

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 8:00 p.m. – January 12, 2009
WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL
51 Conforti Avenue

Minutes

I. ROLL CALL OF THE MEMBERS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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 18, 2008.
- 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 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF December 15, 2008 and the CLOSED MEETING MINUTES OF November 25, December 9, 10, 15 and 17, 2008 and January 7, 2009. (Att. #1)

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

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

- A. West Orange High School Students: Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars

B. First Reading of the Following Board Policies consistent with NJQSAC and State Law:

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| Research, Evaluation and Planning | 2240.00 |
| State Funds; Federal Funds | 3220.00/3230.00 |
| District Records and Reports | 3570.00 |
| District Owned Vehicles | 3541.32 |
| Certification | 4112.20 |
| Vandalism/Violence | 5131.50 |

Motion to table.

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

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Janet Cohen, Special Education Teacher, St. Cloud School, for retirement purposes, effective 6/30/09

Teresa Jordan, Part-time Bus Aide, effective 1/8/09

Linda D'Amato, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 1/12/09

2. Appointments

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

Dianna Carpenito, Special Education Instructional Assistant, 1:1 Preschool, Pleasantdale School, effective 1/5/09

Michael Greeley, General Education Instructional Assistant, Edison Middle School, effective 1/12/09

Cory Jones, Special Education Instructional Assistant, .5 Roosevelt Middle School (Resource Program) and .5 Edison Middle School (Resource Program), effective 1/14/09

Joe Spina, Special Education Teacher, Autistic Class, WOHS, effective 60 days or less

Jennifer Novick, Special Education Instructional Assistant, LLD Class, Gregory School, effective retroactive to 12/18/08

Ruth Sedlewicz, Spanish Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave replacement, effective 1/1/09-6/30/09

Nicole Jusulavage, Special Education Instructional Assistant, LLD Class, Redwood School, effective 1/8/09

Kellie Sinisi, Grade 2 Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave replacement, effective 1/21/09-6/30/09

Pietro Benfante, Maintenance Worker, Buildings and Grounds, effective, 1/115/09 (previously Utility Worker, Liberty Middle School)

Mallory Rapp, Special Education Teacher, LLD Class, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave replacement, effective 1/26/09-6/30/09 (currently Special Education Instructional Assistant, Edison Middle School)

Anthony Romano, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Autistic, Mt. Pleasant School, effective 1/22/09

Melanie Racanelli, Art Teacher, Edison Middle School, change in start date from 2/1/09 to 1/19/09 (previously approved 11/24/08)

The following addition(s) to the 2008-2009 Substitute List:

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| Pia Vandeerstreet | K-12 & Music |
| Carolyn Estrada | 4-12 & Lang. Arts |
| Marie Trusits | K-8 |
| <u>Leslie Fleisher</u> | <u>K-12</u> |
| <u>Jaime Toriello</u> | <u>K-5</u> |
| <u>Patrick Rimassa</u> | <u>K-12 & Lang. Arts</u> |
| <u>Danielle Harris</u> | <u>K-12</u> |

Staff to provide home instruction on an “as needed” basis for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #2)

The following Math Teachers at WOHS to teach an extra period (medical leave coverage) and to be compensated with an additional 1/6th of their salaries:

**Leslie Bagen
Dara Brevard
Katelyn Busby
Barbara Ciccagione
Young Kim**

Revisions to Co-Curricular appointments, WOHS, for the 2008-2009 school year:

- Rescind Erika Arenger, Fight For Green**
- Appoint Sonia Lauren, Fight For Green (25%)**
- Appoint Tracey Reynolds, Fight For Green (75%)**
- Lewis Kelly, Indoor Color Guard**

3. Leave(s) of Absence

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

Anabela Conforti, Special Education Teacher, Pleasantdale School, maternity leave of absence, effective 2/2/09-6/30/09

Maria Stanziale, Basic Skills Teacher, Redwood School, change in return date of maternity leave of absence from 2/2/09 to 3/30/09

Elizabeth Levenberg, School Psychologist, maternity leave of absence, effective 3/9/09-6/30/09

Howard Chimento, Custodian, Gregory School, medical leave of absence, effective 1/6/09 until released from doctor

Lesley Diglio, Reading Specialist, Redwood School, maternity leave of absence, effective 3/16/09-6/30/09

4. Transfers

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

Juan Flores, Utility Worker, Buildings and Grounds, Central Office, to Utility Worker, Liberty Middle School, effective 1/15/09

Vickie Mariano, Special Education Instructional Assistant, OHI, Redwood School to 1:1 General Education Instructional Assistant, Washington School, effective 1/20/09

Personnel – Items 1 through 4

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

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the attached resolution requesting authorization to hire candidates on an emergency basis (Att. #3)
2. Recommend approval of the following Bills Lists: (Att. #4)

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| 12/12/08-12/14/08 | \$1,155,909.71 |
| 12/16/08-1/7/09 | \$ 426,082.24 |
| 1/12/09 | \$2,671,581.59 |
3. Recommend approval of program for Student #125-2008 in the amount of \$76,664 as per specifications in the attached. (Att. #5)
4. Recommend approval of National Staffing Associates, Inc. to provide nursing care for Student #125 for the 2008-2009 school year (Att. #6)
5. Recommend approval of the Corrective Action Plan for fiscal year ended 6/30/08 (Att. #7)
6. Recommend approval of submittal of Five-Year Preschool Program Plan to State Department of Education as per State Mandate (Att. #8)

7. Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of October, 2008 (Att. #9)
8. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of October, 2008 (Att. #10)
9. Approval of contract between the West Orange Board of Education and the West Orange Administrators' Association for the period 2009-2012 (Att. #11)
10. Approval of contract of sale between the West Orange Board of Education and Santo Commarato (Att. #12)

Finance – Items 1 through 6 and Items 9 and 10

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

Finance – Items 7 and 8

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of October, 2008.

D. REPORTS

- VI. REPORTS FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND/OR BOARD MEMBERS
- VII. PETITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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