

# WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Public Board Meeting February 26, 2024
5:30 P.M. Executive Session
6:30 P.M. Public Session
West Orange High School
51 Conforti Avenue

# **Minutes**

#### I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS

Present: President Rock, Vice President Vera, Mr. Ivker and Mr. Stevenson.

Absent: None.

#### II. NOTICE OF MEETING:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests are discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act:

- o A written notice was sent from the Office of the Secretary of the Board on January 8, 2024.
- That said notice was sent by regular mail to the West Orange Township Clerk and the Editors of the West Orange Chronicle and by email to the Star-Ledger.
- That said notice was posted in the lobby of the Administration Building of the Board of Education and posted on the district website at www.woboe.org
- Please be advised that this meeting is being recorded and may be broadcasted on local TV and the district's website at a future date.

#### III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**WHEREAS:** The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** The Board of Education adjourns to closed session to discuss personnel, legal and miscellaneous confidential matters. Be it further

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of this closed session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

- IV. PUBLIC SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.
- V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- VI. CONSIDERATION OF THE CLOSED AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF January 22, 2024 and January 30, 2024 (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson SECOND: Mr. Ivker VOTE: 4-0 (RC)

<u>Yes</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>Ivker</u> Stevenson Vera Rock



#### VII. STUDENT LIAISON REPORT

#### VIII. SUPERINTENDENT/BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Recognition of Black History
  - a. Makalia Rivera
  - b. WOHS Step Team
  - c. Mr. Albert Alston
- B. HIB Report

#### IX. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

# X. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

#### A. PERSONNEL

# 1. Resignations / Retirements / Terminations

**a.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following certificated staff resignation(s) / retirement(s):

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective Date
Vincenza Amabile	WOHS	Italian	Retirement 18 years	7/1/24
Michelle Frazee	St. Cloud	Academic Support	Retirement 28 years	7/1/24
Kaitlin Higgins	WOHS	Culinary Arts	Resignation	3/28/24
Janet Kamper	Special Services	Social Worker	Retirement 17 years	7/1/24
Michael Quintieri	WOHS	ESL Leave Replacement	Resignation	2/8/24

**b.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following non-certificated staff resignation(s) / retirement(s):

Name	Location	Position	Reason	Effective Date
Wilmick Ablard	Transportation	Bus Driver Part-time	Resignation	2/14/24
Michael Housel	WOHS	Head Custodian	Resignation	3/15/24
Amal Kheir	WOHS	Paraprofessional	Resignation	3/15/24
Nicole Kuser	Gregory	AM/PM Tutorial Instructor	Resignation	1/29/24
Wally Paul	BMELC/Washington	Paraprofessional	Retirement 19 years	7/1/24
Sandra Stein	WOHS	Clerical Aide	Retirement 22 years	7/1/24

#### 2. Rescissions

**a.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following rescission(s):



Name	Location	Position	Effective Date
Kaitlin Higgins	WOHS	Spring Musical: Makeup	2/6/24

# 3. Appointments

**a.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following certificated staff appointment(s).

Name	Location	Position	Replacement / New	Guide	Step	Salary	Effective Dates
Jodi Costanza	WOHS	Science Supervisor, K-12	Julia-Suriano	Supervisor	1	\$103,250 prorated	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Hannah DuBois	Gregory	Grade 5	Suarez Reassigned	BA	4	\$64,286 prorated	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Manuela Gonnella	WOHS	School Counselor Leave Replacement	Fahey	MA	N/A	\$375 per diem	1/2/24 - 3/25/24 amended from 1/2/24 - 3/8/24
Lisa Hannah	Washington	Kindergarten Leave Replacement	Sartages	MA	N/A	\$371 per diem	9/14/23 - 2/16/24 amended from 9/14/23 - 1/31/24
Tracy Jones EduStaff	Washington	Kindergarten Extended Assignment Sub	Fitzpatrick	N/A	N/A	\$200 per diem	2/20/24 - 3/28/24
Julie McGrath	Gregory	Grade 5 Leave Replacement	Zullo	MA	4	\$68,647	9/1/23 - 6/30/24 amended from 9/1/23 - 1/31/24
Kelly Palermo	Mt. Pleasant	Grade 4 Leave Replacement	Battista	MA	4	\$68,647 prorated	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Leah Perez	Mt. Pleasant	Grade 3 Leave Replacement	Lee	MA	4	\$68,647 prorated	3/8/24* - 6/30/24
Angelica Safanova	WOHS	Technology Education Leave Replacement	Coen	DR	N/A	\$458.65 per diem	2/9/24 - 6/30/24

<sup>\*</sup>pending completion of onboarding process

**b.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following non-certificated staff(s):

Name	Location	Position	Replacement / New	Guide	Step	Salary	Effective Dates
Lina Murillo	Mt. Pleasant	Lunch Aide	New	N/A	N/A	\$20.62 per hour	2/27/24 - 6/19/24
Marilyn Paccha	Kelly	Paraprofessional	New	Non-Degree	13	\$39,116 prorated	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Justice Remar	Mt. Pleasant	Lunch Aide	New	N/A	N/A	\$20.62 per hour	2/27/24 - 6/19/24
Marleny Rodriguez	St. Cloud	Paraprofessional	New	Non-Degree	3	\$31,678 prorated	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Ronen Trincher	BMELC / Washington	Paraprofessional	New	MA	12	\$40,395 prorated	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Gloria Williams	Transportation	Bus Monitor Part-time	Tutt	N/A	N/A	\$23.97 per hour	2/27/24 - 6/19/24



**c.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following additional teaching assignment(s):

Name	Location	Position	Effective Dates
Salma Hassan	Roosevelt	Special Education Leave Replacement - Eoon	2/29/24 - 6/19/24
William Keegan	Roosevelt	Special Education Leave Replacement - Eoon	2/29/24 - 6/19/24
Yevgenia Miller	Roosevelt	Special Education Leave Replacement - Eoon	2/29/24 - 6/19/24
Kristen Paul	Roosevelt	Special Education Leave Replacement - Eoon	2/29/24 - 6/19/24
Matthew Garcia	WOHS	Leave Replacement - Daquin	2/22/24 - 6/19/24
Susan Leon-Guerrero	WOHS	Leave Replacement - Daquin	2/22/24 - 6/19/24
Lociano Benjamin	WOHS	Leave Replacement - Daquin	2/22/24 - 6/19/24
Dana Peart	WOHS	Leave Replacement - Daquin	2/22/24 - 6/19/24
Juan Roncero	WOHS	Leave Replacement - Daquin	2/22/24 - 6/19/24

**d.** Superintendent recommends approval to the Board of Education for the following negotiated co-curricular assignment(s):

Name	Location	Position	Stipend / Rate of Pay	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Rose Kelly	Gregory	SEL Lunch Bunch: Kindergarten	\$750	2/26/24 - 6/30/24
Kristen Landosca	Gregory	SEL Lunch Bunch: Grade 3	\$750	2/26/24 - 6/30/24
Danielle Marino	Gregory	SEL Lunch Bunch: Grade 2	\$750	2/26/24 - 6/30/24
Hannsh Rozanski	Gregory	SEL Lunch Bunch: Grade 1	\$750	2/26/24 - 6/30/24
Keith Appello	Liberty	Softball Coach	\$5.575	2023-2024
Carlo Felici Redwood	Liberty	Baseball Co-Coach	\$2,787.50	2023-2024
Daniel Krayton	Liberty	Baseball Co-Coach	\$2,787.50	2023-2024
Joseph LaValle	Liberty	Track Co-Coach	\$2,787.50	2023-2024
Erim Smith	Liberty	Track Co-Coach	\$2,787.50	2023-2024
Jeanina Abramo	WOHS	Spring Musical: Makeup	\$563	2023-2024
Francesco Composto Redwood	WOHS	Spring Musical: Pit Orchestra Musician	\$60 per rehearsal not to exceed \$360 \$125 per performance not to exceed \$500	2023-2024
Phil Gallo OOD	WOHS	Spring Musical: Pit Orchestra Musician	\$60 per rehearsal not to exceed \$360 \$125 per performance not to exceed \$500	2023-2024
Alec Hamilton Gregory	WOHS	Spring Musical: Pit Orchestra Musician	\$60 per rehearsal not to exceed \$360 \$125 per performance not to exceed \$500	2023-2024
Mark Lagatic Gregory	WOHS	Spring Musical: Pit Orchestra Musician	\$60 per rehearsal not to exceed \$360 \$125 per performance not to exceed \$500	2023-2024



Name	Location	Position	Stipend / Rate of Pay	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Gary Margerum Redwood	WOHS	Spring Musical: Pit Orchestra Musician	\$60 per rehearsal not to exceed \$360 \$125 per performance not to exceed \$500	2023-2024
David Rhone	WOHS	Spring Musical: Pit Orchestra Musician	\$125 per performance not to exceed \$500	2023-2024
David Rhone	WOHS	Spring Musical: Rehearsal Pianist	\$1,617	2023-2024
Benjamin Ruben Schnirman OOD	WOHS	Spring Musical: Pit Orchestra Musician	\$60 per rehearsal not to exceed \$360 \$125 per performance not to exceed \$500	2023-2024

**e.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education for the addition of a new West Orange High School co-curricular activity as indicated below:

Name	Stipend/Rate of Pay	Effective Dates
National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Junior Chapter	\$800* prorated	3/1/24 - 6/30/24

<sup>\*</sup>Pilot year compensation at 1/2 negotiated yearly rate per WOEA CBA

- f. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education for salary adjustments for the following training level changes for WOEA certificated and non-certificated staff, retroactive to January 1, 2024. (Att. #2)
- g. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of salaries for the 2022-2023 school year for the West Orange Administrators' Association Bargaining Unit Members retroactive from 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2023. (Att. #3)
- h. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of salaries for the 2023-2024 school year for the West Orange Administrators' Association Bargaining Unit Members retroactive from 7/1/2023 through 6/30/2024. (Att. #4)
- i. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of amended longevity amounts for I.U.O.E. Local 68 (Head Custodians) as specified. Amended longevity is contingent upon Board approval of a final Memorandum of Agreement dated January 30, 2024, covering the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. (Att. #5)
- **j.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of amended longevity amounts for I.U.O.E. Local 68 (Custodians, Maintenance/Utility, Full-time Bus Drivers and Monitors) as specified. Amended longevity is contingent upon Board approval of a final Memorandum of Agreement dated January 30, 2024, covering the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. (Att. #6)
- **k.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following additional assignment(s):

Name	Location	Position	Stipend / Rate of Pay	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Alexa Zielke	BMELC	High Scope Curriculum Training Workshop	\$378.45	8/23/24 - 8/25/24
Dineen Robinson	Gregory	AM/PM Tutorial Instructor	\$55.20^ per hour	2/24 - 6/24



Name	Location	Position	Stipend / Rate of Pay	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Sintya Falero-CO	Kelly	ESL Family Academy	\$2,000*	4/1/24 - 5/31/24
Mary Quiroz	Kelly	ESL Family Academy	\$2,000*	4/1/24 - 5/31/24
Elizabeth Moss	Washington	Nurse to provide support for student athlete	\$60.76 per hour not to exceed 12 hours	1/2/24 - 4/30/24
Elizabeth Heffner	Washington	Parent Program	\$55.20 per hour* not to exceed 25.5 hours	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Lisa Rodino	Washington	Parent Program	\$55.20 per hour* not to exceed 25.5 hours	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Salma Hassan	Roosevelt	After School Tutorial	\$55.20 per hour+ not to exceed 42 hours	2/26/24 - 6/6/24
Susan Hayward	Roosevelt	After School Tutorial	\$55.20 per hour+ not to exceed 42 hours	2/26/24 - 6/6/24
Laura Johansen	Roosevelt	After School Tutorial	\$55.20 per hour+ not to exceed 42 hours	2/26/24 - 6/6/24
William Keegan	Roosevelt	After School Tutorial	\$55.20 per hour+ not to exceed 42 hours	2/26/24 - 6/6/24
Cecily Robinson	Roosevelt	After School Tutorial	\$55.20 per hour+ not to exceed 42 hours	2/26/24 - 6/6/24
Sarah Augustine	WOHS	Nurse for Student Physicals	\$60.76 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	5/28/24, 5/30/24
Trish Dellosso	WOHS	Administrative Assistant for Student Physicals	\$25 per hour not to exceed 10 hours	5/28/24, 5/30/24
Danielle Ducheine	WOHS	Nurse for Student Physicals	\$60.76 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	5/28/24, 5/30/24
Denise Makri Werzen	WOHS	Nurse for Student Physicals	\$60.76 per hour not to exceed 6 hours	5/28/24, 5/30/24
Eridania Perez	WOHS	Administrative Assistant for Student Physicals	\$25 per hour not to exceed 10 hours	5/28/24, 5/30/24

<sup>\*</sup>Funded via ESEA Title IA

**l.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of or the following mentor assignments to be funded by the provisional teacher.

Mentor	Provisional Teacher	Location	Mentor Fee	Effective Dates
Cheryl Dabroski	Hannah DuBois	Gregory	\$275	2/27/24 - 6/30/24
Eileen Milano	Michael Quintieri	WOHS	\$667 prorated	1/8/24 - 2/8/24 amended
Deborah Mitchell	Kelly Palermo	Mt. Pleasant	\$275	2/27/24 - 6/30/24

**m.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education for the following 2023-2024 Student Teacher assignment(s):

Student Teacher/ Intern Candidate	Affiliated University	Assigned School	<b>Effective Dates</b>
Valeria Rachioppi	St. Peter's University	Mt. Pleasant	2/27/24 - 5/12/24

<sup>+</sup>Funded via ESEA Title I SIA

<sup>^</sup>Funded via ESSER III



**n.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following substitute appointment(s) at the appropriate substitute rates for 2023-2024:

Name	Certification Code	Administrator	Teacher	Paraprofessional	Administrative Assistant	Lunch Aide	Nurse	Custodian
Melanie Byfield	N/A				X			
Johnny Cristodaro	N/A				X			

#### 4. Leaves of Absence:

**a.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following leaves of absence for certificated staff:

Employee #	Location	Paid Leave	Unpaid Leave with Benefits	Unpaid Leave without Benefits	Anticipated Return Date
4097 Personal	LMS	N/A	2/5/24 - 2/15/24	N/A	2/16/24
8502 Medical	WOHS	1/11/24 - 5/3/24 a.m.only amended from 1/11/24 - 2/29/24 a.m. only	5/3/24 p.m. only - 6/30/24 amended from 2/29/24 p.m. only - 3/8/24	N/A	9/1/24 amended from 3/11/24
6381 Family	WOHS	11/13/23 - 2/2/24 amended from 11/13/23 - 1/31/24	2/5/24 - 6/30/24 amended from 2/1/24 - 6/30/24	N/A	9/1/24
4150 FMLA	WOHS	N/A	1/2/24 - 3/25/24 amended from 1/2/24 - 3/8/24	N/A	3/26/24 amended from 3/11/24
4859 Medical	Washington	2/21/24 - 4/5/24	N/A	N/A	4/8/24
8104 Medical	Kelly	2/21/24 - 3/20/24	N/A	N/A	3/21/24
4197 Medical	WOHS	1/3/24 - 4/8/24 amended from 1/3/24 - 3/27/24	N/A	N/A	4/9/24 amended from 3/28/24
6826 Family	WOHS	5/28/24 - 6/30/24	9/1/24 - 3/31/25	N/A	4/1/25
4276 Medical	WOHS	2/8/24 - 5/31/24	N/A	N/A	6/3/24
4765 Medical	Washington	9/14/23 - 2/16/24 amended from 9/14/23 - 1/31/24	N/A	N/A	2/20/24 amended from 2/1/24
4429 Medical	Gregory	2/9/24 - 3/21/24	N/A	N/A	3/22/24
8871 Family	BMELC	5/20/24 - 6/30/24	9/1/24 - 11/22/24	N/A	11/25/24

**b.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following leaves of absence for non-certificated staff:

Employee #	Location	Paid Leave	Unpaid Leave with Benefits	Unpaid Leave without Benefits	Anticipated Return Date
9145 Personal	Liberty	N/A	2/20/24 - 2/27/24	N/A	2/28/24



Employee #	Location	Paid Leave	Unpaid Leave with Benefits	Unpaid Leave without Benefits	Anticipated Return Date
8687 Personal	Transportation	N/A	N/A	2/12/24 - 3/1/24	3/4/24
4177 Medical	WOHS	12/21/23 - 2/28/24 amended from 12/21/23 - 2//14/24	N/A	N/A	2/29/24 amended from 2/15/24
8222 Medical	WOHS	2/16/24 - 3/15/24	3/18/24 - 4/12/24	N/A	4/12/24
4175 Medical	WOHS	3/4/24 - 3/28/24	3/11/24 - 4/8/24	N/A	4/9/24
6629 Medical	Edison	1/2/24 - 3/21/24	N/A	N/A	3/22/24
4547 FMLA	Mt. Pleasant	N/A	1/16/24 - 4/12/24 amended from 1/16/24 - 2/23/24	N/A	4/15/24 amended from 2/26/24
8176 Medical	Washington	1/18/24 - 2/16/24 a.m. only amended from 1/18/24 - 2/15/24 a.m. only	2/16/24 p.m. only - 2/29/24 amended from 2/15/24 p.m. only - 2/29/24	N/A	3/1/24
7786 Medical	WOHS	10/10/23 - 10/20/23	10/23/23 - 3/8/24 amended from 10/23/23 - 2/9/24	N/A	3/11/24 amended from 2/12/2024
7989 Medical	Transportation	9/8/23 - 9/21/23	N/A	9/22/23 - 6/30/24 amended from 9/22/23 - 1/25/24	9/1/24 amended from 1/26/24
9097 Family	Kelly	3/18/24 - 3/27/24	3/28/24 - 6/30/24	N/A	9/1/24

#### 5. Transfer(s):

**a.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following transfer(s) of non-certificated staff:

Name	From	Position	То	Position	Effective Date
Antonio Fernandez-Batista Voluntary	Gregory	Head Custodian	ECLC	Head Custodian	2/5/24
Anastasiya Riosa	WOHS	Paraprofessional	BMELC	Paraprofessional	3/11/24
Robert Sabino Voluntary	ECLC	Head Custodian	Gregory	Head Custodian	2/5/24
Krysten Torres Involuntary	Kelly	Paraprofessional	BMELC	Paraprofessional	2/8/24

- 6. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of a final Memorandum of Agreement, including salary structure, between the West Orange Board of Education and I.U.O.E. Local 68 (Head Custodians) for a successor collective bargaining agreement covering the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024. (Att. #7)
- 7. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of a final Memorandum of Agreement, including salary structure, between the West Orange Board of Education and I.U.O.E. Local 68 (Custodians, Maintenance/Utility, Full-time Bus Drivers and Monitors) for a successor collective bargaining agreement covering the period of July 1, 2019



through June 30, 2024. (Att. #8)

**8.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education for the following job description(s): (Att. #9)

Job Description	New	Revised
Director of Special Services PreK-12		X

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson SECOND: Mr. Ivker VOTE: 4-0 (RC)

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Ivker Stevenson Vera Rock

#### **B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

- 1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of the Applications for School Business requests. (Att. #10)
- 2. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of the overnight and out-of-state field trips for the 2023-2024 school year. (Att. #11)
- **3.** Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education for Red Bull Theater Shakespeare in Schools Program to provide one teaching artist to work with English 9 Teachers and Students as they study Romeo & Juliet for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$7,500 funded by local funds.

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson SECOND: Mr. Ivker VOTE: 4-0 (RC)

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Ivker Stevenson Vera Rock

#### C. FINANCE

#### a.) Special Services

1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following out of district placements for the 2023-2024 school year:

Student #	Placement	Tuition	Budgeted/Unbudgeted
1608082	Cornerstone Day School	Tuition: \$48,651.88 106 days @ \$458.98/day	Unbudgeted
2311002	ECLC of New Jersey	Tuition: \$27,149.48 76 days @357.23/day 1:1 Aide: 18,620.00 76 days @ \$245.00/day	Unbudgeted
2113021	Shepard School	Tuition: \$27,105.48 86 days @ \$315.18/day	Unbudgeted



2706115	North Jersey Outreach	Tuition: \$12,500.00 March 4, 2024 - June 30, 2024 100 hours @ \$125/hour Tuition: \$8,250.00 July 1, 2024 - August 31, 2024 66 hours @ \$125/hour	Unbudgeted
1308109	Spectrum 360 Lower School -After School Program	Tuition: \$700.00	Unbudgeted
1904011	Winston Preparatory School	Tuition: \$46,221.64	Unbudgeted
2311034	YCS Sawtelle Learning Center	Tuition: \$39,284.19 99 days @ \$396.81	Unbudgeted

**2**. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education for the following tuition/extraordinary aide services adjustments as certificate by the State of NJ Division of Administration and Finance:

School	Year	Certificate Rate Less Adjustments	Tuition Paid	Tuition Adjustments
ECLC of New Jersey	2022 - 2023	\$94,111.04 Tuition	\$87,598.56	\$6,512.48
P.G.Chambers	2022 - 2023	\$214,599.00 Tuition	\$199,219.02	\$15,379.98
Summit Speech School	2022 - 2023	\$104,262.75 Tuition \$5,158.90 1:1 Aide	\$94,855.00 \$5,907.78 1:1 Aide	\$9,408.75 -\$748.88

**3**. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the following vendors to provide Related Services for the 2023-2024 School Year:

Student #	Provider	Type of Service	Cost	Not to Exceed	Budgeted/Unbudgeted
2206060	Mountain Lakes Board Education	Hearing Loss Itinerant Services	\$180.00/50 minute session One (1) session per week	\$3,960.00	Unbudgeted

#### **b.)** Business Office

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the February 26, 2024 Bills List in the amount of \$22,425,402.54.
- 2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the January 2024 transfers within the 2023-2024 budget in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(A)2. (Att. #12)
- **3.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools acceptance by the Board of Education of the Board Secretary's financial report for the month of January 2024, based upon the certification of the Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C.



- 6A:23A-16.10(c) (3), that no major account or fund has been over-expended, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (Att. #13)
- 4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education acknowledgement and acceptance of the Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of January 2024, which report is in agreement with the Secretary's Report. (Att. #14)
- 5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of the Parental Contract for Student Transportation for Student #1913043, for the ESY 2023, in the amount of \$1,305.00.
- 6. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of the following Classroom Renovation at West Orange Early Childhood Learning Center Resolution:

**Whereas**, The West Orange Board of Education in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

# CLASSROOM RENOVATION AT WEST ORANGE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

**Whereas**, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** BY THE WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project(s).

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution.

Section 4. This project is being funded as an "other capital project" and will not require state funding and the District is not seeking a Grant.



- Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
- 7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, acceptance by the Board of Education of FY24 School Development Authority Emergent Capital Maintenance Needs Grant allocation in the amount of \$167,421.
- **8**. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, acceptance by the Board of Education of the following donation(s):

Donor	Recipient	Donation
Dr. Joanne Pollara	Kelly Elementary School	\$1,000.00 - to enhance STEAM initiatives (book purchases and/or classroom materials)

9. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of proposed Non Public Technology Aid Program expenditures funded through the Office of State Aid Entitlements and Payments to Non Public Schools (not local funds).

School	Description	Amount
Seton Hall Prep	24 Apple iMac with AppleCare+	\$50,112.00

- **10.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, acceptance by the Board of Education of the FY23 Preschool Facilities Expansion Grant Number 23E00475 in the amount of \$1,014,000 to be allocated towards the Classroom Renovations at St. Cloud Renovations Project.
- 11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approval by the Board of Education of awarding Bid #23-01 for Classroom Renovations at St. Cloud Elementary School to Pal-Pro Builders, LLC, Garfield, NJ in the total bid amount of \$2,290,000. (Att. #15)

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson SECOND: Mr. Ivker VOTE: 4-0 (RC)

Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Ivker Stevenson Vera Rock

#### D. REPORTS

1. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approval by the Board of Education of the acceptance of the HIB Report ending February 26, 2024.

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson SECOND: Mr. Ivker VOTE: 4-0 (RC)

YesYesYesYesIvkerStevensonVeraRock



# XI. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

XII. NEXT BOARD MEETING to be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 18, 2024 at West Orange High School.

# XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION (as deemed necessary)

**WHEREAS:** The Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits the Board of Education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters, now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** The Board of Education adjourns to closed session to personnel, legal and miscellaneous confidential matters. Be it further

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of this closed session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

# XIV. ADJOURNMENT at 7:29 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson SECOND: Mr. Ivker VOTE: 4-0 (RC)

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya M. Flowers

Tonya M. Flowers, Board Secretary