

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – December 15, 2008
ST. CLOUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
71 Sheridan Avenue

AGENDA

(Agenda items may be subject to change)

- I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- II. NOTICE OF MEETING:
Please note that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows:
 - A. That a written notice was sent from the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education at 4:00 p.m. on April 18, 2008.
 - B. That said notice was sent by regular mail to the Clerk of the Township of West Orange and the Editors of the West Orange Chronicle and the Star-Ledger.
 - C. That said notice was posted in the lobby of the Board's Administration Building.
- III. CONSIDERATION OF THE CLOSED AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF November 24, 2008. (Att. #1)
- IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AND/OR BOARD'S REPORTS
 - A. Second Reading of the Following Board Policies and Bylaws consistent with NJQSAC and State Law:

Expenses and Reimbursements (bylaw)	9250.00
Communicating with the Public	1100.00
Payment for Goods and Services	3326.00
Relations with Vendors	3327.00
Nepotism	4112.80
Nepotism	4212.80
Suspension and Expulsion	5114.00

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

- a.) Superintendent recommends approval of the following resignation(s):**

Kevan Murphy, Special Education Teacher, WOHS, effective 1/5/09

2. Appointments

- a.) Superintendent recommends approval of the following appointment(s) at the appropriate contractual rates:**

Mary Corvelli, Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 for medically fragile student (SLD), Liberty Middle School, effective 12/15/08

Margaret Walsh, Teacher (1/3) /Instructional Assistant (2/3), Autistic, WOHS, effective 12/15/08

Kevan Murphy, Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 for LD Student, Pleasantdale School, effective 1/5/09

Lauren Landara, Grade 1 Teacher, St. Cloud School, maternity leave replacement, effective 1/26/09-1/31/10

Daniel Capriola, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Autistic, WOHS, effective 12/15/08

Krista Penkalski, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Preschool Autistic, Pleasantdale School, effective 12/15/08

Christine Shahadi, Special Education Instructional Assistant (full time), WOHS, effective 1/5/09 (previously Special Education Teacher (2 hours) and Special Education Instructional Assistant (4 hours), WOHS)

Marianne Van Cauwenberge, Special Education Teacher, Redwood School, increase in teaching time from 80% to 85%, effective 12/8/08

Pamela Nicholais, Director of Transportation, effective on or before 2/15/09

Michael Norton, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Preschool Autistic, Pleasantdale School, effective 1/5/09

Staff to provide home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #2)

The following addition(s) to the 2008-2009 Substitute List:

Dianna Carpenito	K-12
Matthew Sleece	K-12
Judith Habernan	LMC (Middle/HS)
Timothy Rodner	K-12 & English
Domenica Alessi	K-12
Phillip Jones	K-12 Fine Arts

Approval of Volunteer Coaches for the 2008-2009 Winter Season as per the attached (Att. #3)

Staff members as instructors for the Winter/Spring 2009 Staff Development Program as per the specifications in the attached (Att. #4)

3. Leave(s) of Absence

a.) Superintendent recommends approval of the following leave(s) of absence:

Danielle Ash, Resource Room Teacher, Liberty Middle School, change in start date of maternity leave of absence from 1/20/09 to 1/12/09. Leave of absence will conclude 1/30/10.

Lois Menkin, Occupational Therapist, Family Leave of Absence, effective 1/22/09-1/30/09

Kelly McGovern, Grade 2 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave of absence, effective 1/26/09-6/30/09

4. Transfers

- a.) Superintendent recommends approval of the following transfer(s):

Charity Quinn, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Preschool Autistic Class, Pleasantdale School, to General Education Instructional Assistant, Gregory School, effective 1/5/09

Andrea Ferrara, Elementary Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, maternity leave replacement, to Resource Program Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School (3 days), maternity leave replacement, and Special Education Instructional Assistant (2 days), Mt. Pleasant School, effective 1/5/09

Dennis McGarrity, Special Education Instructional Assistant, WOHS, to Special Education Instructional Assistant, LD, Liberty Middle School, effective 1/5/09

Rachel Mondalto, Special Education Instructional Assistant, LLD Class, Redwood School, to Special Education Instructional Assistant, Preschool Disabled Class, Pleasantdale School, effective 1/5/09

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #5)
2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #6)

11/21/08-11/23/08	\$3,367,949.83
11/25/08-12/11/08	\$6,531,502.98
12/15/08	\$1,921,602.04
3. Recommend approval of service contract agreement with North Jersey Outreach, NJ for Staff Training Services for PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) for nonverbal in-district students classified Autistic for the 2008-2009 year retroactive to 10/15/08 as per specifications in the attached (Att. #7)

4. **Recommend approval of service contract agreement with Public Consulting Group for Medicaid reimbursement services for the 2008-2009 school year, retroactive to 12/1/08 as per specifications in the attached (Att. #8)**
5. **Recommend approval of submittal of Five-Year Preschool Program Plan to State Department of Education as per State Mandate (Att. #9)**
6. **Recommend approval of contract between the West Orange Board of Education and the District's Security Officers (Att. #10)**
7. **Recommend approval of program for Student #124-2008 in the amount of \$23,469 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #11)**
8. **Recommend approval for Heidi Miller, Speech Language Pathologist, to provide feeding therapy to students for the 2008-2009 school year as per specifications in the attached (Att. #12)**
9. **Acceptance of Nisivoccia & Company Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2008**
10. **Receipt of the Board Secretary's Reports for the months of July, August, and September, 2008 (Att. #13)**
11. **Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of July, August, and September, 2008 (Att. #14)**

D. REPORTS

- VI. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND/OR BOARD MEMBERS**
- VII. PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT**