

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – November 26, 2007
PLEASANTDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
555 Pleasant Valley Way

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mr. Petigrow, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Casalino, Mrs. Brill
Absent: Mrs. Tague

II. NOTICE OF MEETING:

Please note that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows:

- A. That a written notice was sent from the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education at 4:00 p.m. on April 20, 2007.**
- B. That said notice was sent by regular mail to the Clerk of the Township of West Orange and the Editors of the West Orange Chronicle and the Star-Ledger.**
- C. That said notice was posted in the lobby of the Board's Administration Building.**

III. CONSIDERATION OF THE CLOSED AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF November 12, 2007 (Att. #1)

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle SECOND: Mrs. Brill VOTE: 4-0 (VV)

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

- A. Second Reading of the Following Board Policies:**

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| Travel Expenses | 3290.00 |
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MOTION: Mrs. Kyle SECOND: Mrs. Brill VOTE: 4-0 (RC)

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Joyce Schwartz, Special Education Teacher, Redwood School, for retirement purposes, effective 2/1/08

Jerry P. Tarnoff, Superintendent of Schools, for retirement purposes, effective 6/30/09

2. Appointments

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

The following addition(s) to the 2007-2008 Substitute List:

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| Natalie Burrell | K-12 |
| Sonji Lucas | K-5 & Spec. Ed. |
| Shannon McClure | WOHS – 8-12 Music |
| Germina Romain | K-5 |
| Mark Lagatic | 6-12 (January 2008) |
| Michael Zarro | Lunch Aide |

Idalina Charles, Lunch Aide, Mt. Pleasant School, effective upon completion of paperwork

Individuals to provide home instruction on an as needed basis for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #2)

The following staff members to teach an extra period in the subject specified and to be compensated with an additional 1/6th of their salaries:

Kristen DiPalo, Special Education Teacher, Math, Edison Middle School, effective 11/15/07

Kelly Anne Gambuti, Special Education Teacher, Social Studies, Edison Middle School, effective 11/15/07

3. Transfers

- a.) Superintendent recommends approval of the following transfer(s) at the appropriate contractual rates:

Ofelia Rodriguez, Special Education Teacher Aide, MCI Class, Roosevelt Middle School to Special Education Teacher Aide, MCI Class, WOHS, effective retroactive to 11/12/07

4. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Diane Talman, Basic Skills Teacher, Gregory School, maternity leave of absence, effective 12/21/07-2/19/08

Meredith Johnson, Special Education Teacher, Mt. Pleasant School, maternity leave of absence, effective 4/1/08-5/30/08

Lori Messing, English Teacher, Edison Middle School, medical leave of absence, effective 11/28/07 until released from doctor

Personnel – Item 1

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

Personnel – Items 2 through 4

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Recommend approval of the following textbook adoption requests: (Att. #3)

- Superciao 1a for the Italian 1 course
- Superciao 1b for the Italian 2 course
- Superciao 2 for the Italian 3 and 4 courses
- Superciao 3 for the Italian 5 and Advanced Placement courses

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #4)
2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #5)

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| 9/01/07- 9/30/07 | \$7,455,112.17 |
| 10/01/07-10/14/07 | \$9,164,149.40 |
| 10/16/07-10/31/07 | \$4,910,372.70 |
| 11/02/07-11/11/07 | \$ 328,398.31 |
| 12/03/07 | \$1,213,186.33 |
3. Recommend approval of programs for Student #123-2007, Student #67-2007 and Student #109-2007 in the amount of \$117,331.20 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #6)
4. Recommend approval of Orientation and Mobility Specialist Gerald Miller to provide services for students who are blind or visually impaired on an as-needed basis for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #7)
5. Recommend approval of Elizabeth Hoyt to perform Learning Evaluations in Creole (as needed) for the District's Child Study Teams for the 2007-2008 school year at a rate of \$400 per evaluation.
6. Recommend acceptance of Applications for Absence for School Business requests for Board of Education approval as per state mandate (Att. #8)
7. Recommend acceptance of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) grant award for fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$713,610 (Att. #9)

Finance – Items 1 and 3 through 7

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

Finance – Item 2

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino **VOTE:** 3-0-1 (RC)
ABSTAIN: Mr. Petigrow

D. REPORTS

1. Approve "A Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials." (Att. #10)

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0 (RC)

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

- VII. MOTION FOR CLOSED MEETING to be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 5, 2007 at the Administration Building.**

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0 (VV)

VII. PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mrs. Brill **SECOND:** Mrs. Kyle **VOTE:** 4-0 (VV)