

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – June 2, 2008**  
**ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**36 Gilbert Place**

**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 May 10 and 12, 2008. (Att. #1)**

**MOTION:** Mr. Petigrow      **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):

Patricia Poore, Science Teacher, WOHS, for retirement purposes, effective 11/1/08

**2. Rescissions**

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

**Martina Villani, ESL Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective immediately**

**3. Appointments**

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

**Kaneal Plummer, Biology Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/08**

**William O'Toole, Grade 8 Reading Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Steven DelPome, Grade 7 English Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Thomas Perrone, Social Studies Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Nathaniel Monk, Business Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Ana Marti, Supervisor ESL, effective 7/1/08 or when released from current contract**

**Darlene Sardinsky, Special Education Teacher, Pre-School Autistic, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/08**

**Tiffany Higgins, Special Education Teacher, Autistic Class, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 9/1/08**

**Carla Testa, Kindergarten Teacher, Gregory School, effective 9/1/08**

**Amy Danzig, Elementary Teacher, St. Cloud School, effective 9/1/08**

**Kathleen Sadler, District Behavior Consultant Behavior Analyst (BCBA), effective 9/1/08**

**Meredith Johnson, District Behavior Consultant Behavior**

**Analyst (BCBA), effective 9/1/08**

**Jenna Worman, Grade 2 Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, maternity leave replacement, effective 9/1/08-1/31/09 (currently Instructional Assistant, Mt. Pleasant and will resume position of Instructional Assistant effective 2/1/09-6/30/09)**

**Andrea Ferrara, Grade 5 Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, maternity leave replacement, effective 9/1/08-12/31/08 (currently Special Education Teacher, (maternity leave replacement), Redwood School, and will return to position of Instructional Assistant 1/1/09-6/30/09)**

**Ryan Patscher, Itinerant Physical Education Teacher, effective 9/1/08**

**Rosemary Rich, Library Media Specialist, WOHS, effective 9/1/08**

**Elena Ameres, Chemistry Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/08**

**Michele Schulz, Biology Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/08**

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

Joyce Schwartz	K-5 & Spec. Ed.
Deanne Leone	K-8
Lourdes Chavez	Spanish
Geoff Grivalsky	K-12 & Spec. Ed.
Martha Espinoza	Custodian
Valerie Krauser	K-12
William Carl Brister	K-12 Music, Athletics, English & Math

**Co-Curricular positions for the 2008-2009 school year, St. Cloud Elementary School:**

Caroline Stoner	Conflict Resolution Co-Advisor
Jo Ann Lemaldi	Conflict Resolution Co-Advisor
Jenny Rezik	Student Council Co-Advisor
Carrie Colvin	Student Council Co-Advisor

**Staff for ESL and Basic Skills Summer 2008 Testing as per attached (Att. #2)**

**Individuals to provide extended Summer Program 2008 ABA Home Based Instruction as per specifications in the**

attached (Att. #3)

**Custodian/Maintenance Black Seal Boiler Operators License stipends (Att. #4)**

**Individuals to do home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2007-2008 school year (Att. #5)**

**David Whitson, Instructional Assistant, Mt. Pleasant School, to assist Primary Autistic student during Recreation Therapy at Extended Year summer camp, effective 6/23/08-8/8/08 (Att. #6)**

**Linda D’Amato, Instructional Assistant, Mt. Pleasant School, to provide after care for a non-verbal, Autistic student during Recreation Therapy, effective 6/2/08-6/30/08 (Att. #7)**

**The following individuals to provide services to Autistic student, effective 8/19/08-9/3/08: (Att. #8)**

Diane Sinisi	ABA Instruction
Theresa Garrison	Occupational Therapy

**Instructors for the Summer/Fall 2008 Staff Development Program as per specifications in the attached (Att. #9)**

**Tiffany Higgins, Instructional Assistant, Mt. Pleasant School, to provide ABA Home Instruction to Autistic Student, effective 8/7/08-8/23/08 as per specifications in the attached (Att. #10)**

**Sue Rowek, Administrative Assistant, St. Cloud School, to work up to a maximum of 10 additional days in the summer to assist the new St. Cloud School Principal.**

#### **4. Transfers**

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

**Leila Tirado Smith, Guidance Counselor, Liberty Middle School, to Guidance Counselor, Hazel Elementary School, effective 9/1/08**

**Sarah McIntosh, Itinerant Guidance Counselor, Hazel/Gregory Elementary Schools, to Guidance**

**Counselor, Gregory Elementary School, effective 9/1/08**

**Lisa Struncis, Guidance Counselor, Edison Middle School, to Guidance Counselor, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Karen Whitworth Thompson, Social Studies Teacher, Edison Middle School, to Reading Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Rosemary Murray, School Nurse, Edison Middle School, to School Nurse, Washington School, effective 9/1/08**

**Joseph Moore, Reading Teacher, Edison Middle School, to Grade 5 Teacher, Washington School, effective 9/1/08**

**Aliza Grutt, LLD Teacher, Gregory School, to PSD Teacher, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/08**

**Anabella Conforti, Kindergarten Teacher, Pleasantdale School, to LLD Teacher, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/08**

**Michelle McCaffrey, LLD Teacher, Pleasantdale School, to Kindergarten Teacher, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/08**

**Stacy Forte, LLD Teacher, St. Cloud School, to LLD Teacher, Redwood School, effective 9/1/08**

**Alison Strobone, PSD-Inclusion Teacher, Pleasantdale School, to LLD Teacher, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/08**

**Kristen Talone, LLD Teacher, Pleasantdale School, to PSD-Inclusion Teacher, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/08**

**Meredith Jacobowitz, Special Education Teacher (RR), Redwood School, to Mild Cognitive Teacher, Redwood School, effective 9/1/08**

**Cara Dock, Grade 1 Teacher, Redwood School, to Special Education Teacher (RR), Redwood School, effective 9/1/08**

**Eileen Lambert, Grade 3 Teacher, Redwood School, to Special Education Teacher (RR), Redwood School, effective 9/1/08**

**Nicole Suriano, .5 Special Education Teacher (Resource) and .5 Instructional Assistant, St. Cloud School to Special Education Teacher, LLD, Gregory School, effective 9/1/08**

**Marylin Campbell, Mathematics Teacher, Edison Middle School, to Elementary Teacher, Washington School, effective 9/1/08**

**Eric Polhill, Reading Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, to Reading Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Kristen O'Connell, Physical Education Teacher, Edison Middle School, to Physical Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Marie Corvelli, 4/5 Special Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, to full time Special Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

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

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

**Patricia Fogarty, Special Education Teacher, Washington Elementary School, medical leave of absence, effective 5/12/08-6/30/08 (or when released from doctor)**

**Sophia Brooks, Special Education Teacher Aide, Gregory School, medical leave of absence, effective 6/2/08-6/24/08 (upon reevaluation by doctor)**

**Debby Cohen, Special Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, maternity leave of absence, effective 9/1/08-10/31/08**

**Carmen Zavala, Night Custodian, WOHS, medical leave of absence, effective 5/27/08-8/8/08 (or sooner upon release from doctor)**

**Ronald Bowman, Custodian, Edison Middle School,  
medical leave of absence, effective 5/5/08-6/30/08**

**Personnel – Items 1 through 5**

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

**B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Recommend approval of students currently eligible to receive a West Orange High School diploma. (Att. #11)

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

**C. FINANCE**

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis. (Att. #12)
2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #13)

5/8/08-5/11/08	\$3,738,947.92
5/13/08-5/28/08	\$ 461,682.96
6/2/08	\$ 619,711.43
3. Recommend approval of Central Office, Departments of Buildings and Grounds and Transportation 2008-2009 calendars. (Att. #14)
4. Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2007-2008 School Year Out-Of-District placement for student #134, retroactive to 4/30/08, as per specifications in the attached (Att. #15)
5. Recommend approval of renewal of service contract agreement with Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey for the 2008-2009 school year as per specifications in the attached (Att. #16)
6. Recommend approval of service contract agreement for the 2008-2009 school year, including extended year, with KDDS Too, Inc., for Support Services for out of district students attending New Beginnings in Fairfield, NJ as per specifications in students' IEP's. (Att. #17)

7. Recommend approval of service contract agreement with Contour Data Corporation for the 2008-2009 school year for software services related to IEP development and case management (Att. #18)
8. Recommend approval of continuation of nursing care provided by Nurse Finders for Student #12 2008-09 for the 2008-2009 school year as per specifications in the attached (Att. #19)
9. Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2008-2009 School Year Out-Of-District Placements as per the attached (Att. #20)
10. Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2008-2009 Extended School Year, Out-Of-District Placements as per the attached (Att. #21)
11. Recommend approval of continuation of nursing care provided by Loving Care Agency, Inc. for Student #64 2008-09 for the 2008-2009 school year as per specifications in the attached (Att. #22)
12. Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2008 Extended School Year Out-Of-District Placements as per the attached (Att. #23)
13. Receipt of the Board Secretary's Reports for the months of January, February and March, 2008 (Att. #24)
14. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of January, February and March, 2008 (Att. #25)

**Finance – Items 1 through 12**

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

**Finance – Items 13 and 14**

**The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Reports and the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of January, February and March 2008.**

**D.      REPORTS**

1.      **Disposition of Residency Hearing for Students L.H. and H.G. as stipulated.**



**MOTION:** Mrs. Tague      **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 to adjourn to Closed Session.**

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

**Motion to return to Open Session.**

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

**Motion to adjourn meeting.**

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