

WEST ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Public Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – January 23, 2012
West Orange High School
51 Conforti 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 residency hearings.

**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 CLOSED AND PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF January 9, 2012 (Att. #1)

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

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

A. Student Recognition:

- Boys Winter Indoor Track & Field Team – Super Essex Conference Championship, Third Consecutive Year
- Varsity Ice Hockey Team – Essex County Codey Arena Holiday Hockey Classic Championship

B. HIB Report

The HIB Report was tabled.

C. Second Reading of the Following Board Policies:

Technology 6142.10

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow
(RC)

SECOND: Mrs. Casalino

VOTE: 5-0

V. REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. PERSONNEL

1. Resignations

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

Edward Jung, Physical Education Teacher, Hazel School, for retirement purposes, effective 7/1/12

2. Appointments

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

Terry DeMasi, Data Base Maintenance Secretary, Student Support Services, \$62,080, effective 1/24/12

Michael Marini, Special Education Instructional Aide, Resource Room, Roosevelt School, BA-1, \$26,140, effective 1/24/12 (replacement)

Derek Smith, Special Education Instructional Aide, Autistic, Roosevelt School, BA-1, \$26,140,

effective 1/16/12 (replacement)

Tyler Mandel, Special Education Instructional Aide, Resource Room, Mt. Pleasant School, BA-1, \$26,140, effective upon completion of paperwork (replacement)

Danielle Petrucelli, Language Arts Teacher, Edison School, maternity leave replacement, BA-1, at the per diem rate of \$240, effective 1/23/12-6/23/12 (replacement)

Misty Foreman, Special Education Teacher (in class support), Edison School, BA+32-5, \$55,500, effective 2/2/12 (replacement)

Jacobo Perez, Jr., Security Guard, Liberty School, \$16.87/hour, 8.5 hours/day, effective upon completion of paperwork (replacement)

Travis China, Sub Custodian, Night Shift, Buildings and Grounds Department, \$10/hour, effective 1/30/12 or upon completion of paperwork

Althea Charles, Volunteer Track and Field Coach, effective upon completion of paperwork

Additions to the 2011-2012 Substitute List as per the attached (Att. #2)

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

Maria Stanziale, Basic Skills Instructor, Washington School, maternity leave of absence, effective 3/26/12-6/30/13

Personnel – Items 1 through 3

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- 1. Recommend approval of Field Trip requests for the 2011-2012 school year (Att. #3)
- 2. Recommend approval of “The Introduction to Teaching Reading in a

Workshop Model, 3-5” training, to be conducted by a Lesley University faculty member, February 22-23, 2012, for a total cost of \$8,795, funded through Title I Grant (Att. #4)

3. Recommend approval of the attached curriculum writing projects in the total amount of \$17,199 as recommended by the Curriculum Council (Att. #5)

Curriculum and Instruction – Items 1 through 3

MOTION: Mrs. Casalino

SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

C. FINANCE

1. Recommend approval of the 1/23/12 Bills List: (Att. #6)

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| Payroll/Benefits | \$ 3,904,194.44 |
| Transportation | \$ 468,851.54 |
| Special Ed. Tuition | \$ 267,723.73 |
| Instruction | \$ 42,266.80 |
| Facilities | \$ 200,791.65 |
| Capital Outlay | \$ 33,954.00 |
| Grants | \$ 142,751.86 |
| Food Service | \$ 256,313.32 |
| Textbooks/Supplies/Athletics/Misc. | \$ 73,097.42 |
| | <u>\$ 5,389,944.76</u> |

2. Recommend approval of service contract agreement with Phoenix Health Care for a Health Aide for student for the 2011-2012 school year in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 (Att. #7 - confidential)

3. Recommend acceptance of donation of \$800 from Rutgers University to Liberty School for participation in the 2011-2012 New Jersey Middle School Risk and Protective Factors Survey.

4. Recommend approval of the Visiting International Teacher Agreement between Bloomfield College and the West Orange Public School District for the period 1/23/12-5/31/16 as per the specifications in the attached (Att. #8)

5. Establishing the Date for the Election of Members of the West Orange Board of Education As the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c.202 (Senate Bill 3148) authorizes a local board of education to change the election date of school board

members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the “General Election”); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of a quorum of the local board of education; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are selected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election (Type II District); and

WHEREAS, The West Orange Board of Education believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state’s tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The West Orange Board of Education believes that moving the election of members of the Board of Education to the General Election is in the best interests of citizens of West Orange in that more citizens will participate in the selection of its members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, The West Orange Board of Education, consistent with the budgetary restrictions expressed above, believes that moving the election of Board of Education members to the General Election and eliminating the special Board election in April will result in a savings to the taxpayers of West Orange;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the West Orange Board of Education changes the annual election date for its members from the third Tuesday in April to the first

Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election), beginning in 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), this change will remain in effect at least through November 2015; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the annual organization meeting of the West Orange Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the General Election; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), members of the West Orange Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 1, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board Secretary is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to all appropriate governmental authorities.

6. **Receipt of the Board Secretary's Report for the month of November, 2011 (Att. #9 - confidential)**

7. **Receipt of the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of November, 2011 (Att. #10 - confidential)**

Finance – Items 1 through 4

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow

SECOND: Mrs. Brill

VOTE: 5-0 (RC)

Finance – Item 5

Motion to table

MOTION: Mrs. Mordecai

SECOND: Mrs. Casalino

VOTE 2-3 (RC)

NAY: Mrs. Lab, Mr. Petigrow, Mrs. Brill

Motion to amend the resolution by inclusion of the following paragraph:

WHEREAS, The West Orange Board of Education is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November; and

MOTION: Mrs. Mordecai

SECOND: Mrs. Lab

VOTE:

4-1 (RC)

NAY: Mrs. Brill

Motion to approve Item 5 as amended.

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill **VOTE:**
4-1 (RC)
NAY: Mrs. Mordecai
Finance – Items 6 and 7
The Board acknowledged receipt of the Board Secretary's Report and the Treasurer of School Monies Report for the month of November, 2011.

D. REPORTS

1. Disposition of Residency Hearing for T.E. and K.Z.
as stipulated in closed session.

MOTION: Mr. Petigrow **SECOND:** Mrs. Brill
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 February 6,
2012 at the Administration Building.**

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

VIII. PETITIONS AND HEARINGS OF CITIZENS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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