

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting - 8:00 p.m. – April 29, 2009
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
179 Eagle Rock Avenue

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 April 23, 2009.
- 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 April 1, 2009 (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mrs. Tague **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

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

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Patricia Fogarty, Special Education Teacher, Washington School, for retirement purposes, effective 6/30/09

Jessica Tybursky, Mathematics Teacher, WOHS, effective 6/30/09

Kenneth Sauter, Mathematics Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 6/30/09

David Doty, Athletic Director, effective 6/30/09

Victoria Brown, Administrative Assistant, Transportation Department, for retirement purposes, effective 9/1/09

Jennifer Blanding, Mathematics Teacher, WOHS, effective 6/30/09

2. Appointments

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

Patricia Woznick, Math Teacher, Liberty Middle School, maternity leave replacement, effective 4/13/09-6/30/09

Antoine Ward, Security Guard, WOHS, effective date subject to background check approval

The following addition(s) to the 2008-2009 Substitute List:

Oriona Dolese

K-12

Mike Geftic

Phys. Ed. K-12

Staff to provide home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #2)

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Andrea Klein, ESL Teacher, Hazel Avenue School, maternity leave of absence, effective 6/1/09-6/30/09

June Rooks, Bus Monitor, medical leave of absence, effective 5/4/09-8/4/09

4. Transfers

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

Aicha Sylla, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Roosevelt Middle School, to Special Education Instructional Assistant, MCI Class, 1:1 Bilingual, Redwood School, maternity leave replacement, effective 4/14/09

Personnel – Items 1 through 4

MOTION: Mrs. Lab **SECOND:** Mrs. Tague **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend approval of the annual WOHS Band trip to Orlando, Florida, February 10-16, 2010 (Att. #3)
2. Approval of Elementary, Middle and High School field trips for the 2008-2009 school year (Revised Att. #4)

Curriculum and Instruction – Item 1

MOTION: Mrs. Tague **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 3-1 (RC)
NAY: Mrs. Lab

Curriculum and Instruction – Item 2

MOTION: Mrs. Brill **SECOND:** Mrs. Tague **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

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)

3/10/09	\$3,772,207.94
3/17/09-4/2/09	\$ 272,358.96
3/26/09	\$3,434,892.68
4/3/09-4/5/09	\$ 531.69
4/6/09	\$ 128,204.85
4/6/09	\$2,491,078.56
4/7/09-4/23/09	\$4,769,814.03
4/27/09	\$2,037,027.76

3. Recommend approval of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-15 as Chapter 22, P.L. 2009 that reduces the State Aid for the West Orange School District for the 2008-2009 school year by an amount of \$443,775;

AND WHEREAS, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed S-21 as Chapter 19, P.L. 2009 that provides school districts with two options concerning their obligation to pay the Public Employees Retirement System, namely payment in full by April 30, 2009, or payment of one-half of the pension obligation by April 30, 2009;

AND WHEREAS, payment of one-half of the pension obligation requires the district to apply for a deferral schedule which will start in April 2012 and continue for 15 years to repay the deferred portion to the retirement system;

AND WHEREAS, deferred payments are subject to normal actuarial growth on accrued liabilities of the pension system, which most recently was a rate of 8.25%;

AND WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator has reviewed the cash flow need of the West Orange School District, the surplus balance position of the district, and the impact of the deferral on future budgets if the district should elect to take the deferral or reject the deferral;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the West Orange Board of Education that it hereby accepts the offer of a deferral by the New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System and authorizes the School Business Administrator to pay one-half of the 2009 PERS pension obligation before April 30, 2009 and apply for a deferral schedule that begins in April 2012.

4. Recommend approval of Resolution for Participation in Joint Transportation Agreement with Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative for participation of transportation services for the 2009-2010 year. (Att. #7)

5. Recommend approval of Cooperative Agreement between the New

Jersey Department of Education and the West Orange Public Schools (Roosevelt Middle School – New Jersey School to Watch) in a total amount awarded of \$9,000 for the period 9/1/09-8/31/12 (Att. #8)

6. Recommend approval of amendment to the FY09 IDEA application to accept \$83,000 in carryover funds from the 2007-2008 school year. New totals for FY09 IDEA are as follows:

BASIC:	\$1,651,636
PRESCHOOL:	\$ 67,511
7. Recommend approval of program for Student #134-2008 in the amount of \$14,785 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #9)
8. Recommend approval of Essex Regional Educational Services Commission Transportation Services Agreement for the 2009-2010 school year (Att. #10)
9. Recommend approval of 2008-2009 Parental Contract with Tony Yu in the amount of \$454 for Student Transportation effective 4/6/09-8/31/09 (Att. #11)
10. Recommend approval of Addendum to Site Access Agreement between Exxon Mobil Corporation and Edison Middle School for the purpose of conducting environmental investigations (Att. #12)

Finance – Items 1 through 10

MOTION: Mrs. Lab **SECOND:** Mrs. Tague **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

D. REPORTS

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

VII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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