

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
October 16, 2023
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

DATE

Monday, October 16, 2023

PLACE

MS Cafeteria Classroom

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5:33 P.M.

ADJOURNED

7:30 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

7:34 P.M.

ADJOURNED

8:25 P.M.

OPEN MEETING

Ms. Deborah Sacco-Calderone, Board President, presided and voiced the call to order in Executive Session at 5:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by **Ms. Sacco-Calderone** Seconded by **Ms. Buccino** 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. Deborah Sacco-Calderone, President, presided and voiced the call to order at 7:44 p.m.

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 - **Absent**
Mr. B. Trauman – **Arrived at 5:35 PM**
Ms. M. Wojtowicz – Vice-President

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Administration:

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

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the October 16, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education was emailed 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 6, 2023 and The Star Ledger on the same day. Notice of the location change for the remaining 2023 meetings was emailed to the Clerks of the Boroughs of Essex Fells, North Caldwell and Roseland and to the Township of Fairfield, and the editor of The Progress on August 15, 2023.

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
AGENDA – October 16, 2023**

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Ms. Sacco-Calderone welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided an overview of the Essex County Meeting. Ms. Sacco-Calderone attended the meeting along with Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Ms. Wojtowicz, Mr. Macioci, and Ms. Kida. The meeting focused on finances and the needs in Essex County. West Essex will be hosting the April Meeting. She mentioned many of the events and presentations at the High School and Middle School. Eight board members will be attending School Boards the week of October 23, 2023.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Macioci discussed an addition to the school calendar on October 23, 2023 to reflect a two-hour delayed opening for students and professional development for staff. He welcomed **Joslyn deGuzman** as the High School Representative to the Board of Education. Mr. Macioci also discussed the School Climate and Culture Initiative and acknowledged **Dr. Kimberly Westervelt** will be presenting at the NJSPA Conference in Atlantic City, with the topic of “Improving School Climate through Student Voice.”

Mr. Macioci introduced **Ms. Juliann Hoebee**, Assistant High School Principal. Ms. Hoebee discussed the Student Safety Data System Report for the High School and Middle School. Ms. Hoebee also discussed the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Continued

Ms. Juliann Hoebee introduced **Dr. Kimberly Westervelt** and **Ms. Lisa Hulse**, who provided an overview of the School Culture and Climate Initiative. Dr. Westervelt discussed that we have been working with St. Elizabeth University and the benefits of their Climate Survey, with another survey in the Spring, 2024. We are working with Anti-Defamation League's "No Place for Hate," a student lead program. The Staff Rollout will take place on October 23, 2023, the Student Kick-Off Event will be held on November 6, 2023, and the Pledge Signing will take place November 14-16, 2023. Activities will take place in November 2023, January 2024, March 2024, and April 2024, with the Banner Ceremony taking place on May 22, 2024. Dr. Westervelt also discussed activities with the High School Climate and Culture team. Ms. Hulse discussed the activities with the Middle School Climate and Culture team. Dr. Westervelt and Ms. Hulse answered questions from the Board members regarding the Climate and Culture initiatives, fundraising, and events.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Dr. Gina Donlevie, Middle School Principal, discussed the following:

- Presentation with Dr. Debbie Silver
- School Safety Month
 - Social Media Assembly with Lauren Maruiello, LPC
 - Sgt. Rich Assembly
 - PTO Sponsored Cookie with a Cop
 - Spirit Week

Mr. Caesar Diliberto, High School Principal, discussed the following:

- Welcomed Joslyn deGuzman as the Student Representative to the Board
- Ship Rite STARS
- Marching Knights – 1st Place at US Bands Ludwig Musser Classic
- Chris Herren and Sgt. Rich Assembly's
- Tournament of Bands Chapter X Championship on October 22, 2023
- Sports Update – Football qualified for State Sectional Playoffs, Field Hockey ranked #4 in the US, #1 in New Jersey, Volleyball Big Pink Fundraiser, the success of Girls fall sports
- Minute-to-Win-It Games

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Jonathan Schaer commented on the Chris Herren presentation. He also mentioned the success of the Fairfield PTO fundraiser of the Harlem Wizards vs. Fairfield Teachers event that took place in the High School Gymnasium.

Mr. Brian Trauman commented on the success of the Middle School and High School Back to School Nights, Junior Parent Night, College Visits, College Fair, and attendance at Football games.

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COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS: Continued

Ms. Sacco-Calderone commented on Back to School Night, the Chris Herren and Dr. Debbie Silver presentations, and she thanked the administration for all their efforts in recognizing the needs of our students, improving our Climate and Culture, making it fun for the students while helping them become good, caring people.

Ms. Bethany Buccino commented on the presentations and thanked the administration.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
FINANCE– October 16, 2023**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1- 16**, will be voted upon in one motion.

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

1. To approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for **July, 2023**, in the amount of **\$20,668,176.23** 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 **July, 2023**, 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 – 51F

2. To approve the attached transfer report from **July 1, 2023** through **July 31, 2023**

Enclosures 52F – 53F

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3. To approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for **August, 2023**, in the amount of **\$22,360,420,92** 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 **August, 2023**, 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 54F – 104F

4. To approve the bills and claims check number **052664** through check number **052675** and check number **052677** through check number **052693** and check number **052695** through check number **052735** and check number **052737** through check number **052815** and check number **052817** through check number **052826** and check number **052828** through check number **052837** and check number **052841** through check number **052859**.
Payroll check number **501166** through check number **501167**.
Void check number **052353, 052627, 052676, 052694, 052736, 052816, 052827,** and **052838** through **052840**, and **052853** through **052856**.
Totaling: **\$2,379,327.18**

Enclosures 105F – 110F

5. To approve the **Student Activity Check Register** from September 16, 2023 through October 13, 2023, check number **15038** through check number **15151** and check number **15154** through check number **15163** and check number **15167** through check number **15233**.
Void Check Numbers **15152, 15153, 15164, 15165, and 15166**
Totaling: **\$279,241.23**

Enclosures 111F – 132F

6. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of **September 18, 2023**.

Enclosures 133F – 146F

7. To approve the Executive Session Minutes of **September 18, 2023**.

Enclosure 147F - 148F

8. To approve the ice hockey co-operative agreement between the **Caldwell/West Caldwell School District** and West Essex Regional School District for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 seasons, pending NJSIAA approval.
9. To approve the ice rental agreement with **Codey Arena**, in West Orange, New Jersey, for league games and practices, for the 2023/2024 school year, in the amount of **\$450** per hour.

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10. To approve the Maintenance agreement with **Exertech, LLC**, in Vernon, New Jersey, for the purpose of maintenance on all units of exercise equipment monthly, for the 2023/2024 school year, for the fee of **\$250** per visit, **\$175** for the first hour and **\$100** each proceeding hour.
11. To approve the contract with the **Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education** to provide Athletic Trip Transportation services for West Essex Regional School District students for the 2023/2024 school year.
12. To approve the 2023/2024 Special Education Student Transportation Reimbursement contract, as attached, between the West Essex Regional School District and the parents of **Student ID #2300306**, for disbursement of transportation expenses in the amount of \$5,200, pending the approval of the Executive County Superintendent.

Enclosures 149F – 151F

13. To approve the 2023/2024 Special Education Student Transportation Reimbursement contract, as attached, between the West Essex Regional School District and the parents of **Student ID #42200064** for disbursement of transportation expenses in the amount of \$4,340, pending the approval of the Executive County Superintendent.

Enclosures 152F – 154F

14. Whereas, The Board of Education of the West Essex Regional School District in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board"), desires to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of:

LRFP MAJOR AMENDMENT UPDATE

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26–3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Major Amendment Update to its previously approved LRFP and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval.

Section 2. The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project(s).

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14. (Continued)

Section 3. The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board Attorney, Bond Counsel and Architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution; including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

15. To approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for **September, 2023**, in the amount of **\$21,819,786.44** 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 **September, 2023**, 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 155F – 205F

16. To approve the attached transfer report from **September 1, 2023** through **September 30, 2023**

Enclosure – 206F

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Ms. Buccino, Ms. Egan, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti (#1- #5 and #8 - #16 Only), Mr. Schaer, Mr. Trauman, Ms. Wojtowicz, and Ms. Sacco-Calderone
	No:	None
	Abstain:	Mr. Perrotti (#6 -#7 Only)
	Absent:	Mr. Stampone

West Essex Regional Board of Education
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – October 16, 2023

The following building & grounds 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 Mr. Schaer Seconded by Ms. Egan to approve the following motions:

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – October 16, 2023**

1. To approve the following application for **Use of Facilities** with the appropriate fees in accordance with **Board Policy #7510**:

Organization	Priority	Event	Facilities	Date(s)	Fees
Varsity Sports Camps, LLC	4	Basketball Camp for In-District Kids by HS Coaches	Main Gym	Thurs-Fri 11/09-11/10/23	\$500.00
All 4 Dance	5	Dress Rehearsal and Dance Recital	Auditorium, Main Gym, 5 Classrooms	Sat-Sun 05/04-05/05/24	\$13,350.00
NJ Grit Field Hockey Club	4	Indoor Field Hockey Training	Auxiliary Gym	Sundays 12/10/23, 01/01/24, 01/21/24 Tuesdays 12/12/23, 02/02/24, 01/16/24, 02/06/24	\$1,750.00
The Performing Arts Project	3	Dress Rehearsal and Performances of Musical	HS Auditorium	Thurs-Sat 12/15-12/17/23	\$4,280.00
The Performing Arts Project	3	Dress Rehearsal and Performances of Musical	HS Auditorium	Thurs-Sat 04/25-04/27/24	\$2,680.00
The Performing Arts Project	3	Dress Rehearsal and Performances of Musical	HS Auditorium	Thurs-Sat 5/31-6/2/24	\$4,280.00
Roseland Recreation	3	High School Intramural Basketball League for Sending Districts	Middle School Gymnasium and Small Gymnasium	Fridays 12/02/23 through 02/23/24	No Charge

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Egan, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Trauman, Ms. Wojtowicz, and Ms. Sacco-Calderone
 No: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Mr. Stampone

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
PERSONNEL – October 16, 2023**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1- 21**, will be voted upon in one motion.
 Motion by Ms. Egan Seconded by Mr. Perrotti to approve the following motions:

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PERSONNEL – October 16, 2023

1. To approve the resignation of the following staff member(s):

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment
Alexandra Catalano	Permanent Substitute	Resignation	WEMS	12/10/23

2. To approve the appointment(s) of the following staff members, for the 2023/2024 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9:

Name	Location/Position	Tenure Track or Leave Replacement	Replacing or New Position	Guide	Step	Salary/Hourly Rate	Effective Date(s)
Brittany Whitford	HS Business Teacher	Tenure Track	David Semaya	WEEA	BA/Step 5	\$62,386	11/06/23
Carrie Sisco	MS Part-Time Secretary	Tenure Track	NEW	WESA	Step 1	\$26.65 per hour	10/17/23

3. To approve the appointment(s) of the following substitute staff members, for the 2023/2024 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9:

Name	Position	Daily Rate	Effective Date(s)
Anna McCarthy-Olivero	Substitute Teacher/Substitute Aide	\$125 per day	10/17/23
Brittany Whitford	Substitute Teacher	\$125 per day	10/17/23
Jonathan Stolarz	Substitute Teacher/Substitute Aide	\$125 per day	10/17/23
Lisa Marshall	Substitute Secretary	\$125.00 per day	10/17/23

4. To approve Longevity for the 2023/2024 school year for the following staff member(s):

Name	From	To	Effective Date
Lisa Hulse	\$131,216	\$131,216 + \$2,488	09/02/23

5. To appoint the following staff member(s) as Anti-Bullying Specialist for the 2023/2024 school year:

Name	Location	Effective Date
Lisa Tamburri	WEMS	10/17/23

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6. To approve the following staff member to work, as needed, as Instructor for the WEMS academic support program, “Lunch Squad,” for the 2023-2024 school year, with sessions to be held Monday - Friday, from 10:39 AM–11:39 AM, at the stipend amount of \$55 per session. Payments are to be allocated through Title I funds, not to exceed \$63,133.

Christina Priore

7. To approve the following Child Study Team member(s) for Mileage Reimbursement for Out of District Intakes, Testing, Observations, Meetings, and Evaluations for the 2023/2024 school year:

Amy Brecher	Danielle Cimmet	Alyssa Donnelly
Michelle Gonzalez	Deanna Lamanna	Taylor Lang
Jeanine Whitman		

8. To approve the following B Middle School Advisor(s) for the 2023/2024 school year, as per WEEA contract, pending completion of contract negotiations:

Club/Activity	Name	Stipend
Math Counts	Christine Priore	\$1,091
Save Promise Club	Carly Davis	\$790

9. To approve the following individual to work throughout the 2023/2024 athletic seasons, in Schedule E – Sports Non-Coaching Positions, as per WEEA contract:

Kristen Gengaro	Jeff Martin
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10. To approve the following staff member(s) to work as a Site Manager(s) to oversee facility usage by outside organizations for the 2023/2024 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:

Stephanie Vallone

11. To approve the following Leave of Absence(s) for the 2023/2024 school year:

Name	Location	Position	Maternity/ Disability Leave	NJFLA/FMLA w/o pay, but with benefits (if applicable)	Extended LOA w/o pay or benefits	Return Date
Michelle Saus*	WEMS	Teacher of Technology	10/13/23-1/25/24	1/26/24-4/26/24	N/A	4/27/24
Jenna Maus-Colucci	WEMS	Media Specialist	N/A	10/17/23-6/30/24 (Intermittent)	N/A	N/A

*Amended from previous agenda

12. To *amend* Personnel Motion #12, previously approved at the August 16, 2023 Board Meeting to read: To approve the following Schedule B High School Advisor for the 2023/2024 school year, as per WEEA contract, pending completion of contract negotiations:

ACTIVITY	STAFF MEMBER	STIPEND
Health & Wellness	Ryan Logan	\$676

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13. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #6**, previously approved at the **September 18, 2023** Board Meeting to read: To approve the following high school Math Lab tutors, Monday through Friday during lunch block, at a rate of **\$55** per session, for the 2023/2024 school year, pending the completion of contract negotiations:

Nicolette Culkin	Stephanie DuCasse
Melissa Rowen	Crystal Zagleski

14. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #7**, previously approved at the **September 18, 2023** Board meeting to read: To approve the following high school Writing Center tutors, Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch block, Thursdays during lunch block on an “as needed” basis, and Tuesdays from 2:40 PM – 3:40 PM, at a rate of **\$55** per session, for the 2023/2024 school year, pending the completion of contract negotiations:

Suzana Duby	Alicia Perez	Nicola Ruiz
Toni Ann Zuppa	Christopher Hermosilla	

15. To rescind the following Schedule B Middle School Advisor, previously approved at the June 12, 2023 Board Meeting:

Activity	Staff Member	Stipend
Dance Company Advisor (MS)	Melissa Mooney	\$3,379

16. To approve the following Schedule B Middle School Advisor(s) for the 2023/2024 school year, as per WEEA contract, pending completion of contract negotiations:

Activity	Staff Member	Stipend
Dance Company Advisor (MS)	Sarah Blake/Gia Mayaan	\$3,379 (prorated, split between two)

17. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #9**, previously approved at the **August 16, 2023** Board Meeting to read: To approve the WEMS academic support program, “**Lunch Squad**,” for the 2023-2024 school year, with sessions to be held on Monday-Friday from 10:39 AM - 11:39 AM, at the stipend amount of **\$55** per session. Payments are to be allocated through Title I funds, not to exceed \$69,133.

18. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #14**, previously approved at the **August 28, 2023** Board Meeting to read: To approve the following staff member to work, as needed, as Instructor for the WEMS academic support program, “**Lunch Squad**,” for the 2023-2024 school year, with sessions to be held Monday - Friday, from 10:39 AM–11:39 AM, at the stipend amount of **\$55** per session. Payments are to be allocated through Title I funds, not to exceed \$63,133.

Lisa Phillips

19. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #11**, previously approved at the **September 18, 2023** Board Meeting to read: To approve the following **2023/2024 Winter** Coaching appointments pending the completion of contract negotiations:

Strength Coach	Dominick Linsalato	Assistant	5	\$5,113
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20. To approve the following individual to work throughout the 2023/2024 athletic seasons, in Schedule E – Sports Non-Coaching Positions, as per WEEA contract, pending completion of contract negotiations:

Tiffani Hamman

21. To approve the appointment of Joslyn deGuzman, as per Policy #0143.2, as the 2023/2024 High School Student Representative to the Board of Education.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Egan, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Trauman, Ms. Wojtowicz, and Ms. Sacco-Calderone
 No: None
 Abstain: None
 Absent: Mr. Stampone

West Essex Regional Board of Education
 CURRICULUM/SPECIAL EDUCATION – October 16, 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 - 7**, will be voted upon in one motion.
 Motion by Ms. Wojtowicz Seconded by Ms. Holinstat to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the following request for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses
Ratajczak, Dean	NJSIAA Golf Coaches Clinic	Kenilworth, NJ	Friday 10/20/23	Conference Fee: \$60.00 Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$18.05
Carollo, Jaclyn	Making Best Use of Google Classroom to Strengthen Math Instruction	On-Line	Wednesday 11/15/23	Conference Fee: \$279.00
Rich, Rosemary	New Jersey Association of School Librarians Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	Sun - Tuesday 12/3-12/5/23	Conference Fee: \$293.00 Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$320.80
Faggiani, Maria	Marketing Matters: Making the Most of CBI Through Community Partnerships	On-Line	Wednesday 11/01/23	Conference Fee: No Cost

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1. (Con't) To approve the following request for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses
Maus-Colucci, Jenna	NJASL Fall Conference	On-Line	Mon-Tues 12/04- 12/5/23	Conference Fee: \$293.00 Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$163.80
Sacco-Calderone, Deborah	Virtual Leadership Conference: Everyone Moving Forward Together	On-Line	Friday 11/17/23	Conference Fee: \$99.00
Wojtowicz Maryadele	Virtual Leadership Conference: Everyone Moving Forward Together	On-Line	Friday 11/17/23	Conference Fee: \$99.00
Kida, Melissa	Introduction to Payroll	On-Line	TBD	Conference Fee: \$225.00
Andrascik, Christina	Introduction to Payroll	On-Line	TBD	Conference Fee: \$225.00
Cardinale, Joseph	Money Talks	Jersey City, NJ	Friday 10/27/23	Conference Fee: No Cost
Browne, Kenneth	Maximize Comprehensible Input in World Language	On-Line	Thursday 11/16/23	Conference Fee: \$279.00
Tremaroli, Crystal	Counselor Visit Days at Quinnipiac and Campus Tour at Fairfield	Hamden, CT and Fairfield, CT	11/3/23 and 11/4/23	Conference Fee: No Cost Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$98.13
Faggiani, Maria	We Bridges Event	Caldwell, NJ	Saturday 10/28/23	Conference Fee: No Cost Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$91.00
Donnelly, Alyssa	We Bridges Event	Caldwell, NJ	Saturday 10/28/23	Conference Fee: No Cost Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$91.00

2. To approve the following WE Rise Middle School 6th period assignments for the 2023/2024 school year:

Health/PE 7/8

3. To approve the formation of a new Schedule B Club/Activity at the middle school for the 2023/2024 school year named “MS Chess Club” with Steven Siragusa as the advisor.

[NOTE: Mr. Siragusa will not be paid this year. If the club is successful, and is recommended for next year, a stipend will be negotiated.]

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4. To approve the following parent volunteer chaperones for the Middle School World Language class trip to Brooks Art Center, Bound Brook, New Jersey, on Tuesday, November 14, 2023:

Dawn Barreca	Dara Dapche	Dana Delorenzo-Whitehead	Joanna Franciscone
Patricia Fuertes	Dalia Garrido	Katie Johnston	Jocelyn Kramer
Geeta Lahiri	Bari Larner	Frank Polito	Christina Scarpa
Lauren Smith			

5. To *amend* Curriculum/Special Education Motion #10, previously approved at the July 19, 2023 Board meeting to read: To approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2023/2024 School Year:

Student	Out of District School	Tuition
Student ID # 2601118	Deron School I 1140 Commerce Avenue Union, New Jersey 07083 908-206-0444	Fall Tuition - \$79,346.40 Total Cost - \$79,346.40 September 2023 - June 2024
Student ID # 2701487	Passaic Valley High School 100 East Main Street Little Falls, New Jersey 07424 973-890-2590	*Summer and Fall Tuition - \$77,172.00 Extraordinary Aide - \$45,000.00 Total Cost - \$122,172.00 July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

6. To *amend* Personnel Motion #3, previously approved at the August 28, 2023 Board Meeting to read: To approve a high school Writing Center, Mondays and Wednesdays during lunch block, Thursdays during lunch block on an “as needed” basis, and Tuesdays from 2:40 PM – 3:40 PM, at a rate of \$55 per session, for the 2023/2024 school year. Program to be funded through Title I.
7. To *amend* Personnel Motion #4, previously approved at the August 28, 2023 Board Meeting to read: To approve a high school Math Lab, Monday through Friday during lunch block, at a rate of \$55 per session, for the 2023/2024 school year. Program to be funded through Title I.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Egan, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Trauman, Ms. Wojtowicz (#2 - #7 Only), and Ms. Sacco-Calderone (#2 - #7 Only)

No: None

Abstain: Ms. Wojtowicz (#1 Only), Ms. Sacco-Calderone (#1 Only)

Absent: Mr. Stampone

West Essex Regional Board of Education
MISCELLANEOUS – October 16, 2023

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1 - 10, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by Ms. Buccino Seconded by Ms. Wojtowicz to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the annual **Student Safety Data System Report**, as presented at the October 16, 2023 Regular Board meeting.
2. To approve the New Jersey Department of Education's **School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act** for West Essex Regional High School the 2022/2023 school year, as appended.

Enclosures 1M – 6M

3. To approve the New Jersey Department of Education's **School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act** for West Essex Regional Middle School the 2022/2023 school year, as appended.

Enclosures 7M – 12M

4. To approve the **Nursing Services Plan** of the West Essex Regional School District for the 2023/2024 school year.
[NOTE: The statistics have been updated to reflect the numbers for the current school year, the plan itself remains the same.]

Enclosures 13M – 19M

5. To approve the following revision to the **2023/2024 school calendar** for all middle and high school students:
 - Monday, October 23, 2023 – from full day to 2-hour delayed opening for students (Professional Development for Staff)
6. To approve the following starting and ending times that school is in session during the **2023/2024** school year:

Full Day	7:42 AM - 2:35 PM
Early Dismissal	7:42 AM – 12:17 PM
Delayed Opening	9:42 AM – 2:35 PM

7. To approve the West Essex Regional School District **School Safety and Security Plan** for the 2023/2024 school year.
8. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 01 (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.

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9. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 02 (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.
10. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 02 (MS) 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.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Ms. Buccino, Ms. Egan, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti (#1 - #7 and #10 Only), Mr. Schaer, Mr. Trauman, Ms. Wojtowicz, and Ms. Sacco-Calderone
	No:	None
	Abstain:	Mr. Perrotti (#8 - #9 Only)
	Absent:	Mr. Stampone

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The Board President opened the floor to the public for comments. **Joslyn deGuzman**, Student Representative to the Board, expressed she is grateful for this opportunity and is looking forward to being a voice for the students. Ms. Sacco-Calderone welcomed Ms. deGuzman and looks forward to working with her. Hearing no other comments on non-Agenda items, Ms. Sacco-Calderone closed the floor and resumed the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Wojtowicz Seconded by Mr. Trauman at **8:25 PM**.

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

President

Business Administrator/Board Secretary