

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – October 26, 2010
Pleasantdale Elementary School
555 Pleasant Valley Way

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent: Mrs. Mordecai

Motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss residency hearing and personnel issues.

MOTION: Mrs. Lab

SECOND: Mrs. Casalino

VOTE: 4-0 (VV)

Motion to reconvene to open session.

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

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mrs. Lab

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 July 23, 2010.

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 October 4 , 6 and 12, 2010 (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Mordecai

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)

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

- A. **“School Violence Awareness Week”: October 18 - 22, 2010**
 - a.) **Activities in Schools**
 - b.) **EVVRS Report**

The Board accepted the Superintendent’s presentation of the Violence and Vandalism Public Hearing Report. Filipe Santiago, Director of Technology presented a Power Point slideshow referencing a 6 year statistical report. After the slideshow, no dialogue transpired and no public comments were made regarding the presentation.

- B. **Testing and Achievement Report**

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

A. **PERSONNEL**

1. **Resignations**

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

Frank Corrado, Principal, Roosevelt Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective 6/30/11

Maria Montgomery, World Language Teacher, WOHS, for retirement purposes, effective 12/1/10

Pamela Edwards-James, Lunch Aide, Redwood School, effective 10/25/10

2. **Appointments**

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

Lateral movement on salary guide for course completion, as per contract, retroactive to September 1, 2010, as stipulated

Carol Ruggiero, Grade 3 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, BA+16-11, \$79,092, effective 10/13/10 (return from leave/replacement)

Rosa Guzman, Spanish Teacher, WOHS, BA-11, \$74,183, effective 12/1/10 (replacement)

Theresa Johns, Lunch Aide, Gregory School, at the hourly rate of \$16.08 (not to exceed 2 hours/day), effective 10/26/10 (replacement)

Maria Correa, Lunch Aide, Washington School, at the hourly rate of \$16.08 (not to exceed 2 hours/day), effective retroactive to 9/7/10 (replacement)

Ann Marie Margotta, Lunch Aide, Pleasantdale School, (not to exceed 2 hours/day), at the hourly rate of \$16.08, effective retroactive to 9/7/10 (replacement)

Victor Paglio, Project Director of Small Learning Community Grant, WOHS, \$23,389 stipend to be paid from grant, effective 10/1/10

Elementary/Middle School Club Advisors as per the attached (Att. #2)

Anna Marie Megaro, Administrative Assistant, WOHS, Stipend for Professional Development, National Association of Educational Office Personnel, \$2,351, effective retroactive to 9/15/10

The following addition(s) to the 2010-2011 Substitute List:

Nancy Frasca	Secretary
Dominique Kondreck	Nurse
Jill Green	Lunch Aide
Claudia Kist	Lunch Aide

Coaching Appointments, for the 2010-2011 school year:

- **Floyd Gray, Boys' Basketball Coach, Liberty Middle School**
- **Steven Palmer, Assistant Ice Hockey Coach, WOHS**

Boiler License Stipend for Custodial and Maintenance Personnel as per contract (Att. #3)

Staff to provide home instruction on an "as needed" basis for the 2010-2011 school year (Att. #4)

Ashanti Jones, WOHS Co-op Student, Library Aide, 15 hours/week, effective 9/28/10-6/22/11, \$7.25 per hour

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Carla Magnotta, Administrative Assistant, medical leave of absence, effective 9/17/10 until released by physician

Eileen Quirk Milano, ESL/Chinese Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave of absence, effective 12/16/10-6/30/11

Megan Kiczek, Language Arts Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave of absence, effective 1/3/11-6/30/11

4. Transfers

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

Keith Fiore, Custodian, WOHS, from mid-shift to night shift, effective retroactive to 9/7/10, night differential \$580

Ralph Salvatore, Grade 3 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, to Basic Skills Teacher, Redwood School, effective 10/19/10

Laurie Stecklow, .5 Reading Teacher, Gregory School and .5 Basic Skills Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, to Reading Teacher (Full Time), Gregory School, effective 10/27/10

Karen Wynn, ESL Teacher, Edison/Washington Schools to ESL Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective immediately

5. Superintendent recommends mandatory physical examination for employee as stipulated in closed session.

Personnel – Items 1 through 4

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mr. Petigrow

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

Personnel – Item 5

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Casalino

VOTE: 4-0-1 (RC)

ABSTAIN: Mrs. Mordecai

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend approval of Field Trip requests for the 2010-2011 school year (Att. #5)

Motion to table Color Guard Field Trip.

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

Motion to approve Field Trip requests with the exception of the above.

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

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #6)
2. Recommend approval of the 10/20/10 Bills Lists: (Att. #7)

Payroll/Benefits	\$ 322,059.93
Transportation	\$ 856,356.15
Special Ed. Tuition	\$ 349,839.59
Instruction	\$ 235,719.57
Facilities	\$ 276,587.65
Capital Outlay	\$ 66,963.62
Grants	\$ 56,348.17
Food Service	\$ 48,471.57
Textbooks/Supplies/Athletics/Misc.	<u>\$ 104,010.94</u>
	<u>\$2,316,357.19</u>

3. Acceptance of School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports (Att. #8)
4. Recommend acceptance of Applications for Absence for School Business requests for Board of Education approval as per state mandate (Att. #9)
5. Recommend approval of implementation of Senior Citizen Greeter Proposal at WOHS at a cost not to exceed \$450 (Att. #10)
6. Recommend acceptance of the following donations from the Redwood School PTA: (Att. #11)
 - 3 Portable Smart Boards
 - Cool Laminator
 - 2 Smaller Laminator Machines
 - Laminator Film
7. Recommend approval of Agreement for Professional Services with The Center for Secondary School Redesign (CSSR) for the period 10/1/10-

9/30/15 to provide professional development and technical assistance to the West Orange Smaller Learning Communities program, for a fee in the amount of \$60,000 per each year of the grant. (Att. #12)

- 8. Recommend approval of Agreement for Professional Services with Regents of the University of California/UCLA School Management Program for the period 10/1/10-9/30/15, to conduct an evaluation of the West Orange Smaller Learning Communities Grant, for a fee in the amount of \$25,000 per each year of the grant (Att. #13)**
- 9. Recommend approval of Transportation Agreement between West Orange Board of Education and Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the period 7/1/11-6/30/15 as per the attached (Att. #14)**
- 10. Recommend acceptance of New Jersey School Boards Association 2010 Safety Grant award in the amount of \$12,620.52 (Att. #15)**
- 11. Recommend approval of services for classified students for the 2010-2011 school year, in an amount of \$89,030, as per the specifications in the attached (Att. #16)**
- 12. Recommend acceptance of NJ Department of State – New Jersey Learn and Serve America Grant in the amount of \$14,000 (Att. #17)**
- 13. Recommend approval for Parette Somjen Architects to perform a site feasibility study for additional space for future enrollment at a cost not to exceed \$9,500.**
- 14. Recommend approval of the following resolution:**

WHEREAS the high school athletic programs in the State of New Jersey have been administered by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA); and

WHEREAS there is legislation pending in the New Jersey State Legislature to dismantle the NJSIAA after its many years of existence and to assign its functions to the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association, and

WHEREAS there is alternate legislation pending in the New Jersey State Legislature which would maintain the separate existence of the NJSIAA but institute certain reforms to the way in which the NJSIAA conducts business; and

WHEREAS the West Orange Board of Education disagrees with the

dismantling of the NJSIAA and the transfer of the administration of high school athletics to the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association, but supports the maintenance of the NJSIAA as a separate entity with appropriate reforms,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the West Orange Board of Education expresses its opposition to the legislation dismantling the NJSIAA and transferring its functions to the New Jersey Department of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association, but supports legislation which would maintain the separate existence of the NJSIAA and impose certain reforms on the way the NJSIAA conducts business; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Secretary to the Board of Education is directed to send a copy of this resolution and to otherwise communicate the position of the West Orange Board of Education on this legislation to members of the State Legislature, including but not limited to Senator Codey, Assemblyman McKeon and Assemblywoman Jasey.

Finance – Items 1 through 13

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

Finance – Item 14

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

D. REPORTS

1. **Disposition of Residency Hearing for S.J. as stipulated in closed session.**

MOTION: Mrs. Lab **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 November 8, 2010 at Redwood Elementary School.**

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

VIII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Lab

VOTE: 5-0 (VV)