

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
September 6, 2023
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

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:

Ms. Deborah Sacco-Calderone, Board President, will preside and voice the call to order at 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Ms. B. Buccino
Ms. C. Egan
Ms. D. Holinstat
Mr. F. Perrotti
Ms. D. Sacco-Calderone - President
Mr. J. Schaer
Mr. R. Stampone
Mr. B. Trauman
Ms. M. Wojtowicz – Vice-President

Administration:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the September 6, 2023 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 Star Ledger on August 30, 2023.

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
AGENDA – September 6, 2023**

CALL OF THE MEETING:

The West Essex Regional Board of Education will meet in the West Essex Middle School Board Conference Room on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 6:00 PM for a Special Meeting. After opening the meeting, a portion of this discussion may be held in Executive Session. The Board will return to public session before closing the meeting.

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary)

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

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

West Essex Regional Board of Education
FINANCE – September 6, 2023

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 contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from Essex County Vo-Tech, for ten (10) shared-time and two (2) full-time West Essex Regional School District students, for the 2023/2024 school year, at a cost of \$25,200.00.
2. To approve the contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from Pillar School, for one (1) West Essex Regional School District student **ID #2601699**, for the 2023/2024 school year, at a cost of \$11,600.00.
3. To approve the contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from Shepard School, for one (1) West Essex Regional School District student **ID #2802051**, for the 2023/2024 school year, at a cost of \$27,726.00.
4. To approve the contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from Newmark School K-8, for one (1) West Essex Regional School District student **ID #2801972**, for the 2023/2024 school year, at a cost of \$15,000.00.
5. To approve the contract with **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide transportation services to and from Newmark High School, for one (1) West Essex Regional School District student **ID #2701665**, for the 2023/2024 school year, at a cost of \$40,824.00.
6. To approve a contract (renewal) between the West Essex Regional School District and the **Essex County Vocational School** for the 2023/2024 school year at the following cost per student, per year:

FULL-TIME RATE

- Regular Education Students \$5,911.00 (\$591.10/mo.)
- Special Education Students \$9,104.00 (\$910.40/mo.)

SHARED-TIME RATE

- Regular Education Students \$2,955.50 (\$295.55/mo.)
- Special Education Students \$4,552.00 (\$455.20/mo.)

[NOTE: There will be no increase in tuition rates from the 2021/2022 school year.]

West Essex Regional Board of Education
PERSONNEL – September 6, 2023

The following personnel 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. WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") and the West Essex Education Association (hereinafter referred to as "the Association") have negotiated a successor Collective Negotiations Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "CNA") for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years; and
WHEREAS, the Association has, by a majority vote of its membership, ratified the CNA;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby ratifies and approves the terms of the CNA for the 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 school years, which is attached to this Resolution and made a part hereof; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute, on behalf of the Board, the CNA by and between the Board and the Association.
2. To approve the following Middle School Aide for Lunch Duty Coverage for the 2023-2024 school year, compensation at the stipend amount of \$25.00 per session:

Rosemary Polzella

3. To *amend* Personnel Motion #8, previously approved at the **April 24, 2023** Board meeting to read: To approve a maternity/disability leave of absence for **Victoria Gaffney**, Special Education Teacher assigned to West Essex Regional Middle School, beginning on or about **September 5, 2023** through **June 30, 2024** with an anticipated return date of **September 1, 2024**.

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4. To amend Personnel Motion #15, previously approved at the August 28, 2023 Board meeting to read: To approve a temporary 6th period assignment for the following Middle School teachers effective on or about **September 5, 2023** through on or about **June 30, 2023**, at the negotiated rate of \$ 10,500, prorated, as per the WEEA contract:

COURSE	PERIOD	TEACHER
Math 7 (In-Class Resource/ICS)	1	Dawn Manos
Math 7 (In-Class Resource/ICS)	3	Zlata Danese
Math 8 (In-Class Resource/ICS)	4	Matthew Gruby
Math 8 (In-Class Resource/ICS)	6	Sabrina Schiavo
Math 8 (In-Class Resource/ICS)	8	Jessica Maidman

(NOTE: Ms. Manos, Ms. Danese, Mr. Gruby, Ms. Schiavo, and Ms. Maidman are replacing Ms. Gaffney, who will be on a Board approved maternity/disability leave of absence).

5. To approve **Dr. Kimberly Westervelt** for a doctoral differential, effective August 18, 2023, at the rate of \$2,000, in accordance with the negotiated West Essex Administrator’s Association agreement.
6. To approve the following movement on the guide for the 2023/2024 school year effective September 1, 2023.

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Du Casse, Stefanie	MA+30 Step 13 \$88,939	MA+60 Step 13 \$91,719
Humes, William	MA+15 Step 18 + \$2,750 \$106,921	MA+30 Step 18 + \$2,750 \$110,281
DaCosta, Caroline	MA+30 Step 11 \$81,883	MA+60 Step 11 \$84,442
Pivetta, Cristina	MA+15 Step 10 \$76,985	MA+30 Step 10 \$79,468
Rizzo, Christa	BA+15 Step 14 \$84,624	MA Step 14 \$86,688
Danese, Zlata	MA+30 Step 10 \$79,468	MA+60 Step 1 \$81,952

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6. (Continued) To approve the following movement on the guide for the 2023/2024 school year effective September 1, 2023.

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Ayers-Lopuzzo, Melissa	MA+15 Step 10 \$76,985	MA+30 Step 10 \$79,468
Lombardozi, Michele	MA Step 12 \$80,073	MA+15 Step 12 \$82,742
Crescibene-Davis, Carly	MA Step 10 \$74,502	MA+15 Step 10 \$76,985
Purcell, Marie	MA+30 Step 12 \$85,411	MA+60 Step 12 \$88,080
Celentano, Megan	MA+15 Step 18 + \$2,750 \$106,921	MA+30 Step 18 + \$2,750 \$110,281
Donnelly, Alyssa	MA Step 10 \$74,502	MA+60 Step 10 \$81,952
Llauget, Michael	MA+15 Step 17 \$99,831	MA+30 Step 17 \$103,051
Myerson, Aaron	BA Step 11 \$73,110	BA+15 Step 11 \$74,938
Maus-Colucci, Jenna	MA+15 Step 17 \$99,831	MA+30 Step 17 \$103,051
Faggiani, Robert	MA Step 10 \$74,502	MA+15 Step 10 \$76,985

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6. (Continued) To approve the following movement on the guide for the 2023/2024 school year effective September 1, 2023.

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Shroyer, Caitlin	MA Step 12 \$80,073	MA+15 Step 12 \$82,742
Culkin, Nicolette	BA Step 6 \$63,386	BA+15 Step 6 \$64,971
Dolce, Jody	MA+15 Step 18 \$104,171	MA+15 Step 18 + \$2,750 \$106,921
Puccio, Michael	MA+15 Step 18 \$104,171	MA+15 Step 18 + \$2,750 \$106,921
Sommer, Lauren	MA+30 Step 17 \$103,051	MA+30 Step 17 + \$2,750 \$105,801
Serio, Erica	MA Step 18 \$100,811	MA Step 18 + \$2,750 \$103,561
Cappello, Jarrod	BA Step 18 + \$2,750 \$98,760	BA Step 18 + \$5,500 \$101,510
Fardin, Neil	BA+15 Step 18 + \$2,750 \$101,160	BA+15 Step 18 + \$5,500 \$103,910

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

West Essex Regional Board of Education
 CURRICULUM/SPECIAL EDUCATION – September 6, 2023

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, will be voted upon in one motion.

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

1. To approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2023/2024 School Year:

Student	Out of District School	Tuition
Student ID # 2500806	HoHokus School of Trade 634 Market Street Paterson, New Jersey 07513 800-646-9353	Tuition - \$ 9,900.00 Shared Time (September 5, 2023 through June 30, 2024).
Student ID # 2902463	Craig School 10 Tower Hill Road Mountain Lakes, New Jersey 07046 973-334-1234	Summer Tuition -\$2,360.00 Fall Tuition - \$61,171.00 Speech Services \$ 5,000.00 Total Cost - \$68,531.00 July 10, 2023 - June 30, 2024

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

West Essex Regional Board of Education
MISCELLANEOUS – September 6, 2023

The following miscellaneous 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 2023/2024 transportation bus routes, as appended.

Enclosures 1M – 31M

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BOARD COMMENTS

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

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.