

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
August 16, 2021
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

DATE

Monday, August 16, 2021

PLACE

HS Auditorium

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:37 P.M.

ADJOURNED

7:08 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

7:40 P.M.

ADJOURNED

9:18 P.M.

OPEN MEETING

Ms. Maryadele Wojtowicz, Board President, presided and voiced the call to order in Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Ms. Skelton Seconded by Ms. Marcus to approve the following motion:

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 reconvened from Executive Session and Ms. Maryadele Wojtowicz, President, presided and voiced the call to order at 7:08 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Ms. C. Egan

Ms. A. Fahey - **Absent**

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

West Essex Regional Board of Education
MINUTES – August 16, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the August 16, 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 July 20, 2021 and The Star Ledger on the same day.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Ms. Wojtowicz informed all present that the Board would be participating in another Board Retreat on Wednesday, September 29th, for the purpose of reviewing the Board's Best Practices and 2020/2021 goals; as well as, setting new goals for the 2021/2022 school year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS: (any new or old business)

Finance and Physical Plant Management Committee - Mr. Stampone, Chair, commented that the Committee met on August 4th and discussed: the status of various facility upgrades; the food service bid award; the 2020/2021 audit; and the distribution of grant monies.

Policy Committee – Ms. Wojtowicz, reporting for Ms. Fahey, commented that the Committee met earlier this evening to discuss the abolishment of Policies #1648-Restart and Recovery Plan, #1648.02-Remote Learning Options for Families, and #1648.03-Restart and Recovery Plan-Full-Time Remote Instruction. Also discussed, was Policy #1648.11- The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety, which replaces the aforementioned policies and is on tonight's agenda for a first reading.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Macioci presented an overview the District's last return-to-school planning meeting. He provided a comparison of mandates followed last school year and those currently in place for the upcoming school year. A question and answer period followed.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Wojtowicz opened the floor to the public for comments on agenda items. Hearing none, she closed the floor and resumed the meeting.

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FINANCE– August 16, 2021

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1- 12, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by Mr. Perrotti Seconded by Ms. Skelton to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for **June, 2021**, in the amount of **\$15,116,762.19** Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of **June, 2021**, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Enclosures 1F – 49F

2. To approve the attached transfer report from **June 1, 2021** through **June 30, 2021**.

Enclosures 50F – 51F

3. To approve the **Student Activity Check Register** from July 21, 2021 through August 9, 2021, **check number 12563** through **check number 12568**.
Void check numbers 12551, 12552 and 12562.
Totaling: \$9,430.93

Enclosure 52F

4. To approve the bills and claims **check number 046933** through **check number 046978** and **check number 046980** through **check number 047035** and **check number 047037** through **check number 047041** and **check number 047043** through **check number 047074** and **check number 047076** and **check number 900041** through **check number 900042**.
Payroll check number 501000 and check number 501001.
Void check numbers 046502, 046773, 046979, 047036, 047042, and 047075.
Totaling: \$2,005,593.55

Enclosures 53F – 57F

5. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of **July 21, 2021**.

Enclosures 58F – 68F

6. To approve the Executive Session Minutes of **July 21, 2021**.

Enclosure 69F

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7. WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(22) provides that food services provided by food service management companies pursuant to procedures established by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Child Nutrition Programs are exempt from public bidding; and

WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the “Board”) utilized competitive contracting pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.1 et seq. to solicit proposals for the operation and management of the School District’s food service program (hereinafter referred to as the “Program”); and WHEREAS, on July 21, 2021 the Board received one (1) proposal for the operation and management of the Program from Pomptonian Food Service (hereinafter referred to as “Pomptonian”); and

WHEREAS, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary has evaluated the proposal and prepared a comprehensive report in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5(d), which report was made available to the public at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to this award and is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of accepting the recommendation of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to award the contract to Pomptonian for the following reasons:

- 1) The firm possesses the requisite size, experience and qualifications;
- 2) Management of work and resources has been proven and is favorable; and
- 3) The cost of the overall proposal is advantageous to the School District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby determines that Pomptonian’s proposal is most advantageous because of: (a) its reputation and proven demonstration of quality food service management provided to similarly situated New Jersey Public Schools; (b) Pomptonian’s overall compliance with the proposal specifications; and (c) Pomptonian’s proposal provided for a low administrative/management fee, an adequate guarantee and satisfactory anticipated sales; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby awards Pomptonian the contract to exclusively operate and manage the Program for the 2021-2022 school year, with the option to renew for four (4) one-year terms, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the Board’s Request for Proposals and Pomptonian’s response thereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this award is expressly conditioned upon Pomptonian furnishing the requisite insurance certificate, together with an Employee Information Report and an executed contract, specifically including the following terms and conditions:

- 1) **Management Fee.** Pomptonian shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of eighty-one thousand seven hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$81,774.00), which shall be payable in ten (10) monthly installments of \$8,177.40 per month.
- 2) **Surplus Guarantee.** Pomptonian guarantees that the District shall receive a minimum financial return of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the 2021-2022 school year. If the annual financial return for the Food Service program falls short of the aforementioned amount, Pomptonian

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shall pay the difference to the District in an amount not to exceed one hundred percent (100%) of Pomptonian's annual Management Fee. Pomptonian reserves the right to recover any such reimbursement made during the current contract year from that year's Surplus on a monthly basis.

- 3) **Free and Reduced Meals.** Pomptonian agrees that it shall comply with the Agreement for School Nutrition Programs between the Board and the State Agency and with all applicable USDA program policies and regulations, including 7 C.F.R. §§ 210, 220, 245, 250 and 3016. In order to operate an a la carte food service, Pomptonian agrees to offer free, reduced price and full price reimbursable meals to all eligible students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board President, the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute such agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution pending approval by Board Attorney. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall cause a Notice of Award, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.5(g) to be published in the official newspaper of the Board summarizing the award and indicating that the resolution and contract are on file in the Business Office and available for public inspection.

8. To approve the contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from Essex County Vo-Tech, for six (6) West Essex Regional School District students **ID #22200066, ID #2500813, ID #2400524, ID #2400500, ID #2301019 and ID #2300271**, for the 2021/2022 school year, at a cost of \$13,738.00.
9. To approve the contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from New Beginnings School, for three (3) West Essex Regional School District students **ID #520179, ID #531239, and ID #201740**, for the 2021/2022 school year, at a cost of \$17,418.00.
10. To approve the contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from Newmark School, for one (1) West Essex Regional School District student **ID #2701662**, for the 2021/2022 school year, at a cost of \$15,000.00.
11. To approve the contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from West Essex Regional Middle School for one (1) West Essex Regional student **ID #2701487** and the student's aide, for the 2021/2022 school year, at a cost of \$5,475.00.
12. To approve the transfer of \$55,000.00 from the **Maintenance Reserve Account** to fund costs associated with various maintenance projects throughout the district.

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ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Egan, Ms. Marcus, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Rubinich,
Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Ms. Skelton, Mr. Stampone
and President Wojtowicz
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ms. Fahey

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
PERSONNEL – August 16, 2021**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1-28, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by Mr. Stampone Seconded by Ms. Sacco-Calderone to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the letter of resignation from **Thomas Collins** as an English Teacher assigned to West Essex Regional High School effective August 31, 2021.
2. To approve the letter of resignation from **Jennifer McCloskey** as a Special Education Classroom Aide assigned to West Essex Regional Middle School effective August 16, 2021.
3. To approve the letter of resignation from **Charles Tavares** as a permanent substitute teacher assigned to the West Essex Regional School District effective August 16, 2021.
4. To approve the appointment of **Cynthia Ayala (MA)** as a leave replacement Reading teacher assigned to West Essex Regional Middle School, effective September 27, 2021 through January 31, 2022, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at an annual salary of \$60,017, pro-rated, which is Step 1 of the 2021/2022 Master's Degree Teacher's Salary Guide.
[NOTE: Ms. Ayala replaces Jenna Maus-Colucci, who is on a Board-approved maternity disability leave of absence.]
5. To approve **Cynthia Ayala** to work September 1, 2021, September 2, 2021, and one additional day to be assigned at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, at 1/200th's her annual contractual salary.
6. To approve the appointment of **Kristen Gengaro (BA)** as a leave replacement English teacher assigned to West Essex Regional High School, effective September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at an annual salary of \$57,074, which is Step 1 of the 2021/2022 Bachelor's Degree Teacher's Salary Guide.
[NOTE: Ms. Gengaro replaces Kira Wildes, who is on a Board-approved maternity/disability leave of absence.]

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7. To approve the appointment of **John Mahoney (BA)** as an English teacher assigned to West Essex Regional High School, effective September 1, 2021, for the 2021/2022 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at an annual salary of \$57,074, which is Step 1 of the 2021/2022 Bachelor's Degree Teacher's Salary Guide.

[NOTE: Mr. Mahoney replaces Thomas Collins, who resigned.]

8. To approve the appointment of **Lisa Sang** as a Special Education Aide assigned to West Essex Regional High School, effective September 1, 2021, for the 2021/2022 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at the rate of \$18.50 per hour.

[NOTE: Ms. Sang replaces Lyndsay Martin, who resigned.]

9. To approve the following **Mentoring Positions** for the 2021/2022 school year:

- Timothy Shea for Christopher Conroy
- Toni Ann Zuppa for Samantha Allison

10. To approve the following movement on the guide for the 2021/2022 school year, effective September 1, 2021:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Hagel, Deana	BA15 Step 10 \$71,883	MA Step 10 \$73,692
Vallone, Stephanie	MA15 Step 15 \$90,517	MA30 Step 15 \$93,501

11. To *rescind* the appointment of **Kara Licastro** as Assistant Cheerleading Coach for the 2021/2022 Fall season.

12. To *rescind* the appointment of **Pat Vogelsang** as Assistant Football Coach for the 2021/2022 Fall season.

13. To approve the following **2021/2022 Fall Coaching** appointment:

<u>SPORT</u>	<u>CANDIDATE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>STEP</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
<u>Football</u>				
	John Mendez	Assistant Coach	3	\$7,323
<u>Girls Volleyball</u>				
	Tiffani Hamman	Assistant Coach	5	\$7,619

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14. To approve the following staff members to work as Site Managers to oversee facility usage by outside organizations for the 2021/2022 school year, at the rate of \$35 per hour (Priority 1 thru 3) and \$50 per hour (Priority 4 and 5), with payment to be made by outside organizations:

Peter Davis	Brittany Hernandez	Christa Rizzo
Eric Fitzke Grey	Erica Lescota	

[**NOTE:** In the event that none of the above-listed staff members are available, Anthony Minnella, Lisa Swanick, or Lisa Tamburri may serve as Site Manager, on an as-needed basis, at the discretion of the Superintendent.]

15. To approve the following High School teachers for a **6th period assignment** for one semester for the 2021/2022 school year at the negotiated rate of \$4,500, as per WEEA contract:

SUBJECT	TEACHER	SEMESTER
Freshman Seminar	Toni-Anne Cavallo	1
Con Law CPA	WITHDRAWN	2
Marine Science (2)	Timothy Martin	1 & 2
PE IV/Health 12	WITHDRAWN	1
Sports Marketing CPA	Andrea Llauget	2

16. To approve the following High School teachers for 3/5th's of a **6th period assignment (WE Connect)**, for the 2021/2022 school year, at the negotiated rate of \$5,400, as per WEEA contract:

SUBJECT	TEACHER
Algebra I	Lisa Novalis
Algebra II	Dean Ratajczak <i>(pro-rated)</i> *
Biology	Timothy Martin
Chemistry	Elizabeth Ricafort
Discrete Math	Timothy Walsh
English I	Bonnie Jing
English II	Bryan McNaught
English III	Aaron Myerson
English IV	Toni Ann Zuppa
Earth & Environmental Science	Eric Johnson
Geometry	Jaclyn Carollo
Health/PE (1 teacher all 4 levels)	Dominic Linsalato
Spanish I	Rosa Lazarro
US History I	Chris Benacquista
US History II	Michael Galioto
World History	Scott Illiano

[**NOTE:** Mr. Ratajczak will be returning from a Board-approved family leave of absence on 10/25/21.]

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17. To approve the following High School teachers for a **6th period assignment** for the 2021/2022 school year at the negotiated rate of \$9,000, as per WEEA contract:

SUBJECT	TEACHER
Algebra 9 Resource	Amber Tobia
Biology CPA (3)	Andrea Berthelot/Stacey Gadek/William Humes
Biology Honors	Jody Dolce
Biology ICS	Cyndy McDonough
Conversational Spanish I	Joann Salzarulo
Drawing/Composition I	Amanda Procaccino
English 3 ICS (2)	Dina Bechtold/Brittany Hernandez
Forensic Science (2)	Daniela Colabelli/Taciana Barros
Geometry Honors (2)	Stefanie DuCasse/Jenny Thom-Carroll
Italian II (2)	Lucia Bazzarelli/Cristina Pivetta
Spanish II CPA	Ada Trinidad
Spanish III CPA	Rosa Lazzaro
World Language Exploration	Kaitlin Moleen
Woods Technology I	Christopher Conroy

18. To approve the following Middle School teachers for 3/5th's of a **6th period assignment (WE Rise)** for the 2021/2022 school year, at the negotiated rate of \$5,400, as per WEEA contract:

SUBJECT	TEACHER
English 7	WITHDRAWN
English 8	Genna Solari
Math 7	WITHDRAWN
Math 8	Alyssa Dojcinowski
Reading 7	WITHDRAWN
Reading 8	Lanaya Torres
Science 7	WITHDRAWN
Science 8	Joseph Minniti
Social Studies 7	WITHDRAWN
Social Studies 8	John Sorrentino

19. To approve the following Middle School teachers for a **6th period assignment** for the 2020/2021 school year at the negotiated rate of \$9,000, as per WEEA contract:

SUBJECT	TEACHER
Adapted Health and PE	Anthony Lambo
Science 8 Resource	Gabriel Maffei
Social Studies LLD	Jennifer Bramhall

20. To approve the following High/Middle School teachers for a **6th period assignment** from September 13, 2021 through February 28, 2022, at the negotiated rate of \$9,000, pro-rated, as per WEEA contract:

SUBJECT	TEACHER
Academic Foundations Math	Lanaya Torres
Math 7 Resource (2)	Tricia Mc Cambridge/Nicolette Culkin
Math ICS (2)	Giovanna Macioci/Jeanine Whitman

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21. To approve the following High School teachers for a **6th period assignment** from September 13, 2021 through October 22, 2021, at the negotiated rate of \$49 per day, as per WEEA contract:

SUBJECT	TEACHER
Algebra II Honors (2)	Melissa Ayers/Kristen Capen
Algebra II (2)	Lorna Danckwerth/Lisa Novalis

22. To approve all West Essex Regional School District teachers to administer Homebound Instruction from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the contractual approved rate of \$55 per hour.

23. To approve the following teacher to administer Homebound Instruction from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the contractual approved rate of \$55 per hour:
John Pappas

24. To approve **Jill Cosse, Stephanie Pezzutti, Noell Tundo, and Gianna D’Urso** as staff chaperones at the WEEA negotiated rate of \$200.00 per person, per night (Friday), for The Proving Grounds National Invitational Tournament to be held at The Proving Grounds in Conshohocken, PA from Friday, September 24, 2021 to Saturday, September 25, 2021.

25. To approve **Jill Cosse, Stephanie Pezzutti, Noell Tundo, and Gianna D’Urso** as staff chaperones at the WEEA negotiated rate of \$200.00 per person, per night (Friday), to play nationally ranked teams to be held at The Hill School in Pottstown, PA from Friday, October 1, 2021 to Saturday, October 2, 2021.

26. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #15** previously approved at the **July 21, 2021** Board meeting approving the following staff member to work as an instructor at the Head Start ELA Summer Program for incoming WEMS students (grades 7-8) to be held on campus from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., beginning August 2, 2021 through August 5, 2021, at 1/200th’s annual salary, to read:

Lanaya Torres

27. To approve the following Schedule B High School Advisors for the 2021/2022 school year, as per WEEA contract:

ACTIVITY	STAFF MEMBER	STIPEND
Band: Camp Chaperones (7 per individual)	Edward Griffin (full) Elizabeth Barrett (½) Daniel Basile (½) Michael Bachmann (½) Chris Bouvier (½) Robert Cuevas (½) Charlene Lisboa (½) Elise McAloon (½) Justin Vetrero (½)	\$774 per person
Band: Camp R.N.	Karen Kinsey	\$2,760

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27. (continued) To approve the following Schedule B High School Advisors for the 2021/2022 school year, as per WEEA contract:

ACTIVITY	STAFF MEMBER	STIPEND
U-Knight Peer Mentoring Program	Toni-Anne Cavallo Daniela Colabelli Michelle Giampapa Cyndy McDonough Alicia Perez Amber Tobia Tim Walsh Toni-Ann Zuppa	\$3,121/ea.

28. To approve the following Schedule B Middle School Advisors for the 2021/2022 school year, as per WEEA contract:

CLUB/ACTIVITY	NAME	STIPEND
U-Knight Peer Leaders – MS	Anthony Lambo Samantha Minnella Justin Schwindel	\$3,121/ea.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Egan, Ms. Marcus, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Rubinich,
Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Ms. Skelton, Mr. Stampone
and President Wojtowicz
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ms. Fahey

West Essex Regional Board of Education
CURRICULUM/SPECIAL EDUCATION – August 16, 2021

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1 - 5**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by Mr. Rubinich Seconded by Mr. Stampone to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the following field trip requests:

Class/Teacher	Destination	Educational Justification	Date(s)
Jill Cosse Gianna D'Urso Noelle Gomez Stephanie Pezzuti	Proving Grounds*	National Invitational Tournament	Fri-Sat 09/24-09/25/21
Jill Cosse Gianna D'Urso Noelle Gomez Stephanie Pezzuti	The Hill School* Pottstown, PA	Play two nationally ranked teams	Fri-Sat 10/01-10/02/21

**[NOTE: Approval for this trip is contingent upon New Jersey Department of Health travel guidelines.]*

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2. To approve the following requests for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses
Hoebee, Juliann	Legal One: HIB and Return to School	On-line	Wednesday 09/01/21	Conference Fee: \$40.00

3. To approve **123 ABA** as a provider for home behavioral services at a rate of \$70 per hour for individual ABA instruction for the following out-of-district student. The student will receive five (5) hours per week instruction for the 2021-2022 school year:

- **Student ID # 2701487**

[**NOTE:** In addition, **123 ABA** will provide six (6) hours per year of BCBA supervision and coordination services at a rate of \$125 per hour for the student for the 2021-2022 school year and one (1) month of an additional six (6) hours for book creation, data collection and ABAS assessment.]

4. To approve **Summit Speech School** as a provider of Itinerant Teacher Services for the following in-district students for 60-minute sessions, four times per year, at a rate of \$165 per hour from September 2021 through June 2022. Services will be provided at the school:

- **Student ID# 2300064**
- **Student ID#32200040**

[**NOTE:** Additional sessions, for specialized testing assessment of classroom acoustics under the direction of an Educational Audiologist, staff member and/or student in-service provider will be billed as necessary and separate from the above-mentioned sessions, at a rate of \$165 per hour.]

5. To approve the following staff members to attend the “Using Data to Drive Instruction” one (1) day training program presented by Dr. Tracey Severns, on August 18th, 2021 at West Essex High School, and one (1) additional day, if needed, at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools, at the contractual rate of \$220 per day:

Lisa Boymann	Crescibene, Carly	Tiffani Hamman	Erica Serio
Jarrold Cappello	Caroline DaCosta	Ricky Larcara	Maria Smith
Toni-Anne Cavallo	Jody Dolce	Gabriel Maffei	Lanaya Torres
Celentano, Megan	Bonnie Jing	Samantha Minnella	Stephanie Vallone
Colucci, Gary	Deanna Lamanna	Christa Rizzo	

ROLL CALL:

Yes:	Ms. Egan, Ms. Marcus, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Rubinich, Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Ms. Skelton, Mr. Stampone and President Wojtowicz
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Ms. Fahey

West Essex Regional Board of Education
MISCELLANEOUS – August 16, 2021

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1 - 7, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by Ms. Sacco-Calderone Seconded by Ms. Egan to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the following revisions to the **2021-2022 school calendar** for all middle and high school students:
 - Monday, January 31st through Thursday, February 3rd – **12:17 PM** dismissal
 - Monday, June 20th through Wednesday, June 22nd – **12:17 PM** dismissal
2. To approve the following evaluation models for evaluating staff performance:

<u>Staff Position</u>	<u>Evaluation Model</u>
Principals	New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (NJPEPL)
Assistant Principals	Multidimensional Leadership Performance Rubric (MLPR)
Teachers	Danielson Framework for Teaching
Case Managers/ School Psychologists	Danielson Customized Rubric for Case Managers
School Counselors	New Jersey School Counselors Association (NJSCA)
Nurses	Danielson Framework for Nurses (ASCD)
Media Specialists	Danielson Framework for Library/Media Specialists
Athletic Trainers	Athletic Trainers' Society of New Jersey (ATSNJ)
Behaviorists/Therapists	Danielson Framework for Therapists
Instructional Supervisors	Danielson Customized Rubric for Instructional Specialists
Directors	New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (NJPEPL) Customized Rubric
3. WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional School District ("District"), as deemed necessary, sends students to out of district private schools for students with disabilities ("PSSD"); and
WHEREAS, Youth Consultation Service, Inc. ("YCS") operates PSSD's at various locations in New Jersey; and
WHEREAS, District students placed at YCS PSSD's receive meals meeting the nutritional requirements of the Child Nutrition Program that is administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture; and
WHEREAS, the YCS meals provided are discounted and/or free to the District students attending YCS PSSD's; and
WHEREAS, the District does not require YCS to charge District students for the meals being provided;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:
 - Section 1. District Does Not Require Charges for Meals. The District's Board of Education resolves that it does not require YCS PSSD's to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals.
 - Section 2. Effective Date; Repealer. This resolution shall take effect immediately. All prior resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

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4. To approve the First Reading of Policy #1648.11 – The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety.

Enclosures 1M – 3M

5. To *abolish* Policy #1648 – Restart and Recovery Plan.
[NOTE: Policy #1648.11-The Road Forward COVID-19-Health and Safety supersedes Policy #1648-Restart and Recovery Plan; therefore, this policy is obsolete.]

6. To *abolish* Policy #1648.02 – Remote Learning Options for Families.
[NOTE: The Governor rescinded the remote learning option for families; therefore, this policy is obsolete.]

7. To *abolish* Policy #1648.03 – Restart and Recovery Plan – Full-Time Remote Instruction.
[NOTE: The Governor mandated that all schools must open for in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year; therefore, this policy is obsolete.]

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Ms. Egan, Ms. Marcus, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Rubinich, Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Ms. Skelton, Mr. Stampone and President Wojtowicz
	No:	None
	Abstain:	None
	Absent:	Ms. Fahey

Ms. Wojtowicz opened the floor to the public for comments on non-agenda items:

- **Ms. Daniela Colon**, Fairfield parent, thanked Administration for their efforts during COVID. She asked the Board to send a letter to the Governor requesting that Executive Order 251 be rescinded.
- **Ms. Suzanne Corbo**, North Caldwell parent, asked the Board to challenge Executive Order 251. She commented on her concerns for the mental well-being of the students.
- **Ms. Seton Chalia**, Fairfield parent, commented on her concerns, physical, mental, and emotional, over the mask mandate.
- **Ms. Theresa Mendez** commented on the removal of the remote learning option.
- **Ms. Sitlana**, Fairfield parent, commented on the unconstitutionality of mandated vaccines and mask-wearing in schools.
- **Mr. Dimetro**, Fairfield resident, commented on Executive Order 251.

Repeated attempts to have Mr. Dimetro wear his mask were unsuccessful, so Mr. Fogarty, Board Counsel, announced that the Board would take a brief recess until all members of the audience were masked.

RECESS: 8:35 PM – 8:44 PM

Following the recess, Ms. Wojtowicz addressed the members of the audience regarding the Board's stance on the mask mandate. Ms. Wojtowicz assured the attendees that the Board wished to hear their concerns, only asking that speakers respectfully address the Board. She then reopened the floor to the public for comments on non-agenda items.

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Ms. Wojtowicz reopened the floor to the public for comments on non-agenda items:

- **Ms. Dawn Schettino**, Fairfield parent, requested clarification on how MS lunch/seating would be handled; how a re-entry would be handled, should schools be forced to close; and the masking protocol. Mr. Macioci responded.
- **Ms. Lisa Smith**, Fairfield parent, asked the Board to write to the Governor to reconsider mandated mask-wearing. Ms. Wojtowicz responded.
- **Ms. Alicia Sciarfalo**, Fairfield parent, commented on the need for “mask breaks.” Mr. Macioci responded.
- **Mr. Dimetro**, Fairfield resident, requested clarification on two things. First, if there was a policy or law which allowed Board members to adjourn if a person refused to wear a mask and, second, if the Board was able to give a speaker an extra three minutes of someone else’s unused time. Ms. Wojtowicz responded.

Ms. Wojtowicz commented on the Board’s stance to continue following the Governor’s mandates, and, also, the CDC and Department of Health’s recommendations. Ms. Wojtowicz stated that the Board has decided not to write a letter to the Governor.

Motion to adjourn by **Ms. Sacco-Calderone** Seconded by **Ms. Skelton** at **9:18 PM**.

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

President

Business Administrator/Board Secretary