

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Public Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – December 13, 2010**  
**Mt. Pleasant Elementary School**  
**9 Manger Road**

**Minutes**

**I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss various personnel appointments, the job description of the math coordinator and SLC appointments.**

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

**Motion to reconvene to open session.**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Casalino                      **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 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 November 22, 2010 (Att. #1)**

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

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

- A. WOHS Recognition: AVID National Certified School 2009-2010 (Att. #2)**
- B. Student Recognition: WOHS Boys and Girls Soccer Teams**

**V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. Resignations**

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

**Joseph G. Antonucci, Treasurer of School Monies, for retirement purposes, effective 2/1/11**

**Fabiola Chouloutte, Instructional Aide, WOHS, effective 1/20/11**

**2. Appointments**

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

**Christopher Banta, Automotive Teacher, WOHS, BA-11, \$74,183, effective 12/20/10 (replacement)**

**Vicky Ferreira, Kindergarten Teacher, Gregory School, BA-2, \$49,000, effective retroactive to 12/1/10 (replacement)**

**Dena Russo, .5 Basic Skills Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School and .5 ESL Teacher, Washington School, MA-1, \$51,256, effective 12/14/10 (replacement)**

**Maria Lagonigro, Kindergarten Aide, Redwood School, BA-1, \$26,140, effective 1/3/11-6/30/11 (additional)**

**Caitlin Quinn, Kindergarten Teacher, Gregory School, maternity leave replacement, BA-1, at the per diem rate of \$240, effective 1/7/11-6/30/11 (replacement)**

**Tara Donatello, Guidance, Gregory School, maternity leave replacement, MA-1, at the per diem rate of \$256.28, effective 4/28/11-6/30/11 (replacement – currently maternity leave replacement at Pleasantdale School)**

**Laura Amendola, Instructional Aide, Autistic, Pleasantdale School, BA-1, \$24,687, effective immediately (replacement)**

**David Hargrave, Math Teacher, Liberty Middle School, maternity leave replacement, BA-1, at the per diem rate of \$240, effective 12/9/10-6/30/11 (replacement)**

**Meagan Sinisi, Instructional Aide, Resource, St. Cloud School, BA-4, \$26,104, effective 1/3/11 (currently Grade 1 maternity leave replacement at St. Cloud/previously instructional aide)**

**Bus Drivers, Transportation Department, \$17.50 per hour, 5 hours per day, effective 12/15/10 (replacements):**

- Rosalina Teijada (Athletic Driver)
- Jean Francios (Substitute)

**Teachers as Academic Coaches in the SLC Extended Learning Opportunities Program, effective 12/14/10, at a projected cost of \$20,825 to be paid through the USDOE SLC Grant, as per the attached (Att. #3)**

**Co-Curricular appointments, WOHS, for the 2010-2011 school year:**

- Rescind Victor Paglio, FBLA Advisor
- Appoint Cherylann Dunlap, FBLA Advisor
- Appoint Deborah Sharkey, FBLA Advisor

**Co-Curricular appointments, WOHS, for the 2010-2011 school year, stipends to be paid through the USDOE SLC Grant:**

- Rescind Victor Paglio, SLC Director
- Appoint Annette Dade, SLC Director
- Appoint Jane Ryfa, SLC Administrative Assistant
- Appoint Judy Jessup, SLC Administrative Assistant

**Co-Curricular appointments, Liberty Middle School, for the 2010-2011 school year, effective 1/1/11:**

- Rescind Melissa Martino, Yearbook Advisor, maternity leave
- Rescind Melissa Martino, Grade 8 Team Leader, maternity leave
- Appoint Anne Tempesta, Yearbook Advisor, maternity leave replacement (prorated stipend)
- Appoint Michael Bridge, Grade 8 Team Leader, maternity leave replacement (prorated stipend)

**Coaching Appointments, Roosevelt Middle School, for the 2010-2011 school year:**

- Rescind Sean Devore, Wrestling Coach
- Appoint Ken D'Arcy, Wrestling Coach
- Appoint, Sean Devore, Girls Basketball Coach

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

- Kurt Massey 6-12, Phys. Ed & History
- Sharman Howe-Nittoli K-12
- Michael Navata 6-12 & Science
- Mary Ann Berger Biology & Chemistry
- Gregory Bullock 6-12 & Technology
- Begonia Rodriguez-Yasin K-12 Spanish
- Ryan Feminella K-12
- Jennifer Dowd K-5
- Matt DeSacia 3-12 History, English & Phys. Ed.
- Modest Jones K-12

**Staff to provide home instruction on an "as needed" basis for the 2010-2011 school year (Att. #4)**

**3. Transfers**

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

**Denise Werzen, District Nurse, to School Nurse, WOHS, effective 1/3/11 (replacement)**

**Joyce Soto, Instructional Aide, Autistic, Pleasantdale School, to Instructional Aide, Autistic, Mt. Pleasant School, effective immediately**

4. Superintendent recommends the approval of job descriptions for position of Math Coordinator as stipulated in closed session and on file in the Office Human Resources Director.

**Personnel – Items 1 through 4**

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

**B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Recommend approval of Field Trip requests for the 2010-2011 school year (Att. #5)

**Curriculum and Instruction**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Casalino                      **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. #6)
2. Recommend approval of the 11/22/10 Bills Lists: (Att. #7)

Payroll/Benefits	\$15,839,961.64
Transportation	\$ 584,253.89
Special Ed. Tuition	\$ 363,675.20
Instruction	\$ 119,110.02
Facilities	\$ 234,811.99
Capital Outlay	\$ 78,447.22
Grants	\$ 628,924.18
Capital Projects	\$ 42,344.03
Debt Service	\$ 2,375,255.63
Food Service	\$ 9,951.79
Textbooks/Supplies/Athletics/Misc.	\$ 214,819.20
	<b><u>\$20,491,554.79</u></b>

3. Recommend acceptance of donations of:
  - \$8,000 from the Community House for the purchase of Smartboards at Pleasantdale School
  - Plants and bushes from Pleasantdale Nursery for the landscaping of Pleasantdale School
  - Weeping cherry tree from Pleasantdale Nursery for the Peace Garden on the grounds of Liberty Middle School (Att. #8)

4. Recommend approval of proposal from Joseph Staigar Engineering to provide professional traffic engineering services regarding the proposed day care/shopping center at Northfield and Sheridan Avenues in an amount as follows: (Att. #9)
- Traffic Study \$2,250.00
  - Hearing Attendance \$ 750.00 per evening meeting
5. Recommend approval of BCBA Consultation/Staff Training Services provided by Lina Slim-Topdjian of ASAP, LLC Agency in an amount not to exceed \$2,250 for the 2010-2011 school year. (Att. #10)
6. Recommend approval of services for classified student for the 2010-2011 school year, in an amount of \$64,229 (estimate), as per the specifications in the attached (Att. #11)
7. Recommend approval of Bayada Nurses to provide nursing care to student attending Children’s Therapy Center for the 2010-2011 school year in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 (Att. #12)
8. Recommend awarding of bid for Waste Disposal and Single Stream Recycling – District Wide All Schools to Veolia ES Solid Waste of NJ, Inc. in the amount of \$113,111 (Att. #13)
9. Recommend acceptance of Grant Agreement between Asia Society and West Orange Public Schools in the amount of \$51,000 for the period 12/1/10-8/31/11 (Year Two) as per the attached (Att. #14)
10. Recommend approval of transfer of funds under Title VI of the Administrative Code for the month of July, August, September and October 2010 (Att. #15)
11. Receipt of the Board Secretary’s Reports for the months of July, August and September 2010 (Att. #16)
12. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of July, August and September 2010 (Att. #17)
13. Recommend approval of proposal from LCW Consulting to conduct A Review of Equity in Educational Practice for the West Orange Public Schools, in an amount of \$6,400 (Att. #18)

**Finance – Items 1 through 7 and Items 9 and 10**

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

**Finance – Item 8**

**Motion to table.**

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

**Finance – Items 11 and 12**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Reports and the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of July, August and September 2010.

**Finance – Item 13**

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

**D.      REPORTS**

**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 January 10,  
2011 at Roosevelt Middle School.**

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

**VIII.      PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS**

**IX.      ADJOURNMENT**

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