

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – January 12, 2009
WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL
51 Conforti 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 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF December 15, 2008 and the CLOSED MEETING MINUTES OF November 25, December 9, 10, 15 and 17, 2008 and January 7, 2009. (Att. #1)**
- IV. **SUPERINTENDENT'S AND/OR BOARD'S REPORTS**
 - A. **West Orange High School Students: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars**
 - B. **First Reading of the Following Board Policies consistent with NJQSAC and State Law:**

Research, Evaluation and Planning	2240.00
State Funds; Federal Funds	3220.00/3230.00
District Records and Reports	3570.00
District Owned Vehicles	3541.32
Certification	4112.20
Vandalism/Violence	5131.50

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Janet Cohen, Special Education Teacher, St. Cloud School, for retirement purposes, effective 6/30/09

Teresa Jordan, Part-time Bus Aide, effective 1/8/09

Linda D'Amato, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 1/12/09

2. Appointments

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

Dianna Carpenito, Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 Preschool, Pleasantdale School, effective 1/5/09

Michael Greeley, General Education Instructional Assistant, Edison Middle School, effective 1/12/09

Cory Jones, Special Education Instructional Assistant, .5 Roosevelt Middle School (Resource Program) and .5 Edison Middle School (Resource Program), effective 1/14/09

Joe Spina, Special Education Teacher, Autistic Class, WOHS, effective 60 days or less

Jennifer Novick, Special Education Instructional Assistant, LLD Class, Gregory School, effective retroactive to 12/18/08

Ruth Sedlewicz, Spanish Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave replacement, effective 1/1/09-6/30/09

Nicole Jusulavage, Special Education Instructional Assistant, LLD Class, Redwood School, effective 1/8/09

Kellie Sinisi, Grade 2 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave replacement, effective 1/21/09-6/30/09

Pietro Benfante, Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Grounds, effective, 1/115/09 (previously Utility Worker, Liberty Middle School)

Mallory Rapp, Special Education Teacher, LLD Class, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave replacement, effective 1/26/09-6/30/09 (currently Special Education Instructional Assistant, Edison Middle School)

Anthony Romano, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Autistic, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 1/22/09

Melanie Racanelli, Art Teacher, Edison Middle School, change in start date from 2/1/09 to 1/19/09 (previously approved 11/24/08)

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

Pia Vandeerstreet	K-12 & Music
Carolyn Estrada	4-12 & Lang. Arts
Marie Trusits	K-8

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

The following Math Teachers at WOHS to teach an extra period (medical leave coverage) and to be compensated with an additional 1/6th of their salaries:

**Leslie Bagen
Dara Brevard
Katelyn Busby
Barbara Ciccagione
Young Kim**

Revisions to Co-Curricular appointments, WOHS, for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Rescind Erika Arenger, Fight For Green**
- Appoint Sonia Lauren, Fight For Green (25%)**
- Appoint Tracey Reynolds, Fight For Green (75%)**
- Lewis Kelly, Indoor Color Guard**

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Anabela Conforti, Special Education Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave of absence, effective 2/2/09-6/30/09

Maria Stanziale, Basic Skills Teacher, Redwood School, change in return date of maternity leave of absence from 2/2/09 to 3/30/09

Elizabeth Levenberg, School Psychologist, maternity leave of absence, effective 3/9/09-6/30/09

June Rooks, Bus Monitor, medical leave of absence, effective 1/5/09 until released from doctor

Howard Chimento, Custodian, Gregory School, medical leave of absence, effective 1/6/09 until released from doctor

Lesley Diglio, Reading Specialist, Redwood School, maternity leave of absence, effective 3/16/09-6/30/09

4. Transfers

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

Juan Flores, Utility Worker, Buildings and Grounds, Central Office, to Utility Worker, Liberty Middle School, effective 1/15/09

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #3)

2. **Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #4)**

12/12/08-12/14/08	\$1,155,909.71
12/16/08-1/7/09	\$ 426,082.24
1/12/09	\$2,671,581.59
3. **Recommend approval of program for Student #125-2008 in the amount of \$76,664 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #5)**
4. **Recommend approval of National Staffing Associates, Inc. to provide nursing care for Student #125 for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #)**
5. **Recommend approval of the Corrective Action Plan for fiscal year ended 6/30/08 (Att. #7)**
6. **Recommend approval of submittal of Five-Year Preschool Program Plan to State Department of Education as per State Mandate (Att. #8)**
7. **Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of October, 2008 (Att. #9)**
8. **Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of October, 2008 (Att. #10)**

D. REPORTS

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