pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law in order to evaluate the capacity of the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule “A” to perform his/her duties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 913 of the New York State Education Law, the Board of Education directs the employee named in the attached confidential Schedule “A” to appear for an examination in the office of Dr. Thomas A. Aronson at a date and time to be scheduled.

approving the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on October 23, 2018, the Wantagh School District conducted a special election;

WHEREAS, the District Clerk is currently in possession of all ballots cast resulting from such election;

WHEREAS, the Record Retention and Disposition Schedule ED-1 provides for the destruction of such ballots after one (1) year from the date of the election; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wantagh School District order the destruction of all ballots cast resulting from the October 23, 2018 election.

approving the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2019, the Wantagh School District conducted a special election;

WHEREAS, the District Clerk is currently in possession of the unused, defective, and void ballots resulting from such election;

WHEREAS, Education Law Section 2034(6) provides for the destruction of such ballots when a period of six (6) months from the date of the special election has elapsed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wantagh School District order the destruction of all unused, defective, and void ballots resulting from the May 21, 2019 election.

approving the appointment of Elizabeth Guber, Board President, as a representative to the BOCES Budget Review Committee for the 2019-20 school year.

approving a letter of agreement with Laura Robb of RCT, Inc. for professional consultant instructional services for staff on October 21 and 22, 2019 at a rate not to exceed \$8,300, and hereby authorize the Board President to execute said letter of agreement.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, MOTION was made by Kera McLoughlin, seconded by Laura Reich, 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 3, 25, October 1, 8, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 21, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, November 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, and 19, 2019.

MOTION was made by Adam Fisher, seconded by Anthony Greco, and passed unanimously, approving to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. to discuss specific personnel matters.

The meeting reconvened at 9:55 p.m.

MOTION was made by Laura Reich, seconded by Adam Fisher, and passed unanimously, approving to adjourn at 9:56 p.m.

Submitted,

Elaine McGuigan
District Clerk

The following reports/presentations/information was given:

- ❖ Superintendent's Report
John McNamara gave a report on the following items:
 - High School production of RENT
 - Productive Superintendent's Conference Day
 - Congratulations to our athletic teams
 - Groundbreaking of James Lodato Field of Dreams
 - Veterans Day Ceremonies
 - Wished staff and community a Happy Thanksgiving
- ❖ Student Government
- ❖ Wantagh Elementary PTA
- ❖ PTA Council
- ❖ Bandwagon
- ❖ WUT

The Wantagh Board of Education welcomes public comments at this portion of the meeting. To maintain an orderly and efficient meeting, the Board has established the following guidelines which are further outlined in Policy 1230 for those wishing to address the Board.

- **Persons wishing to address the Board shall state their name, town of residence, and name of organization represented (if any). Any group or organization wishing to address the Board must identify a single spokesperson.**
- **Each Speaker is permitted a reasonable time for comments and must be recognized by the Board President, who may discontinue a discussion due to time or appropriateness of the subject matter.**
- **The Board will not permit in public session discussion involving individual district personnel or students. Persons wishing to discuss matters involving individual district personnel or students should present their comments and/or concerns to the Superintendent during regular business hours.**