

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 14, 2021
Board Secretary's Memorandum
REMOTE PUBLIC MEETING**

**In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Local Operational
Guidance – Covid-19: Guidance for Remote Public Meetings in New Jersey.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if necessary)

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 will reconvene from Executive Session and Ms. Maryadele Wojtowicz, President, will preside and voice 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 April 14, 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 February 26, 2021 and The Star Ledger on the same day.

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AGENDA – April 14, 2021

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

- West Essex First Aid Squad Students – Avery Shaw and Emma Saccone
- Independent Study Presentations:

Student	Independent Study	Advisor
Michael Aktas	AP 2D Design Photography	Amanda Procaccino
Abigail Boggier	AP 2D Design Photography	Amanda Procaccino
Alexandra Lowenthal	AP 2D Design Photography	Stephen Miller
Mauro Ferrovicchio	Architecture	Tim Shea
Natalie Thies	Clothing Construction	Valerie Romano
James Alamia	Epidemiology	Deanna Lippi
George Ashji	Epidemiology	Deanna Lippi
Melanie O’Beirne	Epidemiology	Deanna Lippi
Serena Vu	Epidemiology	Deanna Lippi

- Curriculum Presentation given by **Jason Lerner**, Supervisor of Science
- Principal’s Reports

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS:

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Wojtowicz will open the floor to the public for comments on 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.)

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FINANCE– April 14, 2021

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1- 4 will be voted upon in one motion.

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

1. To approve the bills and claims **check number 046111 and check number 046113 through check number 046130 and check number 046132 and check number 046134 through check number 046184 and check number 046186 through check number 046187 and check number 046190 through check number 046214 and check number 046216 through check number 046260 and check number 510640 through check number 510646.**
Payroll check number 500970 through check number 500971 and check number 500973 through check number 500974.
Void check numbers 046081, 046110, 046112, 046131, 046133, 046185, 046188, 046189, and 046215.
Totaling: \$3,934,678.97

Enclosures 1F – 5F

2. To approve the **Student Activity Check Register** from February 27, 2021 through April 1, 2021, **check number 12140 through check number 12197 and check number 12199 through check number 12217 and check number 12219 through check number 12264.** **Void check numbers 12198 and 12218.**
Totaling: \$48,464.90

Enclosures 6F – 19F

3. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of **March 15, 2021.**

Enclosures 20F – 30F

4. To approve the contract with the **Sussex County Regional Transportation Cooperative** to provide Regular, Special Education, and Athletic/Field Trip Transportation services for West Essex Regional School District students for the 2020/2021 school year.

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

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PERSONNEL – April 14, 2021

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1- 19, will be voted upon in one motion.

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

1. To approve with deepest regret, but with 13½ years of fondest memories of dedicated service, the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from **Denise Logan** as a School Nurse assigned to West Essex Regional Middle School effective July 1, 2021.
2. To approve the letter of resignation from **Zymbrisha Abedini** as a Part-Time Custodian assigned to the West Essex Regional School District effective April 1, 2021.
3. To approve the appointment of **Timothy Sweeney** as a leave replacement Health/Physical Education teacher assigned to West Essex Regional High School, effective April 19, 2021 through June 30, 2021, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at an annual salary of \$59,833, pro-rated, which is Step 1 of the 2020/2021 Master's Degree Teacher's Salary Guide.
[NOTE: Mr. Sweeney replaces Bettina Plesnitzer, who is on a Board-approved maternity/disability leave of absence.]
4. To *rescind* the appointment of **Dana Bartello** as a per diem leave replacement teacher for the West Essex Regional School District, effective March 31, 2021.
5. To approve the appointment of **Dana Bartello** as a 3/5th's leave replacement teacher for the West Essex Regional School District, effective April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at an annual salary of \$34,134, pro-rated, which is 3/5th's of Step 1 of the 2020/2021 Bachelor's Degree Teacher's Salary Guide.
[NOTE: Ms. Bartello replaces Kira Wildes, who on a Board-approved maternity/disability leave of absence.]
6. To *rescind* the appointment of **Lee Oberg** as a per diem leave replacement teacher for the West Essex Regional School District, effective March 31, 2021.
7. To approve the appointment of **Lee Oberg** as a 3/5th's leave replacement teacher for the West Essex Regional School District, effective April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021, at an annual salary of \$35,899.80, pro-rated, which is 3/5th's of Step 1 of the 2020/2021 Master's Degree Teacher's Salary Guide.
[NOTE: Mr. Oberg replaces Robert Haas, who resigned.]
8. To *rescind* the appointment of **John Tosato** as a per diem leave replacement teacher for the West Essex Regional School District, effective March 31, 2021.

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9. To approve the appointment of **John Tosato** as a 3/5th's leave replacement teacher for the West Essex Regional School District, effective April 1, 2021 through May 31, 2021, at an annual salary of \$35,899.80, pro-rated, which is 3/5th's of Step 1 of the 2020/2021 Master's Degree Teacher's Salary Guide.
[NOTE: Mr. Tosato replaces Shannon Corcoran, who on a Board-approved family leave of absence.]
10. 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 13, 2021** through **February 28, 2022**, with a return date of **March 1, 2022**.
11. To approve two (2) days, without pay, for employee **#2441**, on Friday, March 26, 2021, and Tuesday, March 30, 2021.
12. WHEREAS, Title 38, Chapter 35 of the U.S. Code and its effectuating regulations provide for educational assistance to eligible dependents of veterans who are enrolled in approved programs of education;
WHEREAS, the federal regulations at 38 C.F.R. § 21.4266(c) require the designation of a school certifying official at each educational institution where an approved program of education is offered pursuant to Title 38, Chapter 35, who is responsible for reporting to the Department of Veterans Affairs information pertaining to the enrollment of eligible students in approved programs of education in accordance with the reporting requirements established under 38 U.S.C. § 3684 and contained in 38 C.F.R. § 21.4203;
WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools has recommended that the Board designate **Lisa Hulse**, Director of Guidance, and **Ryan Gupta**, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, as the school certifying officials required by 38 C.F.R. § 21.4266(c), due to their experience in maintaining records relating to course enrollment;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby designates **Lisa Hulse** and **Ryan Gupta** as the school certifying officials required by 38 C.F.R. § 21.4266(c).
13. To *extend* the following High School teachers for **6th period assignments**, effective June 1, 2021 through June 22, 2021 at the negotiated rate of \$49 per day, as per WEEA contract:
- | SUBJECT | TEACHER |
|--------------|------------------|
| Geometry CPA | Stefanie DuCasse |
| Geometry CPA | Amber Tobia |
| Geometry CPA | Melissa Rowen |
| Discrete CPA | Jeanette Mackesy |
| Algebra 9 | Kristen Capen |
14. To *rescind* the appointment of **Genna Solari** as Assistant Key Club Advisor (MS) effective March 4, 2021, for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year.

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15. To *rescind* the appointment of **Elizabeth Barrett** as Winter Guard Assistant (HS) for the 2020/2021 school year.

16. To approve the following Schedule B High School Advisor for the 2020/2021 school year, as per WEEA contract; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Board suspends, restricts, or prohibits the operations of Schedule B activities, these appointments shall be rescinded and the advisor shall be paid a prorated amount of the stipend, if any, for services actually rendered; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution:

CLUB/ACTIVITY	NAME	STIPEND
Drama Stage Crew Advisor	Michael Galioto	\$1,730

17. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #5** previously approved at the **February 8, 2021** Board meeting approving the following **6th period assignments** to read: effective on or about March 22, 2021 through June 22, 2021, at the stipend amount of \$49 per person, per day:

CPA English I	Bonnie Jing
CPA English II	Nicola Ruiz

18. To approve a family leave of absence, without pay, with benefits, for **Zlata Danese**, Special Education teacher assigned to West Essex Regional Middle School, from **April 19, 2021** through **June 30, 2021**, with a return date of **September 1, 2021**.

19. To *rescind* the following Schedule B Middle School Advisor, effective April 19, 2021, for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year, as per WEEA contract:

ACTIVITY	STAFF MEMBER	STIPEND
School Store	Zlata Danese	\$974

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

West Essex Regional Board of Education
CURRICULUM/SPECIAL EDUCATION – April 14, 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 - 3, will be voted upon in one motion.

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

1. To approve the following requests for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses
Hoebee, Juliann	Legal One Marijuana Legislation - Impact on Public Schools	On-line	Wednesday 04/14/21	Conference Fee: \$100.00
Tamburri, Lisa	Legal One Marijuana Legislation - Impact on Public Schools	On-line	Wednesday 04/14/21	Conference Fee: \$100.00
Westervelt, Kimberly	Legal One Marijuana Legislation - Impact on Public Schools	On-line	Wednesday 04/14/21	Conference Fee: \$100.00
Tufaro, Janice	Motivating the Unmotivated: Teaching the Hard-to-Reach Student	On-line	Monday 05/03/21	Conference Fee: \$279.00
Tufaro, Janice	Spotlight on Dyslexia	On-line	Friday 06/04/21	Conference Fee: \$69.30
Procaccino, Amanda	AP Summer Institute – Art & Design	On-line	Mon-Fri 07/17-07/23/21	Conference Fee: \$650.00 Plus \$220 per day (Article 16 Para. D)
Fernicola, Amanda	Social Emotional Learning Gaps: Special Needs & At-Risk Students	On-line	Thursday 05/13/21	Conference Fee: \$75.00

2. To approve **CVS/Caremark**, 180 Passaic Avenue, Fairfield, NJ as a Structured Learning Experience (SLE) job site from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
3. To approve the West Essex Regional School District to operate a summer school in-person support program at the high school from June 28, 2021 through August 5, 2021. The class will be held Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will provide summer school students the option of completing their online credit recovery courses in a safe, supervised environment. Payments for the supervising teacher(s) are to be allocated through Title I funds.

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

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

[NOTE: IF MOVING INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, INCLUDE THIS: **...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.]