

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – September 22, 2008**  
**HAZEL AVENUE SCHOOL**  
**45 Hazel Avenue**

**Minutes**

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

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

**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 18, 2008.
- 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 August 25, 2008. (Att. #1)**

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

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

- A. Recognition: Hazel Avenue School, A "Blue Ribbon School" Designated by the United States Department of Education

- B. First Reading of the Following Revised Board Policies:

Supervision	4115.00
Lesson Plans	6143.10

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

- C. Recognition: New Jersey State Department of Education Designation of West Orange School District's Outstanding World Language Program

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

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. Resignations**

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

**Thomas Rubinetti, Instructional Aide, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Ryan Garrison, Instructional Aide, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/08**

**Jennifer Ryan, Special Education Teacher, Washington School, effective 9/1/08**

**Dana Tobia, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Gregory School, effective 9/1/08**

**Nancy MacFadyen, Director of Transportation, for retirement purposes, effective 2/1/09**

**2. Appointments**

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

**Theresa Galati, Special Education Teacher, Washington School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Loretta Boronat, Special Education Teacher of English, Liberty Middle School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Elizabeth Spaulding, Kindergarten Teacher, Redwood School, effective 9/22/08**

**Maria Lagonigro, Special Education Instructional Assistant (shared aide for two Autistic Students), Redwood, School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Alonzo DeRamus, Special Education Instructional Assistant, MCI Class, WOHS, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Melissa Bensen, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 for LD student), St. Cloud School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Fabiola Chouloutte, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 for Preschool Autistic Class), Pleasantdale School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Melanie Troise, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 for LD student), Redwood School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Lucille Madlinger, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 for SLD student), St. Cloud School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Mallory Rapp, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 for Autistic student), Edison Middle School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Charity Quinn, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 for Preschool Autistic student), Pleasantdale School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Stephanie Salemi, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 for Kindergarten SLD student), Redwood School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Rita Chappa, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 Bilingual aide for SLD student), Redwood School, effective retroactive to 9/15/08**

**Anton Carrera, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 Bilingual aide MCI class), WOHS, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Thomas Tutalo, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 for SLD student), Redwood School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Marisol DaSilva, Special Education Instructional Assistant**

**(Autistic student), WOHS, effective retroactive to 9/16/08**

**Jeffrey Celebre, Special Education Instructional Assistant, (1:1 for Autistic student), Roosevelt Middle School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Lauren Tracy, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Gregory School, effective retroactive to 9/1/08**

**Robert Desch, Special Education Instructional Assistant (1:1 LD), Liberty Middle School, effective retroactive to 9/16/08**

**Amanda Greenless, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Mild Cognitive, WOHS, effective 9/16/08**

**Tina Marie Parsons, Lunch Aide, Pleasantdale School, effective upon completion of paperwork**

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

<b>Elena Ameres</b>	<b>Science (WOHS)</b>
<b>Kathryn Harris</b>	<b>K-5</b>
<b>Toni Jackson</b>	<b>K-12</b>
<b>Diane Brady</b>	<b>Secretary (St. Cloud)</b>
<b>Mitchel Kay</b>	<b>6-12</b>
<b>Brittany D'Arduini</b>	<b>K-5</b>
<b>Rachel Musto</b>	<b>K-6</b>
<b>Lauren Meehan</b>	<b>9-12</b>
<b>Christina Rivera</b>	<b>K-12</b>
<b>Hamlin Denis</b>	<b>K-12</b>
<b>Louis Pascale</b>	<b>3-12</b>
<b>Nicholas Gillo</b>	<b>K-12</b>
<b>Kisha Fort-Fiskey</b>	<b>K-12, K-5 Pleasantdale</b>
<b><u>Celia Ginsburg</u></b>	<b><u>Pre-K-5</u></b>
<b><u>Jessica Fritz</u></b>	<b><u>K-12 &amp; English &amp; Soc. Studies</u></b>

**Student Lunch Aides, Pleasantdale School, effective 9/5/08:**

- **Ulysses Nieves**
- **Dorel St. Elie**
- **Charwin DeGrost**

**Revisions to Co-Curricular appointments, WOHS, for the**

**2008-2009 school year:**

- Rescind Katie Baran, Cobblestone Advisor (100%)
- Appoint Katie Baran, Cobblestone Co-Advisor (75%)
- Appoint Anthony Prasa, Cobblestone Co-Advisor (25%)
- Appoint Brad Mitchell, Current Events Club Advisor
- Appoint Ryan Krewer, Vocal Music Director for the Musical
- Appoint Dora Wong Macias, Family Career & Community Leaders of America Advisor

**Revisions to Co-Curricular appointments, RMS, for the 2008-2009 school year:**

- Appoint Kristen Weinberger, Cheerleading – Fall (Soccer)
- Appoint Jaclyn Morgan, Cheerleading – Winter (Basketball)

**Revisions to Co-Curricular appointments, EMS, for the 2008-2009 school year:**

- Appoint Martha Van Loon, Knitting Club
- Appoint Kendall Ziegler, Literary Magazine
- Appoint Joanne Kornoelje, Environmental Club
- Appoint Adam Wasko, School Newspaper

**The following staff members to teach an extra period and to be compensated with an additional 1/6<sup>th</sup> of their salaries (Att. #2):**

- William Bradley, WOHS, effective 9/10/08
- Melanie Raab, WOHS, effective 9/3/08
- Timothy Miskimon, WOHS, effective 9/10/08
- Douglass Drabik, WOHS, effective 9/3/08
- Christopher Evans, WOHS, effective 9/3/08

**Recommend approval of the attached list of staff to provide home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #3)**

**Approve teaching, administrative, and support personnel job descriptions consistent with requirements for NJQSAC (Att. #4)**

**Carolyn Verderamo, Math Teacher, WOHS, instructor for the Fall, 2008 Staff Development Program as per the attached (Att. #5)**

Patricia Quinn, Special Education Teacher, Gregory School, to teach Wilson Reading 1:1 for student as stipulated in IEP during Prep time, effective retroactive to 9/8/08. Compensation to be 1/6 of annual salary.

Instructional Assistants to shadow Special Education Students in After Care Programs as per specifications in the attached (Att. #6)

Suzanne McPherson, Special Needs Nurse, to assist student enrolled at the ARC Kohler School in Mountainside, NJ for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #7)

Maria Deronde, Lunch Aide, Gregory School, effective upon completion of paperwork

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

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

Carmen Gordillo, Reading Teacher, Liberty Middle School, medical leave of absence, effective 9/1/08-9/19/08

Ericka Arenger, World Language Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave of absence, effective 11/10/08-6/30/09

Stacy Mazzola, Math Teacher, Liberty Middle School, maternity leave of absence, effective 12/1/08-6/30/09

Howard Chimento, Custodian, RMS, medical leave of absence, effective 9/10/08 until released from doctor

**4. Transfer**

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

Maria Gonzalez, Special Education Instructional Assistant, WOHS, to 1:1 Teacher for Student, MCI Class (2 hours/day) and Special Education Instructional Assistant (4 hours/day), WOHS, effective retroactive to 9/1/08

**Personnel – Items 1 through 4**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Lab

**SECOND:** Mrs. Tague

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

**B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Recommend approval of the attached graduation requirements as set forth at N.J.A.C. 6A:13-2.2(f) for students entering the ninth grade in 2008-2009 and thereafter. (Att. #8)

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

**C. FINANCE**

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Revised Att. #9)
2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #10)

8/19/08-9/19/08	\$10,637,469.50
9/22/08	\$ 4,102,477.33
3. Recommend approval of continuation of agreement between Arts Unbound and the West Orange Board of Education for the 2008-2009 school year for students in the Mild Cognitive Class at WOHS as per specifications in the attached (Att. #11)
4. Recommend approval to submit a combined IDEIA-B Grant Application for fiscal year 2009 to the New Jersey Department of Education:

IDEIA Basic	\$1,571,680
IDEIA Preschool	\$ 64,467
5. Recommend approval of contracts for 2007-2008 and 2008-2011 between the West Orange Board of Education and the West Orange Education Association (Att. #12)
6. Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2008-2009 School Year Out-Of-District placements as per the attached (Att. #13)
7. Recommend approval for Marguerite DeCarlo, Principal, Hazel Avenue School and Karen Lott, Teacher, Hazel Avenue School,

to attend “Blue Ribbon School” Awards Ceremony in Washington, D.C., on October 21 and 22, 2008. (Att. #14)

8. Recommend approval to allow Gateway School to opt out to charge students for paid or reduced meals for the 2008-2009 school year in accordance with New Jersey Code 6A:23-4.5(a)20
9. Recommend approval of programs for Student #116-2008, Student #117-2008 and Student #118-2008 in the amount of \$146,363 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #15)
10. Recommend approval of renewal of service contract agreement for Occupational Therapy Services through Trinitas Children’s Therapy Services for the 2008-2009 school year as per specifications in the attached (Att. #16)
11. Recommend approval to submit the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Grant Application for fiscal year 2009 to the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$1,033,600 (Att. #17)
12. Recommend approval for Communication Exchange, LLC, an independent contractor, to provide Speech Therapy for nonpublic student, as per specifications in the attached (Att. #18)
13. Recommend approval for Eileen Kleinberg to perform Speech and Language Therapy for the 2008-2009 school year on an as-needed basis as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #19)
14. Recommend approval to receive students residing in treatment homes in West Orange, placed by the State of NJ Department of Human Services for the 2008-2009 School Year (Att. #20)
15. Recommend acceptance of Applications for Absence for School Business requests for Board of Education approval as per state mandate (Att. #21)
16. Recommend approval of Lilich Corporation Proposed Change Order Numbers 1 and 2 in the amount of \$28,990 as pertains to the Redwood Elementary School Asbestos Abatement Project (Att. #22)
17. Recommend approval of Controlled Construction Proposed Change Order #143 an amount not to exceed \$22,526 as pertains



to the Liberty Middle School Construction Project (Att. #23)

18. Recommend approval of Framan Mechanical Proposed Change Order Numbers 8 and 9 in an amount not to exceed \$7,521.94 as pertains to the Roosevelt Middle School HVAC Upgrade Project (Att. #24)
19. Recommend approval of Framan Mechanical Proposed Change Orders in an estimated amount of \$66,123.52 as pertains to the Edison Middle School HVAC Upgrade Project (Att. #25)
20. Receipt of the 2008-2009 Nursing Services Plan for implementation in the West Orange School District. (Att. #26)
21. Recommend approval of J.C. Ryan Settlement Agreement.

**Finance – Item 2**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Tague      **SECOND:** Mr. Petigrow      **VOTE:** 4-1-0 (RC)  
**NAY:**      Mrs. Lab

**Finance – Item 1 and Items 3 through 21**

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

**D. REPORTS**

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

**VII. PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

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