

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – August 20, 2007
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
179 Eagle Rock Avenue

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mr. Petigrow, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Casalino, Mrs. Brill, Mrs. Tague

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 20, 2007.

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 August 1, 2007 (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 5-0 (VV)

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S AND/OR BOARD'S REPORTS

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Mounif Semaan, French Teacher, WOHS, effective 6/30/07

Kathleen Russo, Occupational Therapist, Gregory Elementary School, effective 6/30/07

Cara Steinwandtner, Special Education Teacher Aide, Gregory Elementary School, effective 6/30/07

Karley Hagopian, Special Education Teacher Aide, St. Cloud Elementary School, effective 6/30/07

Kavish Dhaibar, Special Education Teacher Aide, Mt. Pleasant Elementary School, effective 9/1/07

Thomas Mazur, Vocal Music Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective date to be determined

Iona Santa Cruz, Lunch Aide, St. Cloud Elementary School, effective 6/30/07

Faith Giambattista, Reading Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 6/30/07

Kelly Clancy, Special Education Teacher, Pleasantdale School, effective 6/30/07

Jennifer Steinert-Davis, Special Education Teacher Aide, WOHS, effective 6/30/07

Michael Smulewicz, Math Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 60 days or sooner

Chris Finnegan, Instrumental Music Teacher, WOHS, effective 60 days or sooner

2. Rescissions

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

Rebecca Cohen, ESL Teacher (maternity leave replacement), Edison Middle School, effective immediately

Thomas D'Elia, Wrestling Coach, Roosevelt Middle School,

effective immediately

3. Appointments

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

Reappointments for the 2007-2008 school year as stipulated

Non-Reappointments for the 2007-2008 school year as stipulated

John Hellyer, Vocal Music Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/07

Lisa Reznik, French Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/07

Daniel D'Elia, Resource Room Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 9/1/07

Jennifer Sissman, Reading Specialist, Hazel Avenue School, effective 9/1/07

Rhanda Kramer-Cohen, Special Education Teacher, LLD Class, Gregory School, effective 9/1/07

Michelle McCaffrey, Special Education Teacher, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/07

John Harney, Special Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/07

Linda Garrelick, Speech/Language Consultant, Itinerant: Hazel/Liberty Schools, effective 9/1/07

Patricia Guerriero, Occupational Therapist, Pleasantdale Elementary School, effective 9/1/07

Nicole Cenatiempo, Special Education Teacher Aide, LLD Class, Gregory School, effective 9/1/07

Stephen Ferrara, Jr., Special Education Teacher Aide, MCI Class, Redwood School, effective 9/1/07

**Maegan Sinisi, Special Education Teacher Aide (Shared),
Autistic Class, Redwood School, effective 9/1/07**

**Daniel Gosselink, Special Education Teacher Aide,
Resource Program, WOHS, effective 9/1/07**

**Tara Ciccone, 1:1 Special Education Teacher Aide,
Preschool Disabled Class, Pleasantdale School, effective
9/1/07**

**Paola Carpineto, Special Education Teacher Aide,
Preschool, Pleasantdale Elementary School, effective
9/1/07**

**Dennis McGarrity, Special Education Teacher Aide, MCI
Class, WOHS, effective 9/1/07**

**Danielle Heller, Special Education Teacher Aide, 504
Class, St. Cloud School, effective 9/1/07**

**Timothy Dugan, Special Education Teacher Aide, Autistic
Class, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 9/1/07**

**Mary Kehoe, Special Education Teacher Aide, Autistic
Class, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 9/1/07**

**Christina DeMarco, Special Education Teacher Aide,
Resource Program, WOHS, effective 9/1/07**

**Meghan Barry, Special Education Teacher Aide, LLD
Class, Gregory School, effective 9/1/07**

**Robin Ewing, Part-time Bus Monitor, effective 8/28/07
pending completion of paperwork**

**Karla Guevara, Part-time Bus Monitor, effective 8/29/07
pending completion of paperwork**

**Pamela Joyner, Part-time Bus Monitor, effective 8/29/07
pending completion of paperwork**

**Steven Rene, Bus Monitor/Substitute Driver, effective
8/28/07**

Diane Sinisi, Pre-school Handicapped Teacher, Pleasantdale Elementary School, to provide two 45 minute periods of home instruction as per specifications in the attached (Att. #)

Instructors for the Fall, 2007 Staff Development Program as per the attached (Att. #3)

Instructors for the August, 2007 New Teacher Orientation as per the attached (Att. #4)

Revisions to Co-Curricular appointments, WOHS, for the 2007-2008 school year:

- **Rescind Michael Cohen, Newspaper (Pioneer) Assistant**
- **Rescind Louis Hellinger, Color Guard Instructor**
- **Appoint Victor Alcindor, Newspaper (Pioneer) Assistant**
- **Appoint Jennifer Lube, Color Guard Instructor**
- **Appoint Carlos Perez, Spanish Club**

- **Appoint Assistant Marching Band Directors:**
 - **Mark Legatic**
 - **Louis Hellinger**
 - **Chris Tarantino**
 - **Erin McClure**

Coaching Recommendations, WOHS, for the 2007-2008 school year:

- **Frank McSweeney, Assistant Cross Country Coach (Fall)**
- **Thomas D'Elia, Assistant Wrestling Coach**

Approval of the 2007-2008 Substitute List (Revised Att. #5)

**The following addition(s) to the 2007-2008 Substitute List:
Marilyn Campbell**

Carol Kulik, Interim Supervisor of Physical Education and Health, effective 9/1/07

Frank Guarneri, Registrar, initial salary guide adjustment as stipulated

4. Transfers

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

Sharon Weitz, Occupational Therapist, Pleasantdale School to Occupational Therapist, Gregory/Mt. Pleasant Elementary Schools, effective 9/1/07

5. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Patricia Burke, Elementary Teacher, Redwood Elementary School, maternity leave extension through 6/30/08

Personnel – Items 1, 2, 4 and 5

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino **SECOND:** Mrs. Kyle **VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

Personnel – Item 3

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (RC)
ABSTAIN: Mrs. Tague

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Revised Att. #6)
2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #7)

6/19/07-6/30/07 (Interim)	\$ 162,098.31
7/1/07-7/31/07	\$3,106,989.56
8/20/07	\$2,397,000.46
3. Recommend approval of contract renewal with AHERA Consultants Inc. for asbestos consulting services for the period 11/1/06-10/31/09 in the amount of \$5,800 per annum plus additional services, if necessary. (Att. #8)
4. Recommend approval of Automatic Temperature Control Service and Maintenance Agreement for the period 9/1/07-8/31/08 in the

amount of \$11,440 per annum. (Att. #9)

5. **Recommend acceptance of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grant award for fiscal year 2007 in the amount of \$749,060 (Att. #10)**
6. **Recommend approval of the TARA (Targeted At-Risk for Low-Income Student) 2007-2008 Budget Plan for submission to the County Superintendent (Att. #11)**
7. **Recommend approval of continuation of the New Beginning Program at West Orange High School for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #12)**
8. **Recommend approval of program for Student #53-2007, retroactive to 7/2/07, as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #13)**
9. **Recommend approval of continuation of agreement with Jeremy Greenberg, Ed.M, BCBA to provide services as an ABA Specialist/Staff Behaviorist as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #14)**
10. **Recommend approval of continuation of service agreement with AJL Physical and Occupational Therapy at the rate of \$85 per 30 minute session for the 2007-2008 school year.**
11. **Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2007-2008 School Year, Out-of-District placements as per the attached. (Att. #15)**
12. **Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the months of May and June, 2007 (Att. #16)**
13. **Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months of May and June, 2007 (Att. #17)**
14. **Recommend approval of transfer of funds under Title VI of the Administrative Code for the month of June 2007 (Att. #18)**
15. **Recommend approval of resolution that the West Orange Board of Education approve the contract with Sodexo Food Services Management Company and that we the district pay a management fee to Sodexo of \$119,025 for the 2007-08**

contract year. Be it further resolved that Sodexho guarantee that the West Orange School District shall receive an annual return of \$50,000 for the 2007-08 school year.

Finance – Items 1, 3 through 11, 14 and 15

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Tague **VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

Finance – Item 2

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Tague **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (RC)
ABSTAIN: Mr. Petigrow

Finance – Items 12 and 13

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of May and June, 2007.

D. REPORTS

1. **Board of Education Goals for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #19)**

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 5-0 (VV)

VI. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND/OR BOARD MEMBERS

VII. PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Brill **SECOND:** Mrs. Kyle **VOTE:** 5-0 (VV)