

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – September 24, 2007
HAZEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
45 Hazel 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 CLOSED AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF August 20, 2007 (Att. #1)

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

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

A. First Reading of the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is important for the West Orange public schools to be administered in a fashion that reflects the values of the community, and

WHEREAS it is the right of the West Orange community and all others to be aware of and understand the policies established by the West Orange Board of Education that set the parameters of such administration, and

WHEREAS over the last four year, the West Orange Board of Education has undertaken a complete review of its policies, and

WHEREAS that task is close to completion, and

WHEREAS some policies are still in force that the Board of Education has integrated into other, more extensive policies, or has decided are no longer relevant to current activities, or are not necessary for other reasons;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that all policies with an approval date earlier than October 28, 2003 are hereby rescinded, with the exception of the following that are under active consideration by the Board of Education: 3542.44 Purchasing; 5131.6 Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco; 6142.4 Physical Education and Health; 6145.00 Extra Curricular Activities; 9250.00 Expenses.

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

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Margaret Arnold, Special Education Teacher Aide, Gregory School, effective 6/30/07

Tara Marano, Special Education Teacher Aide, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 6/30/07

Eileen McDonald, Lunch Aide, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 6/30/07

Anthony Acquardo, Jr., Special Education Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, 6/30/07

Eileen Preziosi, Kindergarten Teacher, St. Cloud School, for retirement purposes, effective 6/30/08

Steven Rene, Bus Monitor/Substitute Driver, effective

9/20/07

Kenneth Taylor, Bus Monitor/Substitute Driver, effective 8/30/07

Lorna Brown, Bus Monitor/Substitute Driver, effective 8/30/07

Roxanne Robinson, Part-time Bus Monitor, effective 9/18/07

2. Rescissions

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

Meghan Barry, Special Education Teacher Aide, LLD Class, Gregory School, effective immediately

Robert Jones, Physical Education/Health Teacher, WOHS, long term substitute, effective immediately

Robin Ewing, Part-time Bus Monitor, effectively immediately

3. Appointments

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

Anthony Edelstein, Special Education Resource Room Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/07

Barbara Levee, Special Education Teacher Aide, OHI/SLD, Gregory School, effective 9/1/07

Meredith Jacobowitz, Resource Room Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 9/1/07

Lois Menkin, Occupational Therapist, 4 Elementary Schools, effective 9/1/07

Hillary Gary, Resource Room Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/07

Rosalind Moskovitz, Special Education Teacher Aide, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/10/07

Kyle Hughes, .5 Physical Education/Health Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 9/10/07

Dana Pottheiser, Special Education Teacher Aide, LLD Class, Gregory School, effective 9/17/07

Jessica Buttimore, Special Education Teacher Aide, Preschool Autistic Class, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/17/07

Amedeo Chirichiello, Student Assistance Counselor, WOHS, effective upon release from contract

Jennifer Kin, Special Education Teacher, Aide, Autistic Class, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/07

Alecia Marzullo, Special Education Teacher Aide, MCI Class, Redwood School, effective 9/1/07

Susan Meyers, Special Education Teacher Aide, LD Class, Redwood School, effective 9/20/07

Domenica Maria Alessi, Special Education Teacher Aide, LLD Class, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/19/07

Mary Ann Mondalto, Special Education Teacher Aide, Preschool, Pleasantdale School, effective 10/1/07

Janine Allen, Grade 4 Teacher, Redwood School, maternity leave replacement, effective 9/1/07-6/30/08

Christine Sweet, Instrumental Music Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/07

Peter Lopez, Special Education Teacher Aide, LLD Program, Gregory School, effective 9/1/07

Jacqueline Hanauer, Special Education Teacher Aide, LLD Class, Gregory School, effective 9/1/07

Peter O'Hanyan, Physical Education Teacher, WOHS, leave of absence replacement, effective 9/6/07-12/31/07

Yajing Li, .6 Mandarin Chinese Teacher, Liberty and Roosevelt Middle Schools, effective 9/1/07

Li Li Lin, Mandarin Chinese Teacher, Liberty and Roosevelt Middle Schools, change in assignment from full time to .4, effective 9/1/07

Martina Villani, ESL Teacher, Edison Middle School, maternity leave replacement, effective 9/1/07-1/31/08 (previously Special Education Teacher Aide, Pleasantdale School)

Gina San'tAngelo, Special Education Teacher Aide, MCI, Redwood School, effective 9/1/07

Eric Polhill, Language Arts Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, maternity leave replacement, effective 9/1/07

Jessica Billingsby, Resource Room Teacher (long term substitute), WOHS, effective 9/1/07

Ronald Zeltner, Physics Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/07

Steven Delpome, Language Arts Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/07

Marylin Campbell, Math Teacher (long term substitute), Edison Middle School, effective 9/1/07

Linda Torrisi, Central Office Secretary, Docu Share, effective 10/1/07 (previously librarian aide)

Lynn Oliver, 3/5 Speech Therapist, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/07 (previously per diem)

Meg Lipper, Special Education Teacher Aide, Autistic Class, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 9/1/07

Ramon Perez, Maintenance Worker, effective 9/15/07 (previously Utility Worker)

Jeanne DiOrio, Lunch Aide, Mt. Pleasant School, effective

9/5/07

Christine Spence, Lunch Aide, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/5/07

Vickie Bingham, Lunch Aide, Redwood School, effective 9/6/07

Paula Petrucelli, Lunch Aide, Pleasantdale School, effective pending completion of paperwork

Lois Reichert, Lunch Aide, Hazel Avenue School, effective pending completion of paperwork

The following lunch aides, Pleasantdale School, effective for the 2007-2008 school year:

- **Shaquan Lewis**
- **Cherican Faison**
- **Shendrale Walken**
- **Quintin Yarrell**

Gary French, Lunch Aide, Washington School, effective 9/5/07

Margie Horton, Part-time Bus Monitor, effective retroactive to 8/29/07

Roxanne Robinson, Part-time Bus Monitor, effective retroactive to 8/29/07

Jenny Wright, Temporary Bus Monitor, effective 9/17/07-11/29/07

Joseph Villone, Sub-Custodian, effective 10/1/07

Luis Maticorena, Sub-Custodian, effective 10/1/07

Co-Curricular Positions, Edison Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year (Att. #2)

Co-Curricular Positions, WOHS, for the 2007-2008 school year:

Rachel Ostanski	Model UN
Lisa Reznik	French Club
Jean Claude Cenatus	French Honor Society

The following staff members to teach an extra period and to be compensated with an additional 1/6th of their salaries:

Maryann Solimo, Wilson Reading Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective retroactive to 9/1/07

Mayda Kale, Special Education Teacher, WOHS, effective retroactive to 9/1/07

Patricia Quinn, Special Education Teacher, Gregory School, effective retroactive to 9/1/07

Stacy Forte, Special Education Teacher, St. Cloud School, effective retroactive to 9/10/07

Summer guidance work related to student schedules for the following guidance counselors at the appropriate contractual rate:

Pamela Halstead, Edison Middle School, July 17 and August 9, 2007

Janice Carroll, Edison Middle School, July 17 and August 7, 2007

Lisa Struncis, Edison Middle School, August 9, 10 and 13, 2007

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

Pierre McGuffie	6-12 & Fine Arts
Kristyne Singer	K-12 & English
Thomas Graham	K-12
Gloria Watkins	K-8
Linda Heitman	7-8 (LMS & RMS)
Rachel Musto	K-5
Sandra Criscuolo	K-5
Jeanine Putzer	K-5
Brad Joffe	K-5 & 9-12
Thomas Tutalo	K-12
Diane Brady	Clerical Aide (St. Cloud only)
Sultana Pashalidis	K-8
Marlene Rivero	Secretary

Jodi Torise	6-12
Jackie Sloan	6-8
Shannon McClure	Marching Band
Edward Hector	K-12
Carter Perry	K-12
<u>Joseph Prussak</u>	<u>6-12</u>
<u>Elida Pompilos</u>	<u>Secretary</u>

Hourly and Per Diem Rates for the 2007-2008 School Year as per attached. (Att. #3)

Individuals to provide After Care services for Special Education Students at Pleasantdale and St. Cloud Schools as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #4)

Child Study Team members to provide Annual Review, IEP and Case Management Services (maternity leave replacements for School Psychologist), effective 9/17/07-11/30/07. (Att. #5)

Dorothy Becker-Russo, Special Education Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, to provide in-home ABA Parent Training for Autistic student, effective retroactive to 9/5/07 for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #6)

Individuals to provide Extended Day Home Programming for the period 9/5/07-6/30/08 as per specifications in the attached (Att. #7)

Peter Pantalena, Speech Therapist, to provide two 30-minute periods of weekly Speech-Language (at home) for the period 9/5/07-6/30/08 as per specifications in the attached (Att. #8)

Theresa Garrison, Occupational Therapist, Pleasantdale School, to provide after school O.T. services for the period 9/5/07-6/30/08 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #9)

Individuals to provide home instruction on an as needed basis for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #10)

Volunteer Coaches, WOHS, for the 2007-2008 school year:

- Stephan Zichella, Girls Soccer/Weight Room
- Joe Picataggio, Cross Country

Theresa Garrison, Occupational Therapist, Pleasantdale School, to provide three 60 minute periods weekly of Occupational Therapy, as per specifications in the attached, effective retroactive to 9/10/07, (Att. # 34)

Steve Melendez, District Social Worker, to provide two hours of home counseling per week, as per specifications in the attached, effective retroactive to 9/10/07. (Att. #35)

Child Study Team Staff to perform after school evaluations for Special Education Students as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #36)

4. **Transfer**

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

Nicole Lavecchia, .5 Resource Program Teacher and .5 Resource Program Instructional Aide, Mt. Pleasant School to Resource Room Teacher (full time), Mt. Pleasant School, effective retroactive to 9/1/07

5. **Leave(s) of Absence**

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

Marilyn Kuhlmann, Art Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, medical leave of absence, effective 9/1/07-1/3/08, at which time her condition will be reevaluated

Maria Vagias Frangos, Business Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, leave of absence effective 11/12/07-4/11/08

6. **Salary Adjustments effective retroactive to 7/1/07 as stipulated**

7. **Remuneration for accumulated sick days to Steven Kehayas as stipulated in closed session.**

Jerry Tarnoff, Superintendent and Stephen Christiano, Board Attorney.

- 6. Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2007-2008 School Year, Out-of-District placements as per the attached. (Att. #17)**
- 7. Recommend approval to receive Student K.A for the 2007-2008 school year for tuition received in the amount of \$22,959. (Att. #18)**
- 8. Recommend approval to receive the following students for the 2007-2008 school Year for tuition received in the amounts noted: (Att. #19)**
 - L.D. \$ 85.26 per diem**
 - D.S. \$127.55 per diem**
 - H.M. \$127.55 per diem**
- 9. Recommend approval to allow Gateway School to opt out to charge students for paid or reduced meals for the 2007-2008 school year in accordance with New Jersey Code 6A:23-4.5(a)20.**
- 10. Recommend acceptance of donation of a bus to be added to the District's Transportation fleet by the West Orange High School Music Boosters to be utilized primarily for transporting music equipment to and from Marching Band competitions. (Att. #20)**
- 11. Recommend approval to hire an additional Mid-Shift Utility Worker at Liberty Middle School. (Att. #21)**
- 12. Recommend acceptance of Pike Construction Letter of Credit in the amount of \$70,000.**
- 13. Recommend approval of program for Student #119-2007 in the amount of \$39,442 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #22)**
- 14. Recommend approval of agreement between the West Orange Board of Education and the International Union of Operating Engineers for the period July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2011. (Att. #23)**
- 15. Recommend approval for implementation of the Waterford Early Reading, Waterford Early Math, and Science 1-2-3 Programs for special education classes at Redwood School for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #24)**

16. **Recommend approval of service contract agreement with KDDS Too, Inc. located in Fairfield, NJ for physical therapy consultation/evaluation for out-of-district student at New Beginnings School for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #25)**
17. **Recommend approval to submit to the New Jersey Department of Education a combined IDEIA-B Grant Application for fiscal year 2008 in the following allocated amounts:
IDEIA Basic: \$1,541,997
IDEIA Preschool: \$ 68,202**
18. **Recommend approval to submit to the New Jersey Department of Education the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Grant Application for fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$713,610. (Att. #26)**
19. **Recommend approval of 1:1 aides for the 2007-2008 School Year Out-Of-District placements. (Att. #27)**
20. **Recommend approval of Application for Absence for School Business requests submitted for Board of Education approval. (Revised Att. #28)**
21. **Recommend approval of Framan Mechanical Proposed Change Order numbers 1, 2, 4 and 5 in the amount of \$79,280.34 as pertains to the Roosevelt Middle School HVAC Upgrade Project. (Att. #29)**
22. **Recommend approval of Framan Mechanical Proposed Change Order numbers 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the amount of \$26,797.84 as pertains to the Edison Middle School HVAC Upgrade Project. (Att. #30)**
23. **Recommend approval of Caro Corporation Change Order in the amount of \$660 as pertains to the Pleasantdale Parking Lot Expansion project. (Att. #31)**
24. **Recommend approval of Country View Inc. Change Order proposal in the amount of \$28,000 as pertains to the Liberty Middle School Field Improvement Project. (Att. #32)**
25. **Recommend approval for Elise Ruder, Management Information**

Systems Coordinator to attend the annual SASI Convention in Orlando, Florida on 10-31-07-11/2/07.

Finance – Items 1 and 3 through 25

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

Finance – Item 2

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (RC)

ABSTAIN: Mr. Petigrow

D. REPORTS

1. Disposition of affidavit case as stipulated.

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

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

VII. PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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