

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING
October 7, 2015
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

OPEN MEETING:

Mrs. Maryadele Wojtowicz, President, will preside and voice the call to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. K. Bachmann
Mrs. J. Amorim Dias
Mrs. A. Doolen
Mrs. C. Egan
Mrs. A. Fahey
Mr. A. Rubinich – Vice-President
Mrs. D. Sacco-Calderone
Mrs. D. Smith
Mrs. M. Wojtowicz - President

Administration:

Mrs. Barbara Longo, Superintendent of Schools

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the October 7, 2015 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 October 2, 2015 and The Star Ledger on the same day.

CALL OF THE MEETING:

The West Essex Regional Board of Education will meet in the Board Conference Room in West Essex Middle School on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 5:30 PM for

**BOARD GOAL SETTING/REVIEW AND
ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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 a Personnel Matter relative to the Superintendent's Evaluation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that public release of this discussion will occur when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The following miscellaneous 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 submission of the **Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC)** Statement of Assurance, as appended, for the 2015/2016 school year.

Enclosures 1M - 13M

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education ("the Board") hereby adopts and approves the terms, stipulations and conditions as established in the Addendum to the Collective Negotiations Agreement between the Board and the West Essex Education Association, which is incorporated herein by reference, and agrees to be bound thereby. The Board President and the Board Secretary are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached Addendum and any other documents necessary to effectuate said Addendum.

Enclosures 14M – 15M

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation No. 1 (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.
4. WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional Board of Education (or Board of Trustees) seeks to participate in *Sustainable Jersey for Schools* to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification; and,
WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly and cost-effective solutions; and,
WHEREAS, extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places; and,

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4. (continued)

WHEREAS, many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment; and,

WHEREAS, sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children; and,

WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as "Green Team"), based on the guidance of *Sustainable Jersey for Schools*. (See the "Create a Green Team" action. Your district "Green Team" can be designated from a pre-existing group within the district if desired.); and,

WHEREAS, Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships; and,

WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education agrees to participate in *Sustainable Jersey for Schools*, and it is the board's intention to pursue certification for schools in the district; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education appoints Elizabeth Ricafort to be the district's liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education recognizes West Essex High and Middle Public School(s) as the agent(s) to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of *Sustainable Jersey for Schools* actions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education agrees to complete district actions and to support the district's schools in completing their actions.

ROLL CALL: Yes:
 No:
 Abstain:
 Absent:

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.