

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – May 12, 2008
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
289 Main Street

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 April 17, 2008. (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow **SECOND:** Mrs. Lab **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):

Kathryn Treffinger, Special Education Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 6/30/08

Deidre DeVito, Basic Skills Teacher, Washington School, effective 6/30/08

Dafne Rodriguez, Spanish Teacher, WOHS, effective 6/30/08

2. Appointments

- a.) Superintendent recommends the reappointment of non-tenured certified and non-certified staff for the 2008-2009 school year as stipulated**
- b.) Superintendent recommends approval of the following appointment(s) at the appropriate contractual rates:**

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

Vladimir Kigel	6-12 Math & Science
Marc Young	6-12 Math
Kristen Spagnuolo	K-12
Paula Correia	K-5
Maria Mezzina	K-5

The following individuals to provide ABA home instruction for a Preschool Autistic Student, 5 hours per week, effective 5/5/08-6/20/08:

Kathleen Sadler, Teacher	2.5 hours/week	\$62.00/hour
Jessica Buttimore, Aide	2.5 hours/week	\$19.50/hour

Meryl Tillis, District Social Worker, to do Social Histories (after school hours), when required as part of Child Study Team Evaluations, at a rate of \$350 per evaluation

Kimberly Meyerson, Grade 4 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave replacement, effective 5/12/08-6/30/08 (currently instructional aide)

Sharon Ortiz, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 9/1/08

Tagen Carbone, Biology Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/08 (currently instructional aide)

Co-Curricular positions for the 2008-2009 school year for the following schools: WOHS, Washington School, Pleasantdale School and Roosevelt Middle School (Att. #2)

Business, Technical and Family & Consumer Science Education Departments staff for summer work as per attached (Att. #3)

Individuals to do home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2007-2008 school year (Att. #4)

Joseph Russamano and Linda D’Amato, Instructional Assistants, Mt. Pleasant School, to assist Autistic students at the Enrichment Program at Mt. Pleasant School, as per specifications in the attached (Att. #5)

Adam Geher, Principal, St. Cloud Elementary School, effective 7/1/08

3. Transfers

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

Maria Vagias Frangos, Business Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, to Business Education Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 9/1/08 (retirement replacement)

Karen Berzankis, Grade 6 Science Teacher, Edison Middle School, to Grade 7 Science Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 9/1/08

Gary Krajewski, Mid-Shift Custodian, WOHS, to Night-Shift Custodian, WOHS, effective 5/5/08, with Night Shift differential as per contract

Delmi Cruz, Night-Shift Custodian, WOHS, to Mid-Shift Custodian, WOHS, effective 5/5/08, with Mid-Shift differential as per contract

Elena Perez, Instrumental Music Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, to Instrumental Music Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/08

4. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Maria Stanziale, Basic Skills Teacher, Redwood School, maternity leave of absence, effective 9/1/08-12/12/08

Michele DeBlieck, Grade 2 Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, maternity leave of absence, effective 9/1/08-1/30/09

Sarah McIntosh, Guidance Counselor, Gregory School, maternity leave of absence, effective 9/1/08-10/31/08

Sue Whitty, Math Teacher, WOHS, medical leave of absence, effective 1/25/08-6/30/08

Personnel – Items 1 through 4

MOTION: Mrs. Brill

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend approval of revised 2008-2009 School Calendar due to State-mandated test schedule (Att. #6)
2. Recommend approval of Annual Spring Marching Band trip to Boston, MA for the period 5/30/08-6/2/08 (Att. #7)
3. Recommend submission of the grant applications for the New Jersey Assault Prevention Project for Essex County for the West Orange Public Schools (Att. #8)
4. Recommend approval for half-days for the first three days of kindergarten for the 2008/09 school year – September 3, 4, and 5, 2008.

Curriculum – Items 1 through 4

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Tague

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #9)
2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #10)

4/18/08-5/7/08	\$1,436,295.68
5/12/08	\$2,921,747.15
3. Recommend approval of an amendment to the FY08 IDEA application in order to accept \$71,709 in nonpublic carryover funds from the 2006-2007 school year. New totals for FY08 IDEA are as follows:

BASIC:	\$1,613,706
PRESCHOOL:	\$ 68,530
4. Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2008 Extended School Year Out-Of-District placements as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #11)

Finance – Items 1, 3 and 4

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

Finance – Item 2

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

D. REPORTS

1. Disposition of Residency Hearing for Student B.B. as stipulated.
2. Stipulation of Settlement: V.J.P. and F.R.P. o/b/o A.D.P. v. Board of Education of the Township of West Orange

Reports – Items 1 and 2

MOTION: Mrs. Brill **SECOND:** Mrs. Lab **VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

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

MOTION: Mrs. Brill

SECOND: Mrs. Tague

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)