

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – October 26, 2009
PLEASANTDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
555 PLEASANT VALLEY WAY**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss affidavit cases and other legal matters including employment status of F.F., Judge's decision on O.A.L. and NJSIAA Complaint, etc.

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow **SECOND:** Mrs. Lab **VOTE:** 4-0 (VV)

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

Motion to return to open session.

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

II. NOTICE OF MEETING:

Please take notice that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in the following manner:

- A. That a written notice was sent from the Office of the Secretary of the Board at 4:00 p.m. on September 24, 2009.**
- B. That said notice was sent by regular mail to the West Orange Township Clerk and by e-mail to the Editors of the West Orange Chronicle and the Star-Ledger.**
- C. That said notice was posted in the lobby of the Administration Building of the Board of Education.**

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE CLOSED AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2009

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

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

**A. Observance of "School Violence Awareness Week":
October 19 - 23, 2009**

- a.) Activities in Schools**
- b.) Violence and Vandalism Statistical Report**

The Board accepted the Superintendent's presentation of the Violence and Vandalism Public Hearing Report. Filipe Santiago, Director of Technology presented a Power Point slideshow referencing a 6 year statistical report. After the slideshow, no dialogue transpired and no public comments were made regarding the presentation.

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Robert Hull, Custodian, Roosevelt Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective 1/1/10

Juan Kasbarian, Custodian, WOHS, for retirement purposes, effective 1/1/10

2. Rescissions

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

William Valdivia, Part-time Athletic Driver, Transportation Department, effective immediately

3. Appointments

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

Joanne Pollara, Principal, effective 10/27/09, Step 6, \$124,633.12 (replacement)

Louis Quagliato, Interim Principal, Gregory School, effective 10/27/09 (replacement)

Stephanie Edwards, Special Education Instructional Aide, MCI, Redwood School, effective 11/1/09, BA-1, \$25,754 (additional)

Kathy McCormick, Administrative Assistant, Central Office, effective 10/6/09, Column 4 Step 7, \$42,511 (previously full time substitute)

Jessica Geronomio, Special Education Instructional Aide, Autistic, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 11/1/09, BA-1, \$25,754 (replacement)

Laurie Ann Dodd, Girls' Locker Room Aide, Edison Middle School, effective 10/5/09, \$16.08/hour, 1.5 hours/day (additional)

Dawn Brennan, Breakfast Aide, Gregory School, effective 9/14/09, \$16.08/hour, .5 hours/day (additional)

Pamela Edwards James, Lunch Aide, Redwood School, effective 10/27/09, \$16.08/hour, 2 hours/day (replacement)

Mara Waldman, Vocal Director/Piano Accompanist, WOHS Spring Musical

Kathryn Winston, Administrative Assistant, Assistant Superintendent's Office, to receive stipend for Bachelor's Degree, effective 10/1/09

The following addition(s) to the 2009-2010 Substitute List:

Gary Tyree

Custodian

Staff to provide home instruction on an "as needed" basis for the 2009-2010 school year

Co-Curricular appointment, Redwood School, for the 2009-2010 school year:

- **Kimya Jackson, Math Club**

Lateral movement on salary guide for course completion, as per contract, as stipulated

4. Transfers

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

Christina Guarneri, General Education Instructional Aide, Gregory School, to Special Education Instructional Aide, PSD, Pleasantdale School, effective 10/2/09

Kevan Murphy, Special Education Instructional Aide, PSD, Pleasantdale School, to General Education Instructional Aide, Gregory School, effective 10/2/09

MaryAnn Maccarino, Physical Education Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School (full time) to .8 Physical Education Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 10/27/09

Henry Chang, Special Education Instructional Aide, LLD, Liberty Middle School, to Special Education Instructional Aide, Autistic, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 10/19/09

Brad Joffe, Special Education Instructional Aide, Roosevelt Middle School, to Special Education Instructional Aide, Liberty Middle School (AM) and Roosevelt Middle School (PM), effective 10/19/09

- 5. Superintendent recommends approval of West Orange Public Schools Organizational Chart**
- 6. Disposition of employment status of L.C. as stipulated**
- 7. Disposition of employment status of F.F. as stipulated**

Personnel – Items 1 through 7

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mrs. Lab

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 1. Recommend approval of ESL Adult Literacy Program at Washington School for the 2009-2010 school year.**
- 2. Recommend approval of Elementary, Middle and High School field trips for the 2009-2010 school year**
- 3. Recommend approval of the following co-curricular club:**

Math Club, Redwood School, \$500

Curriculum and Instruction – Items 1 through 3

MOTION: Mrs. Brill

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists:

10/26/09	\$2,932,917.73
10/26/09	\$ 16,118.37

2. Recommend approval to accept the fiscal year 2010 IDEA Consolidated Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Education for the period 9/1/09-8/31/10 in the following amounts:

Basic:	\$1,595,919
Preschool:	\$ 64,797

3. Recommend approval to receive students residing in West Orange, placed by the State of NJ Department of Human Services for the 2009-2010 School Year

4. Recommend approval of the AIE Residency Agreement Between Artists-in-Education Consortium (AIE), Arts Horizons, and Edison Middle School and acceptance of grant award in the amount of \$6,015 to Edison Middle School for an Artists-in-Education residency

5. Recommend continuation of agreement between Arts Unbound and the West Orange Board of Education for the 2009-2010 school year at an approximate cost of \$1,000

6. Recommend approval for Christopher Nesbitt, LPN as day/night nurse for Hazel Avenue 5th Grade Camping Trip to Johnsonburg Campgrounds in Allamuchy, NJ, October 14, 15 and 16, 2009, at the contractual rate

7. Recommend approval for MIS Department to receive PowerSchool Object Report Training on November 11 and 12, 2009, at a cost of \$4,140

8. Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2009-2010 School Year Out-Of-District placements for the following students, in the amount of \$137,297 as per specifications in the attached:

*Student #3-2009	*Student #125-2009
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9. Recommend approval of transfer of funds under Title VI of the

Administrative Code for the period 7/1/08-6/30/09

10. **Recommend acceptance of an additional \$5,000 for a new total award of \$10,000 from the Italian American Committee on Education for the 2009-2010 school year**
11. **Recommend acceptance of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grant award for fiscal year 2010 in the amount of \$1,097,690**
12. **Recommend approval of mathematics proposal submitted by Fred Remer, mathematics consultant, to facilitate in the implementation of district-wide elementary math program, in the amount of \$7,500**
13. **Recommend approval of Annual Software License Agreement with Systems 3000 for the period 7/1/09-6/30/10 in the amount of \$24,900**
14. **Recommend approval of Settlement Agreement between the West Orange Board of Education and C.L. and M.L. o/b/o C.L. as stipulated.**
15. **Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of July and August, 2009**

Finance – Items 1 through 14

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

Finance – Item 15

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of July and August, 2009.

D. REPORTS

1. **Disposition of residency hearing for S.H.C. as stipulated.**

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

2. **Disposition of Judge’s Decision: L.E.H. o/b/o Z.H. v. West Orange Board of Education as stipulated.**

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

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

VII. MOTION FOR THE NEXT PUBLIC BOARD MEETING to be held at 6:00 p.m. on November 10, 2009 at Redwood Elementary School.

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

VIII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Lab

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)