

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
February 8, 2021
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Operational Guidance – Covid-19: Guidance for Remote Public Meetings in New Jersey.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary)

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-11, permits boards of education to meet in closed session to discuss certain matters;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education adjourns to Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Student, Negotiations and/or Litigation matters; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that public release of these discussions will occur when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

OPEN MEETING:

The Board will reconvene from Executive Session and Ms. Maryadele Wojtowicz, President, will preside and voice the call to order at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Ms. C. Egan
Ms. A. Fahey
Ms. J. Marcus
Mr. F. Perrotti
Mr. A. Rubinich
Ms. D. Sacco-Calderone – Vice-President
Ms. J. Skelton
Mr. R. Stampone
Ms. M. Wojtowicz - President

Administration:

Mr. Damion Macioci, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Melissa Kida, Board Secretary/Business Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the February 8, 2021 meeting of the Board of Education was e-mailed to the Clerks of the Boroughs of Essex Fells, North Caldwell and Roseland and to the Township of Fairfield, and to the editor of The Progress on January 7, 2021 and The Star Ledger on the same day.

West Essex Regional Board of Education
AGENDA – February 8, 2021

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Wojtowicz will open the floor to the public for comments on agenda items.

(In accordance with Bylaw #0167, a copy of which is available on the District’s website, the Board is now opening the meeting for a period of public comment. Please remember to announce your name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. Your statements will be limited to three (3) minutes in duration. The Board will, of course, consider your comments as they relate to its obligations to effectively govern the West Essex School District.)

West Essex Regional Board of Education
FINANCE– February 8, 2021

The following finance motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1- 6, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the bills and claims **check number 045696** through **check number 045701** and **check number 045704** through **check number 045880** and **check number 510632** through **check number 510633**.
Payroll check number 500959 through **check number 500960**.
Void check number 045702 and **045703**.
Totaling: \$1,717,039.93

Enclosures 1F – 6F

2. To approve the **Student Activity Check Register** from January 6, 2021 through February 5, 2021, **check number 12096** through **check number 12113**.
Void check number 12095.
Totaling: \$3,489.00.

Enclosures 7F – 8F

3. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of **January 25, 2021**.

Enclosures 9F – 18F

4. To approve the Executive Session Minutes of **January 25, 2021**.

Enclosure 19F

5. To approve, in accordance with policy# 7300, the disposal/removal of the following obsolete/broken technology equipment to be removed from inventory:

ITEM	NUMBER	ITEM	NUMBER
Alto Saxophone	T00929	French Horn	M35369
Alto Saxophone	107825	Trombone	558

6. To approve Melissa Kida, Business Administrator, to sign the **Caldwell Community Center Hold Harmless Agreement** on behalf of the West Essex Regional Board of Education.

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

West Essex Regional Board of Education
PERSONNEL – February 8, 2021

The following personnel motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1- 9, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the appointment of **Robert Pordon** as a permanent substitute teacher assigned to the West Essex Regional School District, effective February 9, 2021, for the 2020/2021 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at an annual salary of \$30,000 per year, pro-rated, plus single benefits.

[NOTE: Mr. Pordon replaces Mirna Patner, who was changed in status to a tenure-track position.]

2. To approve the appointment of **Christopher Conroy** as a substitute teacher/certificated aide assigned to the West Essex Regional School District, effective February 9, 2021, for the 2020/2021 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at the rate of \$100 per day.
3. To approve the appointment of **Lee Oberg** as a per diem leave replacement teacher for the West Essex Regional School District, effective March 1, 2021, for the 2020/2021 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at the rate of \$180 per day.
4. To approve **Dana Bartello** as a per diem leave replacement teacher for the West Essex Regional School District, effective on or about March 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at the rate of \$171.00 per day.
5. To approve the following **6th period assignments** effective on or about March 22, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at the stipend amount of \$49 per person, per day:

CPA English I	Bonnie Jing
CPA English II	Nicola Ruiz

6. To approve a family leave of absence, without pay, with benefits, for **Olivia Macaluso**, English teacher assigned to West Essex Regional High School, from **February 22, 2021** through **February 26, 2021**, with a return date of **March 1, 2021**.
7. To approve **Jenna Maus Colucci** to serve as a mentor for **Mirna Patner** for the 2020/2021 school year.
8. To approve the following volunteer coaching appointment for the **2020/2021 NJSIAA Season 2:**

Janice Tufaro	Fencing
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West Essex Regional Board of Education
PERSONNEL – February 8, 2021

9. To *amend* Personnel Motion #13 previously approved at the September 14, 2020 to approve payment to Robert Faggiani in addition to Barbara Bruchac, Michelle Giampapa, Kevin Gramata, Denise Logan, Ryan Logan, Bettina Plesnitzer, and Dominick Linsalato for teaching CPR-AED-First Aid Certification/Re-Certification classes to the West Essex Regional School District Staff at a rate of \$175 per instructor, per session, and CPR-AED-First Aid Re-Certification classes at a rate of \$60 per instructor, per session, not to exceed fifteen (15) sessions, collectively, which may occur between September 15, 2020 – June 30, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

West Essex Regional Board of Education
CURRICULUM/SPECIAL EDUCATION – February 8, 2021

The following curriculum/special education motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Item 1, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the following requests for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses
Logan, Denise	BLS (CPR for Health Care Providers)	On-line	TBD	Conference Fee: \$75.00
Fitzke, Rick	NJ Music Educator's Association Virtual State Conference	On-line	Thursday 02/18/21	Conference Fee: \$40.00
Rizzo, Christa	NJ Music Educator's Association Virtual State Conference	On-line	Friday 02/19/21	Conference Fee: \$40.00
Shroyer, Caitlin	American String Teacher's Association Virtual National Conference	On-line	Friday 03/05/21	Conference Fee: \$190.00

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

West Essex Regional Board of Education
MISCELLANEOUS – February 8, 2021

The following miscellaneous motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1 - 2, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____ to approve the following motions:

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 0003 (HS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
2. To approve the following revision to the **2020-2021 school calendar** for all middle and high school students:
 - Wednesday, March 24th – from single session to full school day

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

The Board President will open the floor to the public for comments on non-agenda items.

Motion to adjourn by _____ Seconded by _____.

ADJOURN: There being no further business before this Board of Education, BE IT RESOLVED that this public meeting be adjourned...**

[NOTE: IF MOVING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, INCLUDE THIS: **...and that the Board enters into private session to discuss matters of personnel, negotiations and litigation with the possibility of reconvening to public session to conduct additional business. The matters discussed in executive session will be disclosed to the public when the need to maintain their confidentiality no longer exists.]