

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Public Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. – May 21, 2012  
WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
289 Main Street**

**Minutes**

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

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

**Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel items.**

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

**Motion to reconvene to open session.**

**MOTION: Mr. Petigrow                      SECOND: Mrs. Casalino                      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 9, 2012.**
- B. That said notice was sent by regular mail to the West Orange Township Clerk and 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 May 7, 2012 (Att. #1)**

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

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

- A. Student Recognitions: Essex County Association's Rights of Persons with Disabilities Essay Contest**

**B. Marie DeMaio - 50 Years of Service Recognition**

**C. Second Reading of the Following Board Policies:  
Drugs, Alcohol, Steroids, Tobacco (Substance Abuse)**

5131.60

**MOTION:** Mr. Petigrow                      **SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino                      **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)  
**NAY:**     Mrs. Mordecai

**Alternative Educational Programs**

6172.00

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

**D. HIB Report/EVVRS Presentation**

**E. Literacy Presentation**

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

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. Resignations**

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

Elena Ameres, Science Teacher, Liberty School, effective 6/30/12

Judith Shiffer, Instructional Aide, Washington School, for retirement purposes, effective 10/1/12

**2. Appointments**

a.) Superintendent recommends the reappointment of non-tenured certified and non-certified staff for the 2012-2013 school year (Att. #2)

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

Arielle Samra, Special Education Teacher, WOHS, medical leave replacement, BA-1, \$240 per diem, effective 5/22/12-6/8/12 (replacement)

Michelle Morais, SLC Coordinator, WOHS, \$4,003 stipend (prorated), funded through SLC Grant, for the 2011-

**2012 school year**

**Iona Santa Cruz, Library Aide, Non-degree Step 3, \$25,979, effective 9/1/12, (additional .4 – previously part-time)**

**Co-curricular recommendations, WOHS, for the 2012-2013 school year, as per the attached (Att. #3)**

**Child Study Team staff to work during the summer months with Preschool Referrals and Evaluations as per specifications in the attached (Att. #4)**

**Nicole Handler, School Psychologist, 4 days in the summer, to assist Guidance Department, at a per diem rate of \$400 (Att. #5)**

**Extended School Year 2012 Staff Assignments as per attached (Att. #6)**

**Anita Dellal, K-1 Summer Primary Assessment/NCLB Program Evaluations, 8 days (7.5 hours/day), at a hourly rate of \$39, for a total of \$2,340 to be funded through Title I NCLB**

**Summer 2012 Guidance as per attached: (Att. #7)**

- **WOHS, \$20,000**
- **Middle Schools, \$12,000**
- **Elementary Schools, \$8,400**

**Unrecognized Position Titles in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-5.5 (Att. #8)**

**Additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute List as per the attached (Att. #9)**

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

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

**Carlene Hernandez, Social Worker, Edison School, disability maternity leave of absence, effective retroactive to 5/3/12-6/30/13**

**Janet Wysocki, School Nurse, Redwood School, medical leave of absence effective retroactive to 5/14/12-6/20/12**

James Giordano, Special Education Teacher, WOHS, medical leave of absence, effective retroactive to 4/27/12-6/20/12

Ana Shaw, Social Worker, WOHS, maternity leave of absence, effective 6/8/12-9/28/12

Kathleen Rothenbucher, Behavior Analyst, Pleasantdale School, medical leave of absence, effective retroactive to 5/8/12-6/20/12

Meredith Schwartz, Physical Education Teacher, WOHS, medical leave of absence effective 5/29/12-6/20/12

Debby Cohen, Special Education/Social Studies Teacher, Liberty School, maternity leave of absence, effective 9/1/12-12/14/12

Antonio Fernandez, Custodian, Gregory School, medical leave of absence, effective retroactive to 5/15/12 until released by physician

4. Receipt of Superintendent's notification to the Board of non-reemployment of certified and non-certified non-tenured staff for the 2012-2013 school year as stipulated.

**Personnel – Item 2b**

Motion to table Summer 2012 Guidance (Att. #7) and Unrecognized Position Titles (Att. #8)

**MOTION:** Mr. Petigrow

**SECOND:** Mrs. Lab

**VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

**Personnel – Items 1, 2a, 2b (with the exception of the above) and 3**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Casalino

**SECOND:** Mrs. Mordecai

**VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

**Personnel – Item 4**

The Board acknowledged the Superintendent's notification to the Board of the non-reemployment of certified and non-certified non-tenured staff for the 2012-2013 school year.

**B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Recommend approval of Field Trip requests for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #10)

**Curriculum and Instruction**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Casalino

**SECOND:** Mr. Petigrow

**VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

**C. FINANCE**

1. Recommend approval of the 5/21/12 Bills

Lists: (Att. #11)

Payroll/Benefits	\$ 5,043,488.14
Transportation	\$ 424,499.05
Special Ed. Tuition	\$ 364,837.29
Instruction	\$ 65,967.27
Facilities	\$ 207,013.17
Capital Outlay	\$ 11,550.55
Grants	\$ 126,940.99
Food Services	\$ 4,588.09
Textbooks/Supplies/Athletics/Misc.	\$ 29,647.98
	<u>\$ 6,278,532.53</u>

2. Recommend approval of Application for School Business Request, in the amount of \$6,686, (\$5,037 funded through Title III) (Att. #12)
3. Acceptance of \$171,924 from the New Jersey Department of Education related to tuition reimbursement for the students enrolled in the West Orange Public Schools as a result of the earthquake in Haiti in 2010.
4. Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of March, 2012 (Att. #13- available in the Business Office)
5. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of March, 2012 (Att. #14 – available in the Business Office)

**Finance – Items 1 through 3**

**MOTION:** Mr. Petigrow

**SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino

**VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

**Finance – Items 4 and 5**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of March 2012.

**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 June 4, 2012 at Liberty Middle School.**

**MOTION:** Mr. Petigrow

**SECOND:** Mrs. Brill

**VOTE:** 5-0 (VV)

**VIII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mr. Petigrow

**SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino

**VOTE:** 5-0 (VV)