

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – January 9, 2012
Roosevelt Middle School
36 Gilbert Place**

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel items and residency hearings.

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

Motion to reconvene to open session.

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

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 10, 2011.**
- B. That said notice was sent by regular mail to the West Orange Township Clerk and by e-mail to 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 December 12, 2011 (Att. #1)

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

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

A. School Board Resolution recognizing the work of the Board of Education as read by Dr. Cavanna (Att. #2)

MOTION: Mrs. Brill

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)

B. First Reading of the Following Board Policies:

Technology	6142.10
Student Disabilities Pursuant to Section 504	6164.40

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Casalino

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Melissa Russoniello Mooney, Special Education Teacher, Redwood School, effective 1/4/12

Sonia Kelleher, School Nurse, WOHS, effective 2/13/12 or sooner upon suitable replacement

Robert Matthews, Special Education Teacher, Edison School, effective 60 days or sooner upon suitable replacement

Kathryn Kim, Language Arts Teacher, WOHS, for retirement purposes, effective 7/1/12

2. Appointments

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

Michelle Quirk, Special Education Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave replacement, MA-1, at the per diem rate of \$256.28, effective 1/3/12-3/30/12 (replacement)

Erin Stewart, Social Worker, Special Services, maternity leave replacement, MA-1, at the per diem rate of \$256.28, effective 1/3/12-6/23/12 (replacement)

Jerri Ann Elson, Art Teacher, Washington School, maternity leave replacement, BA-1, at the per diem rate of \$240, effective retroactive to 12/12/11 (replacement)

Susan Vaughan, Lead Accounts Payable Position, Central Office, \$62,080, effective 1/15/12 (replacement)

Cheri Harris, Accounts Payable, Central Office, Column V Step 9, \$54,388, effective 1/15/12 (replacement)

Jackie Milsom, Special Education Teacher Aide, Pleasantdale School, BA-3, \$27,309, effective 1/23/12 (replacement)

Jennifer Barta, Basic Skills Teacher, Mt. Pleasant/Pleasantdale Schools, MA-2, \$51,600, effective 1/10/12 (replacement)

Nichola Salese, Special Education Teacher, Grades 4-5 LLD, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave replacement, MA-1, at the per diem rate of \$256.28, effective 1/23/12-6/23/12 (replacement)

Coaches for the 2011-2012 school year:

- Rescind Frank Cozzolino, Baseball, Roosevelt School
- Appoint Nick Alfano, Baseball, Roosevelt School, \$4,688

Tiffany Goodson, Naviance Coordinator, WOHS, \$4,003 stipend funded through SLC Grant, effective retroactive to 9/1/11

Lynne Steinberg, Math Teacher for the Freshman Academic Coaching Program, at a cost of \$2,156, to be paid from the SLC Grant, as per the attached (Att. #3)

Musa Kaba, Full-time Maintenance/Bus Driver, Transportation Department, Step 10 \$39,582 (replacement – formerly part-time driver)

Isabel Olivi Bakbona, Permanent Part-time Driver, Transportation Department, \$19.12/hour, 25 hours/week (replacement – formerly part-time)

Glenic Ferville, Substitute Part-time Driver, Transportation Department, \$17.50/hour, 25 hours/week (replacement)

Co-Curricular Assignments for the 2011-2012 school year:

- Resignation, Maria David, Science Club Advisor, Liberty School, effective 1/1/12

Co-Curricular Assignments for the 2011-2012 school year (continued):

- Appointment, Dianne Cardinali, Science Club Advisor, Liberty School, effective 1/1/12-6/30/12, \$543.60

Additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute List as per the attached (Att. #4)

Staff to provide home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #5)

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Rosemary Murray, School Nurse, Washington School, change in medical leave return date from 1/3/12 to 1/11/12

Cheryl Ann Dunlap, Business Education Teacher, WOHS, change in medical leave return date from 1/3/12 to 2/1/12 or when released by physician

Meryl Tillis, Social Worker, change in medical/maternity leave from 1/9/12-6/30/12 to 12/19/11-6/30/12

Jessica Moffett Lee, Grade 4 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave of absence, effective 4/27/12-6/30/12

Stacy Mazzola, Math Teacher, Liberty School, extension of maternity leave through 6/30/12 (original return date 2/15/12)

Carrie Colvin, Grade 5 Teacher, St. Cloud School, maternity leave of absence, effective 2/27/12-6/30/13

Marcella Vitale, Physical Education Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave of absence, effective 5/7/12-6/30/12

4. Superintendent recommends the approval of the job descriptions for Utility Foreman and Data Base Maintenance Secretary, Student Support Services as stipulated in closed session and on file in the Office Human Resources Director.

Personnel – Appointment of Jerri Ann Elson

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow **SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino

VOTE: 4-1 (RC)

NAY: Mrs. Brill

Personnel – Items 1 through 4 with the exception as noted above

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend approval of Field Trip requests for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #6)
2. Recommend approval of “The Introduction to Teaching Reading in a Workshop Model, K-2” training, to be conducted by a Lesley University faculty member, February 1-2, 2012, for a cost of \$8,795, funded through Title I Grant (Att. #7)

Curriculum and Instruction – Items 1 and 2

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

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the 1/9/12 Bills List: (Att. #8)

Payroll/Benefits	\$ 8,953,331.19
Transportation	\$ 446,994.53
Special Ed. Tuition	\$ 425,783.44
Instruction	\$ 59,330.34
Facilities	\$ 260,237.48
Capital Outlay	\$ 66,762.84
Grants	\$ 258,926.48
Food Service	\$ 264,841.24
Debt Service	\$ 4,148,693.76
Textbooks/Supplies/Athletics/Misc.	<u>\$ 123,924.76</u>

\$15,008,826.06

2. **Recommend approval of tuition for 2011-2012 School Year Out-Of-District Placements in the amount of \$128,607.60 as per attached (Att. #9 - confidential)**
3. **Recommend approval of Application for School Business Request, in the amount of \$2,346, as per attached (Att. #10)**
4. **Recommend acceptance of the following donations:**
 - **\$5,000 from Joe and Oriana Palumbo for the purchase of Smart Boards for Mt. Pleasant School**
 - **\$300 from Slow Food Northern NJ to the Redwood School Garden**
 - **\$800 from the Aversali Family, in memory of Rosanna Aversali, to Pleasantdale School for the purchase of a Smart Board for the Preschool Literacy Lab and a picnic table**
 - **\$2,500 from the West Orange Community House to Mt. Pleasant School for the purchase of Smart Boards**
 - **\$2,500 from the West Orange Community House to Redwood School, in memory of Betty Maddalena, for the purchase of Smart Boards**
5. **Recommend approval of service contract agreement with Youth Development Clinic for the 2011-2012 school year for home based ABA for student in an amount not to exceed \$7,350 (Att. #11 - confidential)**
6. **Recommend approval of contract with New Jersey Virtual School, to provide online high school courses to meet high school graduation requirements for student, in an amount of \$2,600 (Att. #12 - confidential)**
7. **Recommend approval of tuition contract for homeless student for the 2011-2012 school year in the amount of \$11,200 payable to the Phillipsburg Board of Education (Att. #13 - confidential)**
8. **Recommend approval of submission of the amended No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Consolidated Grant for the fiscal year 2012 in the amount of \$1,089,409 (Att. #14)**
9. **Recommend approval of the following resolution:**

WHEREAS the interpretation of the State Education Department with respect to the New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law, N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12, is that an official who resides in the same municipality as the school district under his jurisdiction must recuse him/herself from such oversight; and

WHEREAS, the presumption that such an official (County Superintendent, County Business Administrator) would breach the public trust because that official resides in said municipality; and

WHEREAS the West Orange Board of Education finds this interpretation of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12 to be incongruous with proper public policy; and

WHEREAS the West Orange Board of Education finds this interpretation in conflict with S-1703/A2478 signed by Governor Christie which requires certain public employees to reside in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS the West Orange Board of Education wishes to go on record objecting to such an interpretation of N.J.S.A. 52:13D-12;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the West Orange Board of Education inform Acting Commissioner Cerf of its objection by way of official correspondence from its Board of Education President.

10. **Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the months of September and October, 2011 (Att. #15 - confidential)**
11. **Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of September and October, 2011 (Att. #16 - confidential)**

Finance – Items 1 through 9

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

Finance – Items 10 and 11

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months of September and October, 2011.

D. REPORTS

1. **Disposition of Residency Hearings for S.B., A.A., S.J., and P.J. as stipulated in closed session.**

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

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

- VII. **MOTION FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING to be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 23, 2012 at West Orange High School.**

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

VIII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)