

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – February 11, 2008
EDISON MIDDLE SCHOOL
75 William Street

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mr. Petigrow, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Casalino, Mrs. Brill
Absent: Mrs. Tague

II. NOTICE OF MEETING:

Please note that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows:

- A.** That a written notice was sent from the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education at 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2007.
- B.** That said notice was sent by regular mail to the Clerk of the Township of West Orange and the Editors of the West Orange Chronicle and the Star-Ledger.
- C.** That said notice was posted in the lobby of the Board's Administration Building.

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE CLOSED AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF January 28 and February 4, 2008. (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0 (VV)

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

A. First Reading of the Following Board Policies:

Insurance Management	3530.00
Extracurricular Activities	6145.00

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

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Carrie Vasquez, Art Teacher, WOHS, effective 6/30/08

Margo Sokolow, Instrumental Music Teacher, WOHS, for retirement purposes, effective 6/30/08

2. Appointments

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

Training Level Changes as stipulated

Emmanuella Helas, Math Teacher (long term substitute), WOHS, medical leave replacement, effective 2/4/08

The following addition(s) to the 2007-2008 Substitute List:

Janice Lewis	Nurse
Leo Loiacono	9-12 (Tues., Wed., Thurs.)
Lorraine Granados	K-12 & Spanish

Joseph Russomanno, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Mt. Pleasant School, to substitute on an as needed basis for the regularly scheduled aide in the after care program at an hourly rate of \$14.87

Child Study Team staff to do evaluations after school hours on an as needed basis for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, at a rate of \$350 per evaluation (Att. #2)

Teachers to instruct the NJ ASK6 and NJ ASK8 Preparation Programs as per attached. (Att. #3)

Kim Campbell, Special Needs Nurse, Pleasantdale School,

increase in hours from 9 to 9.5 daily

Individuals to do home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2007-2008 school year (Att. #4)

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Ruth Holland, Bus Monitor, medical leave of absence effective 1/7/08 until approximately 3/2/08

Personnel – Items 1 through 3

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 4-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #5)

2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #6)

11/13/07-12/2/07	\$4,195,570.17
12/4/07-12/16/07	\$3,700,754.72
12/18/07-1/13/08	\$5,326,377.70
1/15/08-1/31/08	\$7,118,016.96
2/2/08-2/11/08	\$2,088,642.00

3. Recommend that the West Orange Board of Education approve the following Capital Improvement Resolution for implementation in its 2008-2009 budget: (Att. #7)

WHEREAS the West Orange Board of Education, having 12 buildings, 11 of which are older structures in need of considerable repairs which fit the definition of Capital Improvements to Buildings, and which are consistent with the Board’s Long Range Facilities Plan, and in addition, have certain emergency items and needed capital improvements for the health and safety of the students,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the West Orange Board of Education approves the attached Capital Improvements in the 2008-2009 budget.

4. **Recommend approval of the following Tentative Budget Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Orange Board of Education approve the **2008-09 tentative budget** for submission to the voters as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
<u>Total General Fund</u>	\$112,264,586	\$111,304,932
<u>Total Special Revenue Fund</u>	\$ 1,929,778	\$ n/a
<u>Total Debt Service Fund</u>	\$ 6,498,387	\$ 5,367,850
<u>Totals</u>	<u>\$120,692,751</u>	<u>\$116,672,782</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to apply for a **Commissioner CAP Waiver Request of \$82,386** to the base tax levy for the FY 2008-09 school budget for increases in special education costs over \$40,000 per pupil.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to apply for a **Commissioner CAP Waiver Request** to the base tax levy of **\$4,631,603** (see separate resolution) for the FY 2008-09 school budget for increases in capital outlay due to the need to update outdated infrastructure for the protection of the health and safety of the students of the West Orange Public Schools. Additional waiver requests are as follows:

• <u>Increase in insurance costs</u>	<u>\$ 229,463</u>
• <u>Increase in energy costs</u>	<u>\$ 538,000</u>
• <u>Increase in pupil transportation costs for hazardous routes</u>	<u>\$ 889,907</u>
• <u>Increase in base levy or non-recurring General Fund Revenues</u>	<u>\$1,604,522</u>
• <u>Increase in PERS Pension Contribution (other waivers)</u>	<u>\$ 502,000</u>

5. **Recommend approval of an amendment to the IDEA 08 Basic Grant due to the need to transfer funds between budget lines inside the grant, the transfer being over 10% of the original line total.**

BASIC \$1,541,997 (total remains unchanged)

6. **Recommend approval of the following resolution naming Adams Stern Gutierrez & Lattibourdere, LLC as labor counsel:**

WHEREAS the firm of Sills Cummis Epstein & Gross is no longer labor counsel to educational institutions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board appoint Adams Stern Gutierrez & Lattibourdere, LLC as its labor counsel.

7. Recommend approval of programs for Student #101-2007, Student #131-2007, Student #132-2007 and Student #133-2007 in the amount of \$73,289 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #8)
8. Receipt of the Board Secretary's Reports for the months of November and December, 2007 (Att. #9)
9. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of November and December, 2007 (Att. #10)

Finance – Items 1 through 7

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

Finance – Items 8 and 9

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Reports and Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of November and December, 2007.

D. REPORTS

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

VII. PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 8:16 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0 (VV)