



April 2, 2025
Minutes

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL Public Board Meeting April 2, 2025**

11:30 A.M. Public Session

Administrative Offices

179 Eagle Rock Avenue

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS

Present: President Rock, Vice President Ivker (via Zoom), Dr. Bryant, Mr. Stevenson and Ms. Vera.

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:

- A written notice was sent from the Office of the Secretary of the Board on March 26, 2025.
- 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 11:30 A.M.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

VII. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION



1. Curriculum Updates - presented by Eveny de Mendez, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction

(Ms. Vera joined the Meeting in person at 11:49 a.m.)

B. FINANCE

1. Business Office

a.) Use of Health Care Adjustment

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Orange Board of Education includes in the proposed budget a Health Care Costs adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38 subsection (d) in the amount of \$132,482. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health care premiums.

b.) Use of Banked Cap (Amended from the March 17, 2025 Agenda, Business Office Item #6.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Orange Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$332,782 for the purpose of funding educational needs. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2026.

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson

SECOND: Ms. Vera

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

Yes
Bryant

Yes
Stevenson

Yes
Vera

Absent
Ivker

Yes
Rock

VIII. NEXT BOARD MEETING to be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 28, 2025 at West Orange High School.

IX. ADJOURNMENT at 12:47 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson

SECOND: Dr. Bryant

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)

Yes
Bryant

Yes
Stevenson

Yes
Vera

Absent
Ivker

Yes
Rock

Respectfully submitted,

Tonya M. Flowers

Tonya M. Flowers, Board Secretary