

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – December 17, 2007
ST. CLOUD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
71 Sheridan Avenue

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mr. Petigrow, Mrs. Kyle, Mrs. Casalino, Mrs. Brill, 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 26, 2007 AND THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES OF December 5, 2007 (Att. #1)

November 26, 2007

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

December 5, 2007

MOTION: Mrs. Tague **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (VV)
ABSTAIN: Mrs. Tague

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

A. First Reading of the Following Board Policies:

Use of School Facilities	1330.00
Physical Education and Health	6142.04

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

B. Letter to State Legislators regarding proposed changes in the allocation of Special Education Funds (Att. #2)

MOTION: Mrs. Kyle **SECOND:** Mrs. Tague **VOTE:** 5-0 (VV)

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Nancy Eckhardt, Grade 2 Teacher, Washington School, for retirement purposes, effective 7/1/08

Barbara Lawrence, School Nurse, Washington School, for retirement purposes, effective 7/1/08

Gale Maddaloni, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Roosevelt Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective 7/1/08

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:

Pamela Krimmel	K-12 PE/Health
Karen Venchkoski	8-12
Pierre McGuffie	K-12
Angel Kondisko	Social Studies (long term)
Pamela Stetson Baker	Art (long term)
Donna Promollo	Lunch Aide
James Kieser	K-12 Science & PE/Health
Michelle Howell-Scott	K-5
Elicia Baker	6-12
Daniel Merklinger	2-12 (until 3/08)
Diane Hochstuhl	Secretary 9-12
Jill Kostenbader	Secretary
Jamie Taneja	K-5 (effective 1/08)
Kimberly Demkowicz	Basic Skills
Brittany Bur	K-12

Thomas Fortune III	K-12
Nancy Barta	K-5
Jessica Andersen	Family/Consumer Sci.

Darlene Sardinsky, Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 Autistic Program, Pleasantdale School, effective 12/17/07

Kimberly Doherty, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Autistic Class, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 1/2/08

Jason Brohm, Special Education Teacher Aide, Autistic Class, Pleasantdale School, effective 12/17/07

Jenna Worman, Special Education Teacher Aide, Autistic Class, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 1/2/08

Vicky Pereira, Special Education Teacher Aide, PHS, Pleasantdale School (morning) and General Ed., Gregory School (afternoon), effective 1/2/08

Joelle Turano, Special Education Instructional Assistant, MCI Class, Roosevelt Middle School, effective 12/10/07

Joseph Postiglione, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Autistic Program, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 1/2/08

Jeanine Putzer, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Autistic Class, Pleasantdale School, effective 12/17/07

Jill Kostenbader, Athletic/Health & Physical Education Secretary, WOHS, effective 1/2/08

Michael Dellacqua, Lunch Aide, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 12/3/07

Paula Correia, Lunch Aide, St. Cloud School, effective 12/18/07

Joanne Fromm, Special Education Teacher, Edison Middle School, to provide home tutoring in Wilson Reading to WOHS student, effective retroactive to 10/1/07 (Att. #3)

Ryan Garrison, Instructional Assistant, Liberty Middle School, to shadow Special Education student at after school wrestling practices and matches, effective retroactive to 11/29/07 through 2/5/08 (Att. #4)

Patricia Pollak, Special Education Teacher, Gregory School, to provide after-school instruction in the Edmark Reading Program for Gregory School student, effective 1/7/08-6/20/08 (Att. #5)

Staff members as instructors for the Winter/Spring, 2008 Staff Development Program (Att. #6)

The following personnel to provide ABA Home Instruction/ABA Parent Training for an autistic student at Pleasantdale School, effective retroactive to 10/15/07: (Att. #7)

**Michelle Littman, Home Instruction
Kathleen Sadler, Parent Training**

Boiler License stipends for the attached employees (Att. #8)

Individuals to do home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2007-2008 school year (Att. #9)

Joe Porcello and Lewis Collins, Athletic Trainers, to receive \$70 per game for ice hockey games at South Mountain Arena

Kyle Dalton, Instructional Assistant, Mt. Pleasant School, to substitute (as needed) in the St. Cloud After Care Program at the appropriate contractual rate

The following Instructional Assistants to assist during their lunch period with transitioning 2 students from Special Education (LLD) math to General Education Math: (Att. #10)

- Lisa O’Kyle
- Donna Wakeman
- Nancy Francino

Lorelei Oelschlager, School Nurse, Pleasantdale Elementary School, additional assignment as school nurse for 5th grade camping trip to Johnsonburg Campgrounds, Allamuchy, NJ for the period 5/28/08-5/30/08

Teachers to instruct the NJ ASK and HSPA Preparation Programs as per attached. (Att. #11)

3. Transfers

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

The following Part-time Bus Monitors/Substitute Drivers to Part-time Drivers, effective immediately:

- Pamela Parker**
- Shaka London**
- Musa Kaba**

Meghan Sinisi, Special Education Teacher Aide, Autistic Class, Redwood School, to Special Education Teacher Aide, Washington School, effective 1/2/08

Bryan Niederman, Special Education Teacher Aide, Washington School, to Special Education Teacher Aide, Resource Room, Liberty Middle School, effective 12/10/07

4. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Thany Salazar, World Language Teacher, Edison Middle School, effective 1/22/08-3/30/08

Lisa Gray, Grade 2 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave extension until 6/30/08

Rosemary Murray, School Nurse, Edison Middle School,
 medical leave of absence, effective 1/2/08-2/28/08 (or when
 released from doctor)

Personnel – Items 1 through 4

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

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

1. Approval of 2008-2009 School Calendar (Att. #12)
2. Approval of the Fifth Grade Environmental Education camping trip to the Johnsonburg Camp Grounds in Allamuchy, New Jersey, from Wednesday, May 28, 2008 to Friday, May 30, 2008. (Att. #13)

Curriculum and Instruction – Item 1

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

Curriculum and Instruction – Item 2

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

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #14)
2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #15)

12/17/07	\$3,288,123.69
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3. Recommend approval of the Renewal Application for Temporary Instructional Space for the 2007-2008 school year. (Att. #16)
4. Recommend acceptance of IDEIA Consolidated Grant Award for fiscal year 2008 in the following amounts: (Att. #17)

Basic	\$1,541,997
Preschool	<u>\$ 68,202</u>
Total	\$1,610,199
5. Recommend approval of programs for Student #124-2007, Student #127-2007, Student #34-2007 and Student #126-2007 in the amount of \$122,646 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #18)

6. Recommend approval for Gerald Miller to provide Orientation and Mobility Therapy for an out of district student at CP of NJ Horizon School, 4 hours per month at a rate of \$150 per hour.
7. Recommend approval of service contract agreement with KDDS Too, Inc. for Home Based Support Services for an out of district student for the 2007-2008 year, effective retroactive to 12/3/07 (Att. #19)
8. Recommend approval for Dr. June Shepard, a Board Certified specialist in feeding and nutrition, to provide consultation services 4 times a year for an out of district student at Lake Drive School in Mountain Lakes, at an approximate annual cost of \$1,200.
9. Recommend approval for Joel Thervil, to perform bilingual psychological assessments (Haitian Creole), as needed by the Child Study Teams at a rate of \$550 per evaluation
10. Recommend acceptance of Applications for Absence for School Business requests for Board of Education approval as per state mandate (Att. #20)
11. Acceptance of Nisivoccia & Company Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2007
12. Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the months of July, August, September and October, 2007 (Att. #21)
13. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the months of July, August, September and October, 2007 (Att. #22)

Finance – Item 1 and Items 3 through 11

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

Finance – Item 2

MOTION: Mrs. Brill **SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino **VOTE:** 4-0-1 (RC)

ABSTAIN: Mr. Petigrow

Finance – Items 12 and 13

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Reports and Treasurer of School Monies Reports for the months of July, August, September and October, 2007.

D. REPORTS

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

VII. PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

VII. ADJOURNMENT at 10:30 p.m.

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