

**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.**

DATE

Monday, February 8, 2021

PLACE

Remote Meeting

**CALLED TO ORDER**

7:30 P.M.

**ADJOURNED**

7:45 P.M.

OPEN MEETING:

Ms. Maryadele Wojtowicz, Board President, presided and voiced 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**  
**MINUTES – February 8, 2021**

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

**Ms. Wojtowicz** thanked Mr. Taulant Feti, Director of Buildings & Grounds, and his Maintenance/Custodial staff for their tireless snow removal efforts.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

**Mr. Macioci** thanked the Custodial/Maintenance staff for their snow removal efforts. He commented on the hybrid-learning schedule relative to inclement weather. Mr. Macioci provided a COVID update to all present. Mr. Macioci commented on his decision to revise March 24<sup>th</sup> on the 2020/2021 school calendar from a half-day to a full day of instruction. He stated that departmental presentations would begin at the March 1<sup>st</sup> Board meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:** NONE

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS:** 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.

**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 Mr. Stampone Seconded by Ms. Egan 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**

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

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 **Ms. Fahey** Seconded by **Ms. Egan** 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.]

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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 **6<sup>th</sup> 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**:

<b>Janice Tufaro</b>	<b>Fencing</b>
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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:	Ms. Egan, Ms. Fahey, Ms. Marcus, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Rubinich, Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Ms. Skelton, Mr. Stampone and President Wojtowicz
No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

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

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

- 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.
- To approve the following revision to the **2020-2021 school calendar** for all middle and high school students:
  - Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – from single session to full school day

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

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

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Wojtowicz Seconded by Ms. Skelton at 7:45 PM.

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

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President

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary