

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
April 24, 2023
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

DATE

Monday, April 24, 2023

PLACE

MS Room 121

EXECUTIVE SESSION

5:30 P.M.

ADJOURNED

7:30 P.M.

CALLED TO ORDER

7:37 P.M.

ADJOURNED

8:47 P.M.

OPEN MEETING

Ms. Deborah Sacco-Calderone, Board President, presided and voiced the call to order in Executive Session at 5:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Ms. Sacco-Calderone Seconded by Mr. Schaer 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 will reconvene from Executive Session and Ms. Deborah Sacco-Calderone, President, will preside and voice the call to order at 7:37 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Ms. B. Buccino
Ms. C. Egan
Ms. D. Holinstat – **Arrived at 7:00 PM**
Mr. F. Perrotti
Ms. D. Sacco-Calderone - President
Mr. J. Schaer
Mr. R. Stampone
Mr. B. Trauman – **Arrived at 7:00 PM**
Ms. M. Wojtowicz – Vice-President

Administration:

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the April 24, 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 January 6, 2023 and The Star Ledger on the same day.

Ms. Sacco-Calderone opened the meeting with the Independent Study presentations:

Student	Independent Study	Advisor
Logan Bogumil	Music Composition	Marion Drew
Jonah Ng	Architecture	Tim Shea
Lucas Sabol	Differential Equations	Greg Aschoff

Ms. Sacco-Calderone complimented all the student presenters.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Sacco-Calderone opened the floor to the public for comments. Hearing none, she closed the floor and resumed the meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Item 1, **Adoption of the 2023-2024 School Year Budget**, will be voted upon in one motion. Motion by Ms. Egan Seconded by Mr. Perrotti to approve the following motion:

1. BE IT RESOLVED to approve a school district budget for the FY 2023-2024 School Year, as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 44,934,747	\$ 40,809,907
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 302,000	\$ -
Total Debt Service Fund	<u>\$ 475,363</u>	<u>\$ 475,363</u>
Totals	\$45,712,110	\$41,285,270

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this budget includes a health care adjustment to the base budget in the amount of \$133,679 and an enrollment adjustment to the base budget in the amount of \$243,298, which is the allowable adjustment generated automatically by the state of New Jersey for the 2023/2024 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this budget contains a withdrawal of \$150,000 from the Maintenance Reserve account for window screen replacements, roof repairs/maintenance, walk-in freezer repairs, Middle School Hallway renovations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Secretary be authorized to transmit any and all such supporting documentation to the County Superintendent of Schools as may be required.

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

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Mr. Macioci congratulated the student Independent Study presentations and thanked the teachers for supporting the students. He commended Ms. Kida, the Finance Committee, the Board and the Administrative team for putting together the fiscally responsible budget. **Mr. Macioci** welcomed the local Police Chiefs in attendance and thanked them.

Mr. Macioci highlighted the following:

- Wishing Lorna Danckwerth best of luck in her retirement
- Academic Achievement Day
- 3 Unused Emergency/Snow Days
- District Orchestra and High School Concerts
- Special Olympics

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Ms. Sacco-Calderone on behalf of the Board thanked Ms. Danckwerth for her years of service and wished her the best in her retirement. She commented on the success of Academic Achievement Day. **Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz** also shared their experience with the day. **Ms. Sacco-Calderone** provided an update on negotiations. She thanked the administrative team and the negotiating teams for a positive experience in creating the tentative contracts for the administration and teachers. Ms. Sacco-Calderone thanked Safety and Security.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

Dr. Gina Donlevie, Middle School Principal, commented on the following:

- Special Olympics
- Take Your Child to Work Day
- Staff Appreciation Week
- NJSLA Testing

Ms. Kimberly Westervelt, High School Vice Principal, commented on the following:

- ShopRite Stars
- AP Testing
- NJSLA
- Junior Prom

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BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS:

Curriculum & Instruction Committee: Ms. Buccino, Committee Chair, discussed the following: NJ Standardized testing, AP Exams, and the College Board moving towards on-line testing. She provided an update on the Summer School and Enrichment Programs, potential changes in replacing the Decile Ranking system to a GPA distribution chart, potential new courses, and final exams.

Finance & Physical Plant Management Committee: Mr. Stampone, Committee Chair, commented on the following topics from the March 2, 2023 meeting: Class III Officer, the need for an additional Class III Officer, the Public Safety meeting with the sending districts, Mayors, and Police Chiefs, the Crisis Team training. He commented on the following from the April 19, 2023 meeting: Class III Officer approval, including the initiation of the interview process, summer coverage, and the exterior door replacement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

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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 Ms. Egan to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports for **March, 2023**, in the amount of **\$18,568,006.86** 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 **March, 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 – 59F

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

Enclosure 60F

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3. To approve the bills and claims check number 051374 through check number 051388 and check number 051390 through check number 051438 and check number 051441 through check number 051455 and check number 051458 through check number 051537 and check number 051039 through check number 051573 and check number 051576 through check number 051590 and check number 051592 through check number 051603 and check number 051605 through check number 051608 and check number 210732 and check number 510731 through check number 510732.
 Payroll check number 501126 through check number 501127 and check number 501129 through check number 501130 and check number 501132 through check number 501133.
 Void check numbers 051261, 051389, 051439, 051440, 051456, 051457, 051538, 051574, 051575, 051591, 051604, and 501128.
 Totaling: \$5,826,580.71

Enclosures 61F – 68F

4. To approve the Student Activity Check Register from March 14, 2023 through April 21, 2023, check number 14562 through check number 14582 and check number 14584 through check number 14602 and check number 14605 and check number 14607 through 14664.
 Void check numbers 14583, 14603, 14604, and 14606.
 Totaling: \$293,340.19

Enclosures 69F – 83F

5. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2023.

Enclosures 84F – 98F

6. To approve the Executive Session Minutes of March 15, 2023.

Enclosure 99F

7. RESOLVED, that the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of West Essex Regional District Board of Education for the period July 1, 2023 through December 30, 2023 is **\$20,755,284.50** and the governing bodies are hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys the specified amounts as scheduled, in accordance with the Statutes related thereto:

General Fund	Essex Fells	Fairfield	N. Caldwell	Roseland	
July 1, 2023	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
August 1, 2023	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
September 1, 2023	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
October 1, 2023	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
November 1, 2023	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
December 1, 2023	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
Total General Fund	1,426,684.50	9,516,318.00	5,098,956.00	4,362,996.00	20,404,954.50
Debt Service					
July 1, 2023	33,237.00	166,272.00	100,000.00	50,821.00	350,330.00
Grand Total	1,459,921.50	9,682,590.00	5,198,956.00	4,413,817.00	20,755,284.50

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8. RESOLVED, that the amount of district taxes needed to meet the obligations of West Essex Regional District Board of Education for the period January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 is **\$20,529,984.00** and the governing bodies are hereby requested to place in the hands of the Treasurer of School Moneys the specified amounts as scheduled, in accordance with the Statutes related thereto:

General Fund	Essex Fells	Fairfield	N. Caldwell	Roseland	
January 1, 2024	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
February 1, 2024	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
March 1, 2024	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
April 1, 2024	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
May 1, 2024	237,780.75	1,586,053.00	849,826.00	727,166.00	3,400,825.75
June 1, 2024	237,780.75	1,586,051.00	849,827.00	727,164.00	3,400,822.75
Total General Fund	1,426,684.50	9,516,316.00	5,098,957.00	4,362,994.00	20,404,951.50
Debt Service					
January 1, 2024	0.00	55,424.00	18,788.00	50,821.00	125,033.00
Grand Total	1,426,684.50	9,571,740.00	5,117,745.00	4,413,815.00	20,529,984.50

9. To approve the attached **Schedule of Tax Payments** for the 2023/2024 school year and authorize the Board Secretary to submit the schedule to the Town Clerk of each of the four sending districts.

Enclosure 100F

10. To approve the renewal of **Benecard** to provide the district’s prescription card plan effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
11. To approve submission of the district’s application for the 2023/2024 school year for the following **ROD** Grant Application (through the NJ Department of Education) in the amount of \$10,000:

Exterior Door Replacement at West Essex High School
 Exterior Door Replacement at West Essex Middle School

12. To renew the Food Service contract with **The Pomptonian, Inc.** to provide management of the district’s food service program for the 2023/2024 school year with, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of ninety thousand one hundred twenty-four dollars (\$90,124.00) to compensate the food service management company (FSMC) for administrative and management costs, which shall be billed in ten (10) monthly installments of \$9,012.40 per month, as a cost of operation, payment of which is guaranteed to the FMSC. In addition, the FSMC guarantees the District a minimum profit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the 2023/2024 school year.

Enclosures 101F – 102F

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13. WHEREAS, thirteen plaintiffs filed Complaints in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Essex County, against the Board under the following Docket Nos.: ESX-L-6376-21; 6377-21; 6887-21; 6888-21; 6889-21; 6891-21; 6893-21; 7302-21; 7303-21; 7304-21; 7404-21; 7659-21; 7990-21; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firm of **Anderson Kill, P.C.** (“Anderson Kill”) has the expertise and the experience to provide professional legal services to the Board, and the Board is desirous of appointing Anderson Kill to provide future professional services to the Board in connection with insurance coverage issues in the above referenced lawsuits; and

WHEREAS, the Board is desirous of appointing the law firm of Anderson Kill to represent the Board in this Litigation in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-6; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Anderson Kill as Special Insurance Coverage Counsel to represent the Board in the Litigation at an hourly rate of Eight-Hundred and Ninety-Five Dollars (\$895) per hour for partner services and Five Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$550) per hour for associate services in accordance with the other terms and conditions set forth in the Retainer Agreement, which is attached hereto and made a part hereof. The Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to execute the Retainer Agreement and any and all other documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

14. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education designate **Lakeland Bank**, effective February 1, 2023 through January 31, 2026 as the official depository requiring signature of the Board Secretary and the Superintendent, contract to follow.

15. Whereas, The Board of Education of 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:

EXTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT AT
WEST ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL

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:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project 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.

The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

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 set forth in Section 5(d) of P.L. 2000, c72 in connection with receipt of a ROD Grant with respect to the proposed Project.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

16. Whereas, The Board of Education of 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:

EXTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT AT
WEST ESSEX MIDDLE SCHOOL

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:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project 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.

The Board hereby authorizes the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

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 set forth in Section 5(d) of P.L. 2000, c72 in connection with receipt of a ROD Grant with respect to the proposed Project.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Ms. Buccino, Ms. Egan, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone (#1, #3-#16 ONLY), Mr. Trauman, Ms. Wojtowicz, and Ms. Sacco-Calderone
	No:	None
	Abstain:	Mr. Stampone (#2 ONLY)
	Absent:	None

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – April 24, 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. Trauman Seconded by Ms. Holinstat to approve the following motions:

- 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
WE Girl's Lacrosse Club	3	Lacrosse Practice for Recreation	HS Turf Field, HS Grass Field	Sundays and Tues-Thurs. 3/15-6/6/23	None
Hardcore Hoops	5	Spain Basketball Camp	HS Gymnasium	Wed-Fri 7/5-7/7/23	\$2,250.00
North Caldwell Gould School	3	Play – Mary Poppins	HS Gymnasium	Fri-Sun 4/28-4/30/23	\$2,005.00

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

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
PERSONNEL – April 24, 2023**

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1- 23, will be voted upon in one motion.

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

- To approve with deepest regret, but with 13 years of fondest memories of dedicated service, the letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, from **Lorna Danckwerth** as a Mathematics teacher assigned to West Essex Regional High School effective **July 1, 2023**.
- To approve the appointment of **Gary Peluso (BA)** as an Industrial Arts teacher assigned to the West Essex Regional High School, effective September 1, 2023, for the 2023/2024 school year, at an annual salary of \$75,519, which is Step 12 of the 2022/2023 Bachelor's Teacher's Salary Guide.
 (NOTE: Mr. Peluso replaces employee ID #3302, who resigned)

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3. To approve the appointment of **Phyliss Minicozzi** as a Part-time Library Aide (10-month), assigned to the West Essex Middle School, effective on or about **April 25 2023**, for the 2022/2023 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9, at an hourly salary of \$19.71, which is Step 1 of the 2022/2023 Attendance and Library Aide Salary Guide.
(NOTE: Ms. Minicozzi replaces Norma Minchin, who retired)
4. To ratify and reaffirm the reinstatement of Employee ID **#3312**, effective March 30, 2023.
5. To approve the following staff members for the Title I Middle School Summer Program, as needed, Monday through Thursday, from **June 19, 2023** through **July 20, 2023**, in the Middle School, Session 1 from 8:00 am – 9: 30 am, and Session 2 from 9:40 am to 11:10 am, at the rate of 1/200th of annual salary, pro-rated:

Paula Arbadji	Dina Bechtold	Jaclyn DiPopolo	Nicolette Culkin
Louis Ferrara	Amanda Forte	Michele Lombardozi	Jenna Maus-Colucci
Matt Gruby			

6. To approve a maternity/disability leave of absence for **Daniella Rakotci**, Health and Physical Education Teacher assigned to West Essex Regional High School, beginning on or about **June 8, 2023** through **June 16, 2023**, with an anticipated return date of **September 1, 2023**.
7. To approve a maternity/disability leave of absence for **Daniella Rakotci**, Health and Physical Education Teacher assigned to West Essex Regional High School, beginning on or about **January 2, 2024** through **April 14, 2024**, with an anticipated return date of **April 16, 2024**.
8. 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 **October 2, 2023** through **June 30, 2024** with an anticipated return date of **September 1, 2024**.
9. To approve the following **Mentoring Position**, effective **February 27, 2023** for the 2022/2023 school year:
Nicola Ruiz for Steven Siragusa
10. To approve **Anthony Minnella** for a **6th period assignment** effective from **April 17, 2023** through **June 16, 2023**, at the negotiated rate of \$49 per class for A & D days only, as per WEAA contract:

SUBJECT	A Day	D Day
Woods Technology I CPA	3 Sections	3 Sections
Woods Technology II CPA	1 Section	2 Sections
Woods Technology III H		1 Section

(NOTE: Mr. Minnella replaces Employee #3302, who resigned)

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11. To approve the appointment of **Lee Oberg** as a per diem leave replacement teacher for the West Essex High School, effective **April 25, 2023** through on or about **June 16, 2023**, at the rate of \$303.27 per day.
(NOTE: Mr. Oberg replaces Employee #3302, who resigned)
12. To approve a leave of absence, without pay, with benefits, for **Alexandra Catalano**, Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the West Essex Middle School, beginning **April 20, 2023** through **May 8, 2023**, with a return date of **May 9, 2023**.
13. To approve **Jeanine Whitman**, CST Case Manager, for a 6th period assignment in the WE Rise Program effective from **April 19, 2023** through **May 8, 2023**, at the negotiated rate of \$49 per day, as per WEEA contract.
(NOTE: Ms. Whitman replaces Alexandra Catalano who is on a Board Approved Leave of Absence).
14. To approve **Lisa Petruzzelli** as a leave replacement Permanent Substitute Teacher assigned to the West Essex Middle School, beginning **April 19, 2023** until on or about **May 8, 2023**, at an annual salary of \$30,000, prorated.
(Note: Ms. Petruzzelli will replace Alexandra Catalano, who is on a Board Approved Leave of Absence).
15. To approve the following High School aides for Lunch Duty coverage for the 2022/2023 school year, compensation at the stipend amount of \$25 per session, as per contract:

Cathy Abendschoen
Gina Cafone
Janine Mariani (Buonomo)
Michelle McOwen
Alexandra Tamburo
16. To approve two (2) days, without pay, for employee #**2576**, Thursday, **March 30, 2023** and Friday, **March 31, 2023**.
17. To approve one half (.5) day, without pay, for employee #**2603**, Thursday, **February 16, 2023**.
18. To approve four (4) days, without pay, for employee #**3218**, Wednesday, **April 26, 2023** through Friday, **April 30, 2023** and Monday, **May 1, 2023**.
19. To approve **Roba Hassan**, a student at Montclair State University, to complete a speech therapist clinical externship, beginning on or about **September 1, 2023**, through on or about December 22, 2023 at West Essex Regional Middle School with **Alyssa Rowen**, Speech Therapist, pending approval of Memorandum of Agreement between all parties.

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20. To *amend* the job description for **Substance Awareness Coordinator (H.S. & M.S.) to Student Assistance Coordinator – H.S & M.S.**, as appended.

Enclosures 1P – 4P

21. To *amend* the job description for **Teaching Instructional Supervisor**, as appended.

Enclosures 5P – 7P

22. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #11** previously approved at the March 15, 2023 Board meeting to read: to approve **Violet Capria, Daniela Colabelli, Brittany Walsh and Timothy Walsh** as staff chaperones at the WEEA negotiated rate of \$200.00 per person, per night (Friday through Sunday), and \$100.00 per person, per night (**Monday and Thursday**), for the Give Kids the World Initiative to be held in Kissimmee, Florida, from Thursday, June 1, 2023 Monday, June 5, 2023.

23. To *amend* **Personnel Motion #12** previously approved at the March 15, 2023 Board meeting to read: to approve the following staff chaperones at the WEEA negotiated rate of \$200.00 per person, per night (Friday through Sunday), **and \$100 per person, per night (Monday)** for the Music in the Parks Performance and Adjudication to be held in Boston, Massachusetts from Friday, May 12, 2023 to Monday, May 15, 2023:

Elise McAloon	Chris Bouvier	Marion Drew
Michael Galioto	Rachel Hall	Leanna Klein
Charlene Lisboa	Nicole Pike	Christa Rizzo
Kevin Schaarschmidt	Tim Shea	Caitlyn Shroyer

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Egan, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone, Mr. Trauman, Ms. Wojtowicz (#1-#20, #22-#23 ONLY), and Ms. Sacco-Calderone
 No: None
 Abstain: Ms. Wojtowicz (#21 Only)
 Absent: None

West Essex Regional Board of Education
 CURRICULUM/SPECIAL EDUCATION – April 24, 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 – 20**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by Mr. Schaer Seconded by Mr. Stampone to approve the following motions:

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1. To approve the following requests for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses
Freda, Jason	APSI European History	On-Line	Mon-Thurs 6/19-6/22/23	Conference Fee: \$550.00 *Plus \$220 per day (Article 16 Para. D)
Faggiani, Robert	Girls Soccer Coach Symposium	Philadelphia, PA	Tuesday 5/9/23	Conference Fee: \$175.00 Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$53.58
Kida, Melissa	NJASBO Spring Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	Tues-Fri 6/6-6/9/23	Conference Fee: \$275.00 Hotel: \$351.24 Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$350.00
McQuaid, Elizabeth	NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	Wed-Fri 5/17-5/19/23	Conference Fee: \$500.00 Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$518.16
McQuaid, Elizabeth	Anti-Bullying Specialist (ABS)	On-Line	Self-Paced 4/25-6/30/23	Conference Fee: \$500.00
Mendez, Karen	NJECC Advanced Google Training for Administrative Assistants and School Secretaries	On-Line	Mon-Tues 6/26/- 6/27/23	Conference Fee: \$195.00
Lerner, Jason	Science Supervisors Spring Roundtable	Mountainside, NJ	Monday 5/15/23	Conference Fee: No Cost
Kinsey, Karen	National Association School Nurse's Annual Conference	On-Line	Mon-Wed 7/10-7/12/23	Conference Fee: \$320.00

2. To approve the following parent volunteer chaperones for the World Language class trip to Scholar's Garden, Staten Island, NY, on Thursday, April 20, 2023:

Michele Bogumil
Jane Schwartz
Anna Tong

3. To approve the following parent volunteer chaperones for the Middle School Music Festival to be held at Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania, on Friday, May 19, 2023:

Michael Ciallella	David Fuertes	Stacey Gold	Anthony Holden
Patrick Kaplan	Leslie Klaff	Eduardo Lima	Raquel Marte*
Danielle Mason	Annie Michalski	Kathy Monroe	Lauren Smith
Dan Viola*	Daria Waitt	Juanjuan Wang	Anabela White

*Alternate Parent Volunteers

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4. To approve an Instrumental Music Summer Camp for rising WEMS students (grades 7-8) to be held at the HS from July 10-13, 2023. The hours will be 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost of the camp will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
5. To approve an Art Exploration Summer Camp for rising WEHS students (grades 9-12) to be held at the HS from July 17-20, 2023. The hours will be from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost of the camp will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
6. To approve an Art Exploration Summer Camp for rising WEMS students (grades 7-8) to be held at the HS on June 26-29, 2023, and again on July 10-13, 2023. The hours will be 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Students must choose which week to attend. The cost of the camp will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
7. To approve a Head Start Mathematics Summer Program for rising WEMS students (grades 7-8) to be held at the HS from July 24-27, 2023. The hours will be 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The course offerings will include Math 7/7-1, Math 8, and MS Algebra I. The cost of the program will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
8. To approve a Head Start Mathematics Summer Program for rising WEHS students (grades 9-12) to be held at the HS from July 31-August 3, 2023. The hours will be 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The course offerings will include HS Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. The cost of the program will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
9. To approve a Head Start ELA Summer Program for rising WEMS students (grades 7-8) to be held at the HS from July 24-27, 2023. The hours will be 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost of the program will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
10. To approve a Journalism workshop for rising WEMS students (grades 7-8) to be held at the HS from June 26-29, 2023. The hours will be 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost of the workshop will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
11. To approve a Multimedia Storytelling workshop for rising WEHS students (grades 9-12) to be held at the HS from July 17-20, 2023. The hours will be 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost of the workshop will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
12. To approve a New Jersey in Film/Film History workshop for rising WEHS students (grades 9-12) to be held at the HS from June 26-29, 2023. The hours will be 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. The cost of the workshop will be \$275. Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.

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13. To approve an SAT Prep Summer Bootcamp for rising WEHS students (grades 9-12) to be held at the HS from July 10-13, 2023. SAT Prep sessions for ELA and Math will be 8:00 am - 9:45 am and/or 10:00 am - 11:45 am. The cost of the bootcamp will be \$165 per subject (or \$275 for both ELA and Math). Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
14. To approve an ACT Prep ELA Bootcamp for rising WEHS students (grades 9-12) to be held at the HS from June 26-29, 2023. ACT Prep sessions for ELA will be 8:00 am - 9:45 am and/or 10:00 am - 11:45 am. The cost of the bootcamp will be \$165 for ELA (or \$275 for both ELA and Math/Science). Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
15. To approve an ACT Prep Math/Science Bootcamp for rising WEHS students (grades 9-12) to be held at the HS from July 10-13, 2023. ACT Prep sessions for Math/Science will be 8:00 am - 9:45 am and/or 10:00 am - 11:45 am. The cost of the bootcamp will be \$165 for Math/Science (or \$275 for both Math/Science and ELA). Enrollment will be on a first-come, first-served basis and limited based on class size.
16. To approve a Summer Masquers Theatre Production for rising West Essex students (grades 7-12) to be held at the HS on July 10-27, 2023 (excluding Fridays). The hours will be 8:00 am - 2:30 pm with the final performance on 7/27 at 7 pm. The cost of this full-day, 12-session program will be \$950.
17. To approve the following out-of-district placement from March 20, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

Student	Out of District School	Tuition
Student ID #2601187	Benway School 620 Valley Road Wayne, NJ 07470 973-633-3837	Tuition - \$26,930.31

18. To approve *LearnWell* to provide services for the following West Essex Regional in-district student from on or about March 29, 2023, for approximately 8 weeks, with an anticipated cost of \$,4,400.00:

Student ID#2801869
19. To approve *LearnWell* to provide services for the following West Essex Regional in-district student from on or about March 14, 2023, for approximately 4 weeks, with an anticipated cost of \$2,200:

Student ID#2801842
20. To approve the following field trip request:

Class/Teacher	Destination	Educational Justification	Date(s)
Johnson, Mike and Siragusa, Steven	Stockton University, Galloway, NJ	Esports Competition	Saturday, 5/20/23

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

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

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education approves the following administrators and board members to attend the NJSBA/NJASBO/NJASA 2023 Workshop & Exhibition held from Monday, October 23rd through Thursday, October 26th, 2023, at the Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ.

Skye Bernardo	Bethany Buccino	Cynthia Egan
Taulant Feti	Ryan Gupta	Debbie Holinstat
Melissa Kida	Damion Macioci	Frank Perrotti
Deborah Sacco-Calderone	Jonathan Schaer	Ray Stampone
Brian Trauman	Maryadele Wojtowicz	

[NOTE: Registration fee: \$2,100 per district. Hotel, meal allowance, mileage and toll expenditures: not to exceed \$900.00, per person)

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 05 (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.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 06 (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.
4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 10 (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.

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5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 11 (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.
6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 12 (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.
7. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 13 (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.
8. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 14 (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.
9. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 15 (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.
10. To approve an amendment to the **2022/2023 school calendar** to reflect Monday, May 15, 2023, Friday, May 26, 2023 and Tuesday, May 30, 2023 as a giveback of unused emergency/snow days for all students and staff members.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Egan, Ms. Holinstat (#1-#3 and #9-#10 ONLY), Mr. Perrotti, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone (#1, #4, #8, & #10 ONLY), Mr. Trauman (#1-#3, #9-#10 ONLY), Ms. Wojtowicz, and Ms. Sacco-Calderone
No: None
Abstain: None Ms. Holinstat (#4-#8 ONLY), Mr. Stampone (#2, #3, #5-#7, & #9 ONLY), Mr. Trauman (#4-#8 ONLY)
Absent: None

Ms. Sacco-Calderone opened the floor to the public for comments on non-agenda items. Ms. Egan thanked the administrator in attendance. Hearing no further comments, she resumed the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Wojtowicz Seconded by Ms. Egan at 8:47 PM.

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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