

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – September 20, 2010
Hazel Elementary School
46 Hazel Avenue**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mrs. Brill, Mrs. Lab, Mrs. Casalino, Mrs. Mordecai

Absent: Mr. Petigrow

Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss employment status of certain employees and certain contract proposals.

MOTION: Mrs. Lab

SECOND: Mrs. Casalino

VOTE: 4-0 (VV)

Motion to reconvene to open session at 8:00.

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

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mrs. Lab

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 May 4, 2010.

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 August 23 and September 15, 2010 (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Casalino

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)

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

- A. Academic Students Achievement Program (ASAP) Presentation**
- B. Language Arts Literacy Presentation**

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Frederick Cano, Instructional Aide, Liberty School, effective 8/30/10

Mel Levine, Instructional Aide, Edison School, effective 9/1/10

Linda D'Amato, Instructional Aide, Pleasantdale School, effective 8/27/10

Kerry McLoughlin, Instructional Aide, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/1/10

Maria Lagonigro, Instructional Aide, St. Cloud School, effective immediately

Ronald Bowman, Night Shift Custodian, Edison Middle School, disability retirement ,contingent upon acceptance of application to the Division of Pension and Benefits, effective 9/20/10

Dianne Shepherd, Bus Driver, disability retirement, effective and contingent upon acceptance of application to the Division of Pension and Benefits

2. Appointments

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

Jamie Torriello, Instructional Aide, General Education, St. Cloud School, BA-4, \$27,411, effective 9/1/10 (replacement)

David Grant, Sr., Instructional Aide, Resource Room, WOHS, BA-1, \$26,140, effective 9/13/10 (additional – class coverage)

Iona Cruz, Library Aide, 6 hours per day, at the hourly rate of \$16.87, effective 9/7/10 (replacement)

Lexi Pavone, Instructional Aide, Pleasantdale School, BA-1, \$26,140, effective 9/1/10 (replacement)

Pier Paolo Mancarella, Instructional Aide, WOHS, BA-1, \$26,140, effective 9/1/10 (replacement)

Lisa O’Kyle, Instructional Aide, Pleasantdale School, BA-6, \$27,658, effective 9/1/10 (replacement)

John Prescott, Instructional Aide, Edison School, Non-degree Step 1, \$24,867, effective 9/1/10 (replacement)

Barbara Levee, Instructional Aide, Gregory School, BA-4, \$27,441, effective 9/21/10 (additional – IEP driven)

Tiffany China, Instructional Aide, St. Cloud School, BA-1, \$26,140, effective 9/27/10 (additional)

Judith Shiffer, Clerical Aide, Washington School, Schedule C Step 4, \$26,104, effective 9/1/10 (job description change)

The following addition(s) to the 2010-2011 Substitute List:

Patricia Polizzano	K-12
Karen Ricciardi	K-12
Sarah Thapar	K-12
Tatiana Pasley Smith	Secretary
Marcy Emont	LMC
Joshua Goldfarb	6-12
Scott Miller	1-8

Staff members and trainers as instructors for West Orange Professional Development Center/Educational Technology Training Center (ETTC) Workshops as per the attached (Att. #2)

Co-Curricular appointment, Redwood School, for the 2010-2011 school year:

- Joel Perry, Guitar Club

Staff to provide home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2010-2011 school year (Att. #18)

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Sheniece Jackson, Grade 6 Language Arts Teacher, Edison Middle School, maternity leave of absence, effective 11/11/10-2/28/11

Melissa Martino, Grade 8 Math Teacher, Liberty School, maternity leave of absence, effective 12/17/10-6/30/11

4. Transfers

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

Special Education Personnel as per the specifications in the attached (Att. #3)

Personnel – Items 1 through 4

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend approval of the following co-curricular club:
- Guitar Club, Redwood School

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #4)
2. Recommend approval of the 10/20/10 Bills Lists: (Att. #5)

Payroll/Benefits

\$1,737,491.60

Transportation	\$ 412,543.74
Special Ed. Tuition	\$ 722,150.76
Instruction	\$ 153,528.42
Facilities	\$ 696,511.32
Capital Outlay	\$ 733,341.54
Grants	\$ 27,020.69
Capital Projects	\$ 41,518.09
Food Services	\$ 267,650.63
Textbooks/Supplies/Athletics/Misc.	<u>\$ 364,644.10</u>
	<u>\$5,156,400.89</u>

3. **Recommend approval of resolution that the West Orange Board of Education approve the contract addendum with Sodexo Management Inc. for the period 7/1/10-6/30/11, and that we, the district, pay a management fee to Sodexo in an amount equal to \$238,268 for the 2010-2011 contract year. Be it further resolved that Sodexo guarantee that the West Orange School District shall receive an annual return of \$50,000 for the 2010-2011 school year. (Att. #6)**
4. **Recommend approval of acceptance of donation of Playground Equipment (Toss’N Score and basketball post and backboard) from St. Cloud PTA as per specifications in the attached (Att. #7)**
5. **Recommend approval of acceptance of the Take Charge of Education donation from Target in the amount of \$467.49.**
6. **Recommend awarding of bid for Districtwide Snow Removal to Hoimark Construction and Paving as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #8)**
7. **Recommend awarding of bid for Districtwide HVAC Repairs to Professional Climate Control (primary) and Environ, LLC (secondary), as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #9)**
8. **Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2010-2011 School Year, including Extended School Year, Out-Of-District Placements, as per the attached (Att. #10)**
9. **Recommend approval of service agreement with Caryn Mandel, Behaviorist, through Behavior Wise, LLC for behavioral services for student, as per specifications in the attached, in an amount not to exceed \$4,000 (Att. #11)**
10. **Recommend approval of service agreement with Rocking Horse Rehab for hippotherapy services, in an amount not to exceed \$7,000, for the 2010-2011 school year (Att. #12)**

11. Recommend approval of Proposal for Redistricting Study by Ross Haber Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$18,000 (Att. #13)
12. Recommend acceptance of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grant award for fiscal year 2011 in the amount of \$1,098,474 (Att. #14)
13. Recommend acceptance of \$5,000 teacher's salary grant from the Italian American Committee on Education (Att. #15)
14. Recommend that the West Orange Board of Education enter into an agreement with Bederson and Company LLP to assist in studying and recommending cost reductions for the West Orange School District. (Att. #16)
15. Receipt of the 2010-2011 Nursing Services Plan for implementation in the West Orange School District. (Att. #17)
16. Recommend approval for Edwin Acevedo, Yajing Li, and Fil Santiago to attend the 2010 Confucius Classrooms Teachers and Leaders Summit in Shanghai, China October 30 – November 6, 2010 (Att. #19)
17. Recommend acceptance of \$8,000 donation from the West Orange Community House for the purchase of Smart Boards for Washington Elementary School (Att. #20)

Finance – Items 1 through 10

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

Finance – Item 11

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino **SECOND:** Mrs. Lab **VOTE:** 0-4-1 (RC)

Nay: Mrs. Brill, Mrs. Lab, Mrs. Casalino, Mrs. Mordecai

Abstain: Mr. Petigrow

Finance – Item 15

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2010-2011 Nursing Services Plan.

Finance – Items 12 through 14, Items 16 and 17

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

Nay: Mrs. Mordecai

D. REPORTS

1. Disposition of employment status for L.D. and K.Y. as stipulated in

closed session.

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

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

VII. MOTION FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING to be held at 6:00 p.m. on October 4, 2010 at St. Cloud Elementary School.

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

VIII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 10:40 p.m.

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