

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – November 21, 2011
Edison Middle School
75 William Street

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 a residency hearing.

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. A Public Hearing will now be held on the refunding bond ordinance entitled, "REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED JULY 15, 2003, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$38,689,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$34,800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$34,800,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING."

School, maternity leave replacement, BA+1, at the per diem rate of \$240, effective 11/18/11-3/30/12 (replacement)

Rocio Diaz, Lunch Aide, Redwood School, \$16.08 per hour, not to exceed 2 hours per day, effective upon completion of paperwork (additional)

Eric Price, Principal, St. Cloud School, and Social Studies Supervisor K-8 for the 2011-2012 school year, MA+32-8, \$137,512.39, effective 12/1/11 (replacement)

Carol Ruderman, Nursing Services for Saturday Academy at Hazel School, effective 10/29/11-6/9/12, 3 hours per Saturday, at an hourly rate of \$49, for a total of \$3,528 (Att. #2)

Additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute List as per the attached (Att. #3)

Boiler License Stipend (first payment) for Custodial and Maintenance Personnel, as per the attached, in the amount of \$350 (Att. #4)

2. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Meryl Tillis, School Social Worker, medical leave of absence, effective 1/9/12-3/28/12, followed by maternity leave of absence, effective 3/29/12-6/30/12

Amalia Morales, Spanish Teacher, Mt. Pleasant/Pleasantdale Schools, maternity leave of absence, effective 12/12/11-3/30/12

Nicole Silvagni, Special Education Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave of absence, effective 1/23/12-6/30/12

3. Transfers

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

Special Education Transfers for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #5)

Personnel – Motion to approve the appointment of Eric Price and to table appointment of Rocio Diaz.

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

Personnel – Items 1 through 3 with the exception of the above (i.e. Price and Diaz)

MOTION: Mrs. Brill

SECOND: Mrs. Casalino

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend approval of “The Introduction to Teaching Reading in a Workshop Model, K-2” training, to be conducted by Lesley University, November 29-30, 2011, at a cost of \$8,795, funded through Title I Grant.
2. Recommend approval of Field Trip requests for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #6)
3. Recommend approval of Winter Color Guard and WOHS Band trips to Dayton and Cleveland, OH, respectively, from April 10-15, 2012, for a total cost of \$7,035 (Att. #7)
4. Recommend approval for Essex County College, through the Extended Learning Opportunities Program via the SLC Grant, to offer the following course to WOHS students tuition-free during the 2011-2012 school year, for a cost of \$2,000 (Att. #8)
 - Psychology 101
5. Recommend approval of the following course proposals as approved by the Curriculum Council: (Att. #9)
 - Foundations of Selected Math Topics
 - Research Methods in Science

Curriculum and Instruction – Items 1 through 5

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the 11/21/11 Bills List: (Att. #10)

Payroll/Benefits	\$ 5,234,652.67
Transportation	\$ 508,283.41
Special Ed. Tuition	\$ 217,792.21
Instruction	\$ 320,511.19
Facilities	\$ 225,997.71
Capital Outlay	\$ 137,951.00
Grants	\$ 139,282.23

Food Service	\$ 295,538.79
Textbooks/Supplies/Athletics/Misc.	\$ <u>74,880.72</u>
	\$ <u>7,154,889.93</u>

2. **Second Reading of the refunding bond ordinance as entitled below. Recommend vote to approve the final adoption of said refunding bond ordinance. The refunding of these bonds will provide for a \$997,000 savings over the remaining life of the bond issue. (Att. #11)**

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE OUTSTANDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, DATED JULY 15, 2003, ISSUED IN THE ORIGINAL PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$38,689,000, APPROPRIATING NOT TO EXCEED \$34,800,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$34,800,000 REFUNDING BONDS TO PROVIDE FOR SUCH REFUNDING.

3. **Recommend vote to approve the following resolution: (Att. #12)**

RESOLUTION DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF NOT TO EXCEED \$34,800,000 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AND PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND THE DELIVERY OF SUCH BONDS

4. **Recommend acceptance of donation of 1987 Chevrolet, Monte Carlo SS, for an estimated value of \$3,500, by Jerry Suk to the WOHS Automotive Program.**
5. **Recommend approval of disposal of 1999 bus van to Apache Auto Wreckers for an amount of \$250 payable to the West Orange Public School District (Att. #13)**
6. **Recommend approval for three faculty members to attend the 2011 AVID National Conference December 8-10, 2011, in Orlando, Florida, for a cost of approximately \$6,000, paid through the SLC Grant (Att. #14)**

7. **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.**

8. **Recommend approval of the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-4(2)(c) a notice of an application for the Hua Mei charter school has been submitted to the Board of Education for its review; and

WHEREAS the Board of Education believes that said application is not in the best interests of the students of West Orange;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the West Orange School District recommends that the Commissioner of Education reject the application; and it is further

RESOLVED that the Board directs Superintendent Anthony Cavanna to submit a detailed statement of reasons in support of its recommendations concerning this application along with this resolution to Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner of Education, with copies to the Mayor and Township Council of West Orange, to Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, Assemblyman John McKeon, Senator Richard Codey, Dr. Brian Osborne, Superintendent of South Orange – Maplewood School District and the chairpersons of the New Jersey Senate and Assembly education, budget and appropriation committees.

9. Recommend acceptance of donation of \$9,800 from Mt. Pleasant School PTA for the purchase of Smart Boards at Mt. Pleasant School.

10. Recommend approval of Agreement between West Orange Board of Education and J.K. and S.K. on behalf of H.K. and C.K. as stipulated in closed session.

Finance – Items 1 and 4 through 10

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

Finance – Item 2

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

Finance – Item 3

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

D. REPORTS

1. Disposition of Residency Hearing for D.S.R. as stipulated in closed session.

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

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

VIII. MOTION FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING to be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 12, 2011 at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School and for a Joint Meeting with the Township Council of the Township of West Orange to be held at 7:00 p.m. on November 28, 2011 at West Orange High School.

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

IX. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

X. ADJOURNMENT

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