

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Reorganization Meeting - 8:00 p.m. – May 4, 2009
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
179 Eagle Rock Avenue

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mrs. Tague, Mrs. Brill, Mrs. Lab

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 March 4, 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. ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE ENSUING YEAR:

- A. The Secretary will assume the Chair, announce the notice of the meeting, announce the results of the Annual School Election of April 21, 2009, swear in the new Board members, and call the roll of the members. (Att. #1)

Mr. Kenney, Board Secretary, swore in incumbent Board Members Mrs. Casalino and Mr. Petigrow. All members were present for a roll call.

- B. Election of President – **Mrs. Tague**

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

- C. Election of Vice President, following which the President will assume the Chair – **Mrs. Brill**

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

- D. Appointment of Board Secretary whose term shall coincide with the life of the Board. The present Board Secretary is **Mark Kenney**. Salary as established.
- E. Appointment of Treasurer of School Monies for the period July 1, 2009, through June 30, 2010. The present Treasurer is **Joseph Antonucci**, Tax Collector for the Township of West Orange. Salary as established.
- F. Appoint Attorney for the Board whose term of office shall coincide with the life of the Board. The present Attorney is **Stephen J. Christiano**. Salary as established.
- G. Appoint **Megan Brill** as Delegate and **Laura Lab** as Alternate Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association whose terms shall coincide with the life of the Board.
- H. Appoint **Michelle Casalino** as Delegate and **Megan Brill** as Alternate Delegate to the Essex County School Boards Association whose terms shall coincide with the life of the Board.
- I. Appoint **Laura Lab** and **Michelle Casalino** as Legislative Chairpersons of the Board whose terms shall coincide with the life of the Board.
- J. Appoint **Kathryn Tague** and **Paul Petigrow** to the Negotiations Committee of the Board whose term shall coincide with the life of the Board.
- K. Appoint **Paul Petigrow** as the Policy Chairperson of the Board whose term shall coincide with the life of the Board.
- L. Designate depositories for school funds. The present depositories are **PNC Bank, West Essex Savings Bank, Llewellyn-Edison Savings Bank, M.B.I.A., Wachovia, TD Bank, and Bank of New York.**
- M. Designate newspapers as the official newspapers. The present newspapers so designated are the **West Orange Chronicle** and the **Star-Ledger**.
- N. Designate meeting days for regular business meetings. (Att. #2)
- O. Readopt existing Bylaws, Policies, and Administrative Procedures for the 2009/10 school year, including Special Services.
- P. Readopt the Educational Program (Curriculum) for the district and each school for 2009/10 as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:8-3.1.

- Q. Authorize the Secretary/Business Administrator to solicit bids for the purchase of school supplies, equipment, contract agreements and other areas of purchase to be consistent with the statutes in Title 18:A and the local public contracts law.
- R. Readopt continuing contracts of the Board.
- S. Recommend approval of Deferred Annuity Groups authorized to provide services to the staff of the West Orange Board of Education for the 2009/10 school year. (Att. #3)
- T. Recommend approval of appointment of the firm of **Nisivoccia and Company** as independent certified auditors for the 2008/09 school year.
- U. Recommend re-establishment of Board/Township Liaison Committee and appoint **Michelle Casalino** and **Kathryn Tague** as Board representatives for Committee.
- V. Recommend approval of **G.R. Murray Insurance** as broker of record for various lines of insurance.
- W. Recommend approval of **Adams Stern Gutierrez & Lattiboud, LLC** as labor counsel for the West Orange Schools.
- X. Recommend approval of Chart of Accounts.
- Y. Recommend approval of Tax Payment Schedule (Att. #4)
- Z. Appoint **Michael Hanley** as Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the 2009/10 school year.
- AA. Appoint **Robert Middleton** as the Right to Know Officer for the 2009/10 school year.
- BB. Appoint **Mark Kenney** as the Custodian of Records for the 2009/10 school year.
- CC. Appoint **Michael Hanley** as the AHERA Coordinator for the 2009/10 school year.

Items D – R

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

Item S

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

Item T – CC

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

Stephanie Diegmann, District Test Coordinator/Computer Support Specialist, effective 7/1/09

Theresa Galati, Special Education Teacher, St. Cloud School, maternity leave replacement, effective 9/1/09-1/29/10

Linda D'Amato, Special Education Instructional Aide, Autistic, WOHS, effective 5/5/09

Doris Foster, Lunch Aide, Pleasantdale School, effective 5/5/09

Co-Curricular Advisors, WOHS, for the 2009-2010 school year (Att. #7)

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

Sintya Esquivel, Administrative Assistant, MIS, maternity leave of absence, effective 5/1/09-8/31/09
4. Receipt of Superintendent's notification to the Board of non-reemployment of certified and non-certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year (Att. #8 revised)

Personnel – Items 1 through 3

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

Personnel – Item 4

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Superintendent's notification of non-reemployment of certified and non-certified staff for the 2009-2010 school year.

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of AVID Implementation Agreement between the AVID Center and the West Orange Board of Education for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$3,025 (Att. #9)
2. Recommend approval to receive two Special Education Students at Liberty Middle School for the 2008-2009 school year for total tuition in the amount of \$34,703, effective retroactive to 4/24/09 (Att. #12)

3. Recommend approval of a contract with Cisco Systems for implementation of a voice over internet protocol system and the related purchase of hardware. The contract is a state contract of \$502,342 which will be paid over a five year period at an amount of \$112,971 annually. The implementation of this contract for voice over internet protocol system will result in an annual savings of approximately \$130,000. (Att. #13)
4. Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of January, 2009 (Att. #10)
5. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of January, 2009 (Att. #11)

Finance – Items 1 through 3

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

Finance – Items 4 and 5

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of January, 2009.

D. REPORTS

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

VIII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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