

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting - 8:00 p.m. – August 17, 2009
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
179 Eagle Rock Avenue

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mrs. Tague, Mrs. Brill, Mr. Petigrow, Mrs. Casalino, 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 May 6, 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 July 20 and August 3, 2009 (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)

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):

John Halak, Principal, Pleasantdale School, for
retirement purposes, effective 10/1/09

Tara Ciccone, Special Education

Instructional Aide, Gregory School, effective 6/30/09

**Jenna Worman, Special Education
Instructional Aide, Mt. Pleasant School, effective immediately**

2. Appointments

a) **Public hearing on the following two items:**

1) Approval of Contract for Dr. Donna Rando, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, for the 2009-2010 school year (Att. #2)

2) Approval of Contract for Mark Kenney, Business Administrator, for the 2009-2010 school year (Att. #3)

b.) **Superintendent recommends approval of the following appointment(s) at the stipulated contractual rates:**

Chedia Ayari, .6 French Teacher, WOHS, effective 9/1/09

Steven Pi, Math Teacher, Liberty Middle School, medical leave replacement, effective 9/1/09

Betty Ann Sugaste, Attendance Aide, WOHS, effective 9/1/09

Melissa Cifelli, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Athletics, effective 9/15/09

Rachel Maietta, School Psychologist, effective 9/1/09

Rebecca Wawroski, Guidance Counselor, Edison Middle School, effective 9/1/09

Anton Fraguas, Resource Room Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 9/1/09

Lori Montgomery, Special Education Instructional Assistant, LLD, Redwood School, effective 9/1/09

Cheryl Banks, School Psychologist, effective 9/1/09

Dan Capriola, Resource Room Teacher, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/09

Gisel Montoya, Special Education Instructional Bilingual Aide for MCI Student, WOHS, effective 9/1/09

Geralyn Plaskon, Special Education Instructional Aide, Autistic, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 9/1/09

Frederick Cano, Special Education Instructional Aide, Autistic, Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/09

Coaching Appointments (revised) for the 2009-2010 school year as per the attached (Att. #4)

Dr. Donna Rando, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Affirmative Action Officer for the West Orange Public Schools, for the 2009-2010 school year (Att. #5)

Substitute List for 2009-2010 as per the attached (Att. #6)

Administrative Assistants, Elementary Schools, 1 additional day, summer 2009, for PowerSchool training (Att. #7)

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Sue Ann Kolkka, Grade 7 Math Teacher, Liberty Middle School, extension of maternity/family leave of absence effective 9/1/09-1/4/10

Jennifer Ryden, English Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave of absence, effective 10/28/09-6/30/10

Robert Quezada, Security Guard, WOHS, medical leave of absence, effective 8/10/09-8/28/09 (or until released by doctor)

Amy Drost, School Psychologist, maternity leave of absence, effective 10/2/09-2/26/10

Maryann Di Cosmo, School Psychologist, maternity leave of absence, effective 9/21/09-6/30/10

4. Transfers

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

Laura Martinelli, Special Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School, to LDTC, effective 9/1/09

Colleen Grandinetti, LDTC, to Child Study Team (out of district), effective 9/1/09

Fabiola Choulette, Special Education Instructional Aide, Pleasantdale School, to General Education Instructional Aide, (504 Student), Liberty Middle School, effective 9/1/09

Personnel – Items 1 and Items 2b – 4

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

Personnel – Item 2a (1)

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

Personnel – Item 2a (2)

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

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend adoption of the District Goals for 2009-2010 (Att. #8)
2. Recommend approval of resolution to submit application for the pilot program entitled, New Jersey's Model for High School Reform in World Languages: *Building a Linguistically and Culturally Competent Workforce* from September 2009 to June 2013 (Att. #9)

Curriculum and Instruction – Items 1 and 2

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

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #10)

6/30/09	\$	139.31
7/29/09	\$	294,819.96

8/17/09

\$1,221,489.45

2. **Recommend approval of submission of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Grant Application for fiscal year 2010 to the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$1,097,948 (Att. #11)**
3. **Recommend approval of submission of Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Grant for the 2009-2010 school year in the amount of \$51,396.00 (Att. #12)**
4. **Recommend approval of service contract with AJL Physical & Occupational Therapy for occupational therapy services for nonpublic students as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #13)**
5. **Recommend approval of proposal from Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP for the Preparation of the Manual of Bylaws and Policies and the Preparation of all Administrative Regulations, in the amount of \$16,000. (Att. #14)**
6. **Recommend approval of tuition and transportation for the 2009-2010 School Year Out-Of-District placements for the following students, in the amount of \$539,172, as per specifications in the attached (Att. #15):**
 - **Student #8-2009**
 - **Student #14-2009**
 - **Student #76-2009**
 - **Student #116-2009**
 - **Student #118-2009**
 - **Student #119-2009**
 - **Student #120-2009**
 - **Student #121-2009**
 - **Student #122-2009**
 - **Student #123-2009**
7. **Recommend approval of service contract agreements with nursing staff relief services for the 2009-2010 school year, retroactive to 7/1/09 as per specifications in the attached (Att. #16)**
8. **Recommend acceptance of donation of Chinese Language teaching materials from Hanban, the educational arm of the Chinese government, in the amount of approximately \$15,000 (Att. #17)**
9. **Recommend approval of PowerSchool Training for WOHS Guidance, provided by Cheryl Butler, Director of Guidance, Rutherford Public Schools, in the amount of \$2,000 (Att. #18)**

10. Recommend acceptance of Intel grant funding in the amount of \$3,710 provided as an extension of the district's participation in the Intel Math Project to support the teaching of mathematics (Att. #19)

11. Recommend approval to submit to the New Jersey Department of Education, a combined IDEA-B Grant Application for fiscal year 2010 for the following allocated amounts:

IDEA Basic	\$1,595,919
IDEA Preschool	\$ 64,797

12. Recommend approval to submit to the New Jersey Department of Education, a combined ARRA-IDEA Grant Application for fiscal year 2010 for the following allocated amounts:

ARRA-IDEA Basic	\$1,954,596
ARRA-IDEA Preschool	\$ 70,520

13. Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the months of May and June, 2009 (Att. #20)

14. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months of May and June, 2009 (Att. #21)

Finance – Items 1 through 12

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

Finance – Items 13 and 14

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Reports and the Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of May and June, 2009.

D. REPORTS

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

VII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

VIII. Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss Technology personnel and collective bargaining issues.

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

Motion to return to public session.

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

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

