

**WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Public Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – November 7, 2011**  
**Redwood Elementary School**  
**75 Redwood Avenue**

**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 case.**

**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. CONSIDERATION OF THE AMENDED CLOSED AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF October 17, 2011 (Att. #1)**

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

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

- A. Performance by the Redwood Chamber Chorus and the Redwood Guitar Club**

**B. Architect's Report on Facility Utilization**

**C. First Reading of the Following Board Policy(s):**  
**Visitors 1250.00**

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

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

**A. PERSONNEL**

**1. Termination of Services**

a.) Superintendent recommends approval of the following termination of service(s):

Suzanne McPherson, Special Needs Nurse, due to change in IEP, effective 11/7/11

**2. Appointments**

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

Eric Price, Principal, St. Cloud School, effective 12/1/11 (replacement)

Alexander Rosenwald, Science Supervisor K-12, MA+32-5, \$103,044.86, effective upon release from current contract (replacement)

Christyn Scillieri, Instructional Aide, Hazel School, BA-1, \$26,140 to be paid from Title I, effective 1/3/12 (additional)

Lindsay Quinn, Instructional Aide, Hazel School, MA-1, \$28,081, effective upon completion of paperwork (additional)

Bosede Ababi, Instructional Aide, Hazel School, BA-1, \$26,140 to be paid from Title I, effective upon completion of paperwork (additional)

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

**Co-Curricular Assignments for the 2011-2012 school year:**

- Rescind Lewis Kelly, WOHS, Advisor, Tri M Music Honor Society
- Appoint Lisa Swanick, WOHS, Advisor Tri M Music Honor Society, \$1,359 stipend
- Appoint William Farley, WOHS, Advisor, Drill Team, \$3,496 stipend
- Appoint Jennifer Cataldo, RMS, Math Club Advisor, \$1,359 stipend

**Coaching Assignments for the 2011-2012 school year:**

- Rescind Kristine Weinberg, RMS, Winter Cheerleading Coach
- Appoint Kim Carissimo, RMS, Winter Cheerleading Coach, \$4,688 stipend
- Appoint Nick Alfano, RMS, Boys Baseball Coach, \$4,688 stipend

**Jodie Goldstein, Transition Coordinator, West Orange Achievement Program (WOAP), for the 2011-2012 school year, at an hourly rate of \$73 (if more than 2 students, 1.5 times hourly rate)**

**Janis DeRosa, Teacher of Mathematics, West Orange Achievement Program (WOAP), for the 2011-2012 school year, at an hourly rate of \$73 (if more than 2 students, 1.5 times hourly rate)**

**Tom Bamber, Instructional Assistant, West Orange Achievement Program (WOAP), at an hourly rate of \$23, effective immediately**

**Anthony Romano, Instructional Aide, Mt. Pleasant, 1:1 support for student, 5 hours, at an hourly rate of \$23, for a total of \$115 (Att. #2)**

**Lauren Julich, Instructional Aide, Mt. Pleasant, 1:1 support for student, 5 hours, at an hourly rate of \$23, for a total of \$115 (Att. #3)**

**Avis Gibbons Williams, Instructional Aide, WOHS, 1:1 support for student , 4 hours, at an hourly rate of \$23, for a total of \$92 (Att. #4)**

**Lois Menkin, Occupational Therapist, 1 hour per week, at an hourly rate of \$73, for the 2011-2012 school year, in compliance with student's current 504 plan**

**Staff to provide home instruction on an "as needed" basis for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #5)**

Diego Lara, Cooperative Student, Central Office, \$8.00 per hour, effective retroactive to 10/28/11

Additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute List as per the attached (Att. #6)

**3. Leave(s) of Absence**

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

Jennifer Ryden, English Teacher, WOHS, maternity leave of absence, effective 1/3/12-6/30/12

Barbara Heil, Vocal Music Teacher, Washington School, medical leave of absence, effective 11/3/11-12/15/11

Sheniece Jackson, Language Arts Teacher, Edison School, maternity leave of absence, effective 1/23/12-6/30/12

**4. Transfers**

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

Special Education Transfers for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #7)

**Personnel – Motion to table the appointment of Rocio Diaz.**

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

**Personnel – Items 1 through 4 (with the exception of the above)**

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

**B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

1. Recommend approval for Kean University Diversity Council to offer the following graduate courses to West Orange School District Staff members tuition-free during the 2013-2014 school year: (Att. #8)
  - Teaching the Holocaust
  - Teaching Prejudice Reduction
  
2. Recommend approval of the following courses for inclusion in the

**WOHS Curriculum Bulletin for 2012-2013: (Att. #9)**

- Piano Lab
  - Early Childhood and Family Studies I and Early Childhood and Family Studies II
3. Recommend approval of Field Trip requests for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #10)
  4. Recommend approval of the Nursing Services Plan for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #11)
  5. Recommend approval of Afterschool Homework Club and Advisor at Liberty Middle School for the 2011-2012 school year as per the attached (Att. #12)

**Curriculum and Instruction – Items 1 through 5**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Brill

**SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino

**VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

**C. FINANCE**

1. Recommend approval of the 11/7/11 Bills List: (Att. #13)

Payroll/Benefits	\$ 3,626,568.89
Transportation	\$ 118,909.41
Special Ed. Tuition	\$ 475,148.98
Instruction	\$ 369,441.38
Facilities	\$ 256,419.84
Capital Outlay	\$ 60,741.97
Grants	\$ 192,070.20
Food Service	\$ 260,312.83
Debt Service	\$ 2,074,346.88
Textbooks/Supplies/Athletics/Misc.	\$ 132,975.34
	<u>\$ 7,566,935.72</u>

2. Recommend acceptance of donation of \$300 donation from the Township of West Orange to Liberty Middle School in recognition of Liberty Middle School Student Council Community Cleanup Project.
3. Recommend approval of donation of \$3,000 from the West Orange Community House to Mount Pleasant School for the purchase of Smartboards.
4. Recommend approval of disposal of 2001 Chevy Box Truck to Apache Auto Wreckers in an amount of \$250 payable to the West Orange Public School District (Att. #14)
5. Recommend approval of service agreement with Professional Education

**Services, Inc. for home instruction services for the 2011-2012 school year, retroactive to 7/1/11, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 (Att. #15)**

- 6. Recommend approval for Pediatric Potentials to provide additional occupational therapy provided retroactively to student from the 2010-2011 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$880 (Att. #16)**
- 7. Recommend approval of service agreement with Morris Union Jointure Commission to provide home-based ABA services for the 2011-2012 school year in an amount not to exceed \$6,000 (Att. #17)**
- 8. Recommend approval of tuition for 2011-2012 School Year Out-of-District placements for 6 students in the net amount of \$260,697.36 as per attached. The cost is offset by \$44,621, which is being funded by another school district. (Att. #18)**
- 9. Recommend approval of the following: (Att. #19)**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY MAKING APPLICATION TO THE LOCAL FINANCE BOARD PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:24-61 ET. SEQ.

- 10. Recommend approval of the first reading of the refunding bond ordinance as stated below. The refunding of these bonds will provide for a \$997,000 savings over the remaining life of the bond issue. (Att. #20)**

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 N 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.

- 11. Recommend approval for Dr. Bill Bryan to conduct a workshop for school leaders in Essex County via the West Orange Professional Development Center for a cost not to exceed \$600 (Att. #21)**
- 12. Acceptance of School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports (Att. #22)**
- 13. Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of August, 2011 (Att. #23)**
- 14. Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of**

August, 2011 (Att. #24)

**Finance – Items 1 through 11**

**MOTION:** Mr. Petigrow

**SECOND:** Mrs. Brill

**VOTE:** 5-0 (RC)

**Finance – Item 12**

The Board accepted the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports.

**Finance – Items 13 and 14**

The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of August, 2011.

**D. REPORTS**

1. Disposition of Residency Hearing for E.A. as stipulated in closed session.

**MOTION:** Mr. Petigrow

**SECOND:** Mrs. Casalino

**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 21, 2011 at Edison Middle School.**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Brill

**SECOND:** Mrs. Mordecai

**VOTE:** 5-0 (VV)

**VIII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Mrs. Casalino

**SECOND:** Mr. Petigrow

**VOTE:** 5-0 (VV)