

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – November 24, 2008
PLEASANTDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
555 Pleasant Valley Way

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 November 10, 2008. (Att. #1)

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

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

A. Google Earth Education Grant: Nancy Mullin, Technology Integration Specialist

B. West Orange Public Schools National Recognition Award: Terry Granato, Conflict Resolution Coordinator

C. First Reading of the Following Board Policies and Bylaws consistent with NJQSAC and State Law:

Expenses and Reimbursements (bylaw)	9250.00
Communicating with the Public	1100.00
Payment for Goods and Services	3326.00
Relations with Vendors	3327.00
Nepotism	4112.80
Nepotism	4212.80
Suspension and Expulsion	5114.00

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

D. Recommend approval and adoption of Emergency Operations Plan and Crisis Management Manual for the West Orange Public Schools and the West Orange Public Schools Administration Building. (Att. #2)

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

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Appointments

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

Melissa Russoniello, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Mild Cognitive Impaired Class, Redwood School, effective 11/25/08

Dennis Whalen, Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 for LD Student, Washington School, effective 11/24/08

Muriel Klinger, Social Worker, maternity leave replacement, effective 12/1/08-6/30/09

Melanie Racanelli, Art Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 2/1/09

Lindsay DeMaio, Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 SLD for 504 Student, Washington School, effective 11/25/08

Michelle Daniels, Consultant, 5 additional days, relative to transition and student scheduling issues, at the stipulated rate

Ronald Miller, Consultant, 5 additional days, relative to transition and student scheduling issues, at the stipulated rate

Ruth Sedlewicz, Spanish Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave replacement, effective 12/3/08-12/23/08

Melissa Gabrielle, Grade 3 Teacher, Gregory School, maternity leave replacement, extension of contract until 6/30/09

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

Jennifer Novick	K-5
John Belluardo	K-12 Phys. Ed/Health
Toby Handsman	5-12
Lisa Cammarata	K-8
Gale Maddaloni	6-8 (RMS only)
Daryl Gwaltney	K-12
Adam Goskowski	K-12 (Wed. & Fri.)
Shendrelle Walker	Lunch Aide (Pleasantdale)
Sari Ami Tobias	K-5
<u>Hillary Arnold</u>	<u>K-12 & Art</u>
<u>Daniel Gosselink</u>	<u>K-12</u>
<u>Lisa Sarett</u>	<u>6-12</u>

Staff to provide home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #3)

2. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Suzanne Wert, Grade 1 Teacher, St. Cloud School, maternity leave of absence, effective 2/2/09-1/29/10

Kathryn Furey, Guidance Counselor, WOHS, effective 3/2/09-6/30/09

Eileen Cassels Aker, Grade 3 Teacher, Gregory School, extension of maternity leave of absence to 9/1/09 (original return date 1/12/09)

Maria Stanziale, Basic Skills Teacher, Redwood School, extension of maternity leave of absence to 2/2/09 (original return date 12/15/08)

3. Transfers

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

Cecilia Ferrara, Art Teacher, Edison Middle School to Art Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 2/1/09

Amanda Greenlees, Special Education Instructional Assistant, MCI Class, WOHS, to Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 for Autistic Student, WOHS, effective 11/10/08

Rebecca Weinstein, Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 for Autistic Student, WOHS, to Special Education Instructional Assistant, MCI Class, WOHS, effective 11/10/08

Personnel – Items 1 through 3

MOTION: Mrs. Brill SECOND: Mrs. Tague VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 1. Approval of course in “Earth Science” consistent with new State high school graduation requirements (Att. #4)**
- 2. Approval of course in “Advanced Placement Language and Composition” for inclusion in the West Orange High School Curriculum Bulletin for 2009-2010 (Att. #5)**
- 3. Approval of 2009-2010 School Master Calendar (Att. #6)**

Curriculum and Instruction – Items 1 and 2

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

Curriculum and Instruction – Item 3

Motion to amend Calendar to include Friday, May 28, 2009 (Memorial Day Weekend) as an additional vacation day if one or more of the inclement weather days included in the school calendar is not used.

MOTION: Mrs. Lab SECOND: Mrs. Tague VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

Motion to approve amended Calendar.

MOTION: Mrs. Tague SECOND: Mrs. Brill VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

C. FINANCE

1. **Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #7 Revised)**

2. **Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #8)**

10/31/08-11/9/08	\$ 857,669.08
11/11/08-11/20/08	\$ 420,580.34
11/24/08	\$1,529,064.41

3. **Recommend awarding of bid for Marching Band Uniforms to DeMoulin Brothers & Company in the amount of \$47,621.25. (Att. #9)**

4. **Recommend approval of programs for Student #15-2008, Student #72-2008, Student #121-2008, Student #122-2008, and Student #123-2008 in the amount of \$187,748 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #10)**

5. **Recommend acceptance of fiscal year 2009 Grant Acceptance Certificate from the New Jersey Department of Education. IDEA Consolidated Grant Award Amounts: (Att. #11)**

Basic:	\$1,571,680
Preschool	\$ 64,467

6. **Recommend approval of Controlled Construction Proposed Change Order 110a in the amount of \$19,822 as pertains to the Liberty Middle School construction project (Att. #12)**

Finance – Items 1 through 6

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

D. REPORTS

- 1. Approval of New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Revised Submittal of Documentation to the Acting Essex County Executive Superintendent. (Att. #13)**
- 2. Disposition of Residency Hearing for Student N.M. as stipulated.**

Reports – Items 1 and 2

MOTION: Mrs. Brill

SECOND: Mrs. Lab

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

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)