

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – February 23, 2009
LIBERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
1 Kelly Drive

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 PUBLIC AND CLOSED MEETING MINUTES OF February 9, 17 and 21 2009. (Att. #1)

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

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

- A. West Orange High School Student Recognition: Finalists – 2009 National Achievement Scholarship Competition
- B. Second Reading of the Following Board Policies consistent with NJQSAC and State Law:

Research, Evaluation and Planning 2240.00

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

State Funds; Federal Funds

3220.00/3230.00

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Tague

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

District Records and Reports

3570.00

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

District Owned Vehicles

3541.32

Motion to amend.

MOTION: Mrs. Tague

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

Motion to approve as amended.

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Lab

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

Certification

4112.20

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Margaret Pluck, Secretary, LMC, WOHS, for retirement purposes, effective 7/1/09

Erika Arenger, World Languages, WOHS, effective 7/1/09

2. Appointments

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

Veronica Piombo, Instructional Assistant, Kindergarten Class, Mt. Pleasant School, effective upon completion of paperwork

Danielle DeRosa, .6 Reading Teacher, Redwood School, maternity leave replacement, effective 2/23/09-6/30/09

Cesar Esquivel, Night Shift Custodian, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 3/1/09

Teachers and aides to instruct/assist the 2009 ASK, ASK Inclusion Model, and HSPA Preparation Programs as per attached. (Att. #2)

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

Joseph Motyka	Art and K-12
Amanda Greenlees	Spec. Ed. WOHS
Louise Pilles	Secretary
Marisol DaSilva	Spec. Ed. WOHS
Joshua Goldfarb	K-12
Jesse Aporta	K-12
Sara Araya	K-12 & Italian & French
Vincent Byron	6-12 Phys. Ed & Health
Carol Perry	K-5

Summer 2009 Guidance Work at the stipulated contractual rate (Att. #3)

Staff to provide home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #4)

LuAnn Grasso, Instructional Assistant, Gregory School, to assist Autistic Student at Gregory’s After School Enrichment Program effective retroactive to 2/9/09 through 3/23/09 (Att. #5)

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Dana Strus, Grade 4 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, extension of maternity leave of absence, effective through 6/30/2010

4. Transfers

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

Melissa Russoniello, Special Education Instructional Assistant, MCI Class, Redwood School, to Special Education Instructional Assistant, LLD Class, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 3/2/09

5. Approval of job descriptions for Network Administrator and Computer Technician (Att. #6)

Personnel – Items 1 through 5

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

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approve resolution for West Orange Public Schools to participate in the “New Jersey Green Schools Program” (Att. #7)
2. Approval of Elementary, Middle and High School field trips for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #8 revised)

Curriculum and Instruction – Item 1 subject to Superintendent providing additional information regarding cost and timelines

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

Curriculum and Instruction – Item 2

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

2/10/09-2/19/09	\$1,354,534.97
2/23/09	\$1,533,625.55
2/23/09	\$ 170,627.56
3. Recommend approval of programs for Student #46-2008 in the amount of \$35,024 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #11)

4. **Recommend approval of continuation of agreement between Arts Unbound and the West Orange Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year as per specifications in the attached (Att. #12)**

Finance – Items 1 through 4

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

D. REPORTS

1. **Authorization of Board President to execute closing documents in the sale of property located at Bachman Terrace (Block 152.28 Lots 1171-1174) to Santo Commarato, Jr. (Att. #13)**

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