

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MONTHLY MEETING
November 30, 2023
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

DATE

Thursday, November 30, 2023

PLACE

Board Offices

CALLED TO ORDER

12:53 P.M.

ADJOURNED

1:01 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1:03 P.M.

ADJOURNED

3:05 P.M.

OPEN MEETING:

Ms. Deborah Sacco-Calderone, Board President, presided and voiced the call to order at 12:53 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Ms. B. Buccino

Ms. C. Egan

Ms. D. Holinstat

Mr. F. Perrotti – **Arrived at 1:45 P.M.**

Ms. D. Sacco-Calderone - President

Mr. J. Schaer

Mr. R. Stampone - **Absent**

Mr. B. Trauman - **Absent**

Ms. M. Wojtowicz – Vice-President

Administration:

Mr. Damion Macioci, Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Melissa Kida, Board Secretary/Business Administrator

Mr. Stephen Fogarty, Board Counsel

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the November 30, 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 Progress on November 16, 2023 and The Star Ledger on the same day.

West Essex Regional Board of Education
MINUTES – November 30, 2023

CALL OF THE MEETING:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT IN accordance with the provisions of Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, the “Open Public Meetings Act”, notice is hereby given that the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education has scheduled a special public and executive meeting on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. for the purpose of conducting two pupil matters. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, student matters shall be conducted in closed executive session. The meeting will take place at the Board Offices located at 65 West Greenbrook Road, North Caldwell, New Jersey 07006. The meeting will open to the public at 2:00 P.M. solely for the purpose of immediately moving into closed executive session as required by the Open Public Meetings Act.

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

After opening the meeting, Ms. Sacco-Calderone made a motion to retire to Executive Session for a student hearing:

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Egan Seconded by Mrs. Wojtowicz at 1:01 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.

RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:03 PM

The Board reconvened from Executive Session and Ms. Calderone, President, presided and voiced the call to order.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. B. Buccino
Ms. C. Egan
Ms. D. Holinstat
Mr. F. Perrotti – Arrived at 1:45 P.M.
Ms. D. Sacco-Calderone - President
Mr. J. Schaer
Mr. R. Stampone - Absent
Mr. B. Trauman - Absent
Ms. M. Wojtowicz – Vice-President

Administration:

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

West Essex Regional Board of Education
MISCELLANEOUS – November 30, 2023

The following miscellaneous motion is 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 Ms. Buccino Seconded by Mr. Perrotti to approve the following motion:

1. WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education (hereafter referred to as the “Board of Education”) conducted a disciplinary hearing on the continued suspension of a student; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the preponderance of competent and credible evidence supports the disciplinary charges; and
BE IT RESOLVED that, prior to reentry, the student must submit to a comprehensive psychiatric evaluation so as to determine the student’s readiness to return to West Essex High School; and
BE IT RESOLVED that during the period of the student’s suspension and provided that the student receives clearance, the student shall be provided home instruction pursuant to State law, N.J.A.C. 6A:16-10.2, that meets the Core Curriculum Standards in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:8-1.1 et seq. and the student’s individualized education program; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the student shall not be present on the Board of Education’s school campus before, during and after the regularly scheduled school day during the period of the student’s suspension, unless specifically authorized by the Superintendent; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby determines that the student shall not be permitted to participate in any athletic, co-curricular and/or extra-curricular activities sponsored by the Board of Education and shall not be present for or attend any Board of Education sponsored activities, either on campus or in any school district where the West Essex Regional School District is participating in the activities during the period of suspension; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board additionally determines that any further engagement by the student in conduct warranting expulsion pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2, and/or fails to comply with any of the aforementioned terms and conditions shall constitute a knowing and voluntary waiver of the student’s right to a free public education in the event that a decision to expel the student is made by the Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-2 and N.J.A.C. 6S:16-7.5; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the suspension shall be reviewed at every subsequent regular board meeting to determine whether the suspension will be continued until the next regular board meeting.

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

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MISCELLANEOUS – November 30, 2023

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Egan made the motion to adjourn:
Motion to adjourn by Ms. Egan Seconded by Mrs. Wojtowicz at 3:05 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