

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PIESGROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 20, 2014 AT THE WOODSTOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Vail, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Vail then led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

READING OF STATEMENT OF NOTICE

Mr. Vail read aloud the following: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the South Jersey Times, Elmer Times, Borough of Woodstown Municipal Hall, Township of Pilesgrove Municipal Hall, general offices and faculty rooms of the district's four schools, the school district's central office, and with the Borough of Woodstown Clerk and the Township of Pilesgrove Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Bates, Mr. Belisario (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Mr. Iocona, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rey, Mrs. Spence-Lacy, and Mr. Vail.

Members absent: Mr. Grant, Dr. Morgan, and Mr. Painter.

Also Present: Mr. Thomas A. Coleman, Jr., Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Frank A. Rizzo, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Administrators Present: Dr. Hoopes, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Cioffi, and Mrs. Martinez.

STAFF/STUDENT RECOGNITION

William Roper Early Childhood Learning Center Youngest Wolverines of the Month – Mrs. Martinez, Principal, introduced the Youngest Wolverines of the Month for November: Mrs. O'Brien's Kindergarten class. Mr. Coleman and Mr. Vail handed out ribbons to the children in the class.

Mary Shoemaker School Young Wolverines of the Month – Ms. Cioffi, Principal, introduced the Young Wolverines of the Month for November: Kiley Ricigliano and David Walker.

Woodstown Middle School Junior Wolverines of the Month – Mr. Snyder, Principal, introduced the Junior Wolverines of the Month for November: Juliana Morell and Jay Harris.

Woodstown High School Wolverines of the Month - Dr. Hoopes, Principal, introduced the Wolverines of the Month for November: Alyssa Petitemdange and Colton Jacobucci.

PRESENTATIONS

District School Security Presentation – Mr. Vail informed the audience of the presentation that Mr. Coleman was about to give and invited the audience to share their thoughts with the Board after the presentation. Mr. Coleman then gave a PowerPoint presentation. Several audience members shared their concerns and support.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the following minutes:
October 23, 2104 – Regular Meeting and Executive Session

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Richard C. Morris

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes

Daniel Belisario – Abstained

Robert Iocona – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

George H. Rey – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Abstained

Chapman Vail – Yes

FINANCIAL REPORTS - Board Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports and Certification. (see Board Minutes Financial Back-up Binder for details).

Motion to approve the following:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c)3, I certify that as of September 30, 2014, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.2 and no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:23-16.10 (a)1.

Board Secretary

Date

The September 30, 2014, preliminary Report of the Treasurer of School Funds for the 2014-2015 school year is in agreement with the September 30, 2014, preliminary Report of the Board Secretary, pending audit.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, that the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education certifies that as of November 20, 2014, and after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report and the Treasurer's Monthly Financial Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of the Board's knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Patrick Bates

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes

Daniel Belisario – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

George H. Rey – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Chapman Vail – Yes

Bill List.

Motion to approve EFT's for September 2014, additional hand check payments for September 2014, and payment list for the month of November 2014.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Valerie Spence-Lacy

Voting

Patrick Bates – Abstained

Daniel Belisario – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

George H. Rey – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Chapman Vail – Yes

Transfers.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds as previously approved by the Superintendent pursuant to 18A:22-8.1 for the month of September 2014 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives).

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Robert Iocona

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

George H. Rey – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Chapman Vail – Yes

Additional Financial Reports.

Motion to accept the following reports (voting not applicable to sending district representatives):

Student Activities Account and Athletic Account for the month of October 2014.

Scholarships for the month of October 2014.

Cafeteria report for the months of September 2014.

Woodstown Community School report for the month of October 2014.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Valerie Spence-Lacy

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

George H. Rey – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Chapman Vail – Yes

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION - None

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- Mrs. Eileen Miller, Chairperson

Motion to approve the following High School item:

High School field trips as follows:

11/14/14 to Haddonfield High School; Marching Band; J. Ludlam.

12/06/14 to Lenape High School, Medford; Chorus; K. Gunther.

12/07/14 to Union Presbyterian Church, Carneys Point; Chorus; K. Gunther.

12/09/14 to Salem High School; FBLA; C. Levitsky.

12/10/14 to Woodstown Diner; Chorus; K. Gunther.

12/16/14 to First Baptist Church, Woodstown; Chorus; K. Gunther.

12/16/14 to Millville High School; Academic League; J. Sorbello.

12/18/14 to Friends Village; Chorus; K. Gunther.

01/03/15 to Lenape High School, Medford; Chorus; K. Gunther.
01/08/15 to Rowan University; Chorus; K. Gunther.
01/16/15 to Lenape High School, Medford; Chorus; K. Gunther.
01/23/15 to Eastern Regional High School, Voorhees; Chorus; K. Gunther.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Richard C. Morris

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes
Daniel Belisario – Yes
Robert locona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

Motion to approve the following District, High School, Middle School, Shoemaker School, and Early Childhood Learning Center items (voting not applicable to sending district representatives):

Annual Notification of Continuing Placement in Accordance with P.L. 1989, Chapter 152 for student (NJSMART #3856396553) to attend Woodland Country Day School for the 2014-2015 school year.

Shoemaker School field trip as follows:

12/03/14 to High School Auditorium; Chorus; C. Nowmos.

Home instruction recommendations:

High School student (Local ID #10448/NJSMART #6681169264) -- medical.

Shoemaker School student (Local ID #260124/NJSMART #1935452481) -- medical.

Approval of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying report dated October 2014. (NOTE: This report was acknowledged at the October meeting and must now be approved.)

Acknowledgement of receipt of the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report dated November 2014, and to provide notification letters as required to the parents/guardians advising that this information has been provided to the Board of Education.

Mary S. Shoemaker School's 2014-2015 Progress Targets Action Plan and Assurances Statement.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: George H. Rey

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes
Robert locona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- Mr. Hue Grant, Chairperson.

Motion to adopt the following policies on second reading (voting not applicable to sending district representatives):

Policy #3542.1 -- Local Wellness/Nutrition. (Revised)

Policy #5120 -- Assessment of Individual Needs. (Revised)

Policy #6142.4 -- Physical Education and Health. (Revised)

Policy #6146 -- Graduation Requirements. (Revised)

Motion made by: Robert locona

Motion seconded by: Patrick Bates

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes
Robert locona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- Mrs. Valerie Spence-Lacy, Chairperson

Motion to approve the following District and High School items as recommended by the Superintendent:

Appointment of ticket takers, etc. for the 2014-2015 school year; compensation to be at the negotiated rate of pay. (see page ___)

Addition of the following to the district substitute list effective November 21, 2014:

Eric Greenwood -- substitute teacher and substitute paraprofessional retroactive to November 5, 2014.

Russell Lyden -- substitute teacher and substitute paraprofessional.

Rebecca Stanton -- substitute teacher and substitute paraprofessional.

Motion made by: Valerie Spence-Lacy

Motion seconded by: Eileen C. Miller

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes

Daniel Belisario – Abstained
Robert Iocona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

Motion to approve the following High School appointment as recommended by the Superintendent (voting not applicable to sending district representatives):

Rita DeFeo as Full-Time Custodian for the High School effective November 21, 2014, through June 30, 2015, at Class III, Step 12 (\$39,985.00), prorated; salary to be adjusted once the WPRSSA negotiated contract is approved. (replacement for Marie Gandy who resigned.)

Motion made by: Valerie Spence-Lacy

Motion seconded by: Eileen C. Miller

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes
Robert Iocona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

Motion to approve the following District, High School, Middle School, Shoemaker School, and Early Childhood Learning Center items as recommended by the Superintendent (voting not applicable to sending district representatives):

Appointment of Eric Greenwood as Middle School Long-Term Science Substitute Teacher effective December 1, 2014, through February 20, 2015, during Mrs. Leoni's maternity leave of absence; compensation shall be at the previously established rate of \$125.00 per day for each day worked, no other benefits.

Appointment of Marianne Wurmbach as advisor for the Middle School Builders Club, a position for which there is no stipend.

Seventh period stipend for Laurie Miles effective November 10, 2014, through June 30, 2015. (see page ____)

Medical leave of absence request of Kathleen Riley, Paraprofessional, effective November 1, 2014, through January 5, 2015, or doctor's release.

Professional development requests as follows: (see page ____)

- Andrea Bramante to attend the 2014 National Athletic Directors Conference in National Harbor, MD, on December 13-16, 2014.
- Patricia Braxton to attend the New Jersey Association of School Administrators Techspo 2015 in Atlantic City on January 29-30, 2015.
- Gilbert Gonzalez to attend the ISTE 2015 Conference in Philadelphia on June 28 to July, 1 2015.
- Jane (Harvey) Coleman and Meghan Taylor to attend the Bureau of Education & Research "Highly Effective Strategies to Help Your Struggling Students Meet the Common Core State Literacy Standards (Grades 6-12)" seminar in Cherry Hill on December 17, 2014.
- Rebecca Haines to attend the Institute for Educational Development "The Flipped Math Classroom: Practical Strategies to Successfully "Flip" Math Instruction (Grades 6-12)" one-day seminar in Cherry Hill on December 17, 2014.
- Kristine Knorr and Donna Sexton to attend Bureau of Education & Research "Strengthening Your Special Needs Students' Executive Function Skills: Strategies for Organizing Tasks, Time, Materials, and Behavior" seminar in Cherry Hill on December 16, 2014.
- Beverly Haney to attend The Newgrange Education Center's "Wilson FOUNDATIONS -- Level K" seminar on December 8, 2014, and the "Wilson FOUNDATIONS -- Level 1" seminar on December 9, 2014, both of which are in Princeton.
- Susan Wolf to attend The Newgrange Education Center's "Wilson FOUNDATIONS -- Level K" seminar on December 8, 2014, and the "Wilson FOUNDATIONS -- Level 2" seminar on December 10, 2014, both of which are in Princeton.

Volunteers for the High School, Shoemaker School, and Early Childhood Learning Center for the 2014-2015 school year. (see page ____)

Terminate the employment of Paul Trumbull as Middle School Science Long-Term Substitute Teacher effective November 11, 2014. (NOTE: Mr. Trumbull was substituting for Mr. Allen during his medical leave.)

Acceptance of resignation of Ryan Thomas, Part-Time Student Support Personnel, effective November 11, 2014. (see page ____)

Addition of Jennene Adamek to the district substitute list as a clerical substitute effective November 21, 2014.

Rescind the September 25, 2014, appointment of Ryan Tencza as teacher of the 8th Grade Agri-Science elective, and appoint Jennie Redkoles as teacher of the 8th Grade Agri-Science elective effective December 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015; compensation to be paid from the Monsanto Grant funds. (Note: This is a 7th period stipend)

Approve the appointment of Sharon Kremetz as 7th Grade Academic Team Leader during Mrs. Leoni's maternity leave of absence, effective December 1, 2014, through February 20, 2015; compensation shall be prorated accordingly.

Change in columnar placement of Sara Cobb from BA, Step 7 (\$51,863.00) to BA+30, Step 7 (\$53,512.00) retroactive to September 1, 2014. This move is in accordance with the negotiated agreement.

Appointment of Michele Eachus as Long-Term Substitute Paraprofessional for the William Roper Early Childhood Learning Center effective November 21, 2014, through on or about January 5, 2015, or Mrs. Riley's return from her medical leave of absence; compensation shall be at the rate of \$80.00 per day for each day worked, no other benefits.

Appointment of Ryan Tencza as Mentor to long-term substitute teacher Eric Greenwood, effective December 1, 2014, through February 20, 2015 at a stipend of \$550.00, prorated.

Motion made by: Valerie Spence-Lacy

Motion seconded by: Eileen C. Miller

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

George H. Rey – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Chapman Vail – Yes

FINANCE/FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS -- Mr. Doug Painter, Chairperson.

Motion to approve the following District and School-Level items (voting not applicable to sending district representatives):

State of New Jersey tuition reimbursement contract for 2014-2015 school year. (Note: This contract provides reimbursement to the district for state responsible students.)

Contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for the attendance of high school students NJSmart #1709115870 and NJSmart #1608818325, middle school student NJSmart #8692232997, and elementary school student NJSmart #1416288941 at a tuition cost of \$35,100.00 per student, plus a \$3,000.00 out of county surcharge per student for the 2014-2015 school year.

Contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for the attendance of elementary school student NJSmart #2832900379 at a tuition cost of \$33,480.00 prorated to \$3,348.00, plus a prorated \$3,000.00 out of county surcharge beginning September 4, 2014, through September 29, 2014.

Contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District to provide a one-on-one teacher assistant to elementary school student NJSmart #1416288941 in the amount of \$35,280.00 for the 2014-2015 school year.

Contract with Professional Education Services, Inc. (P.E.S.I) to provide educational instructional services to elementary school student NJSmart #2105951593 effective October 2, 2014, for up to three months.

Contract with Ark Educational Services to provide home instruction virtual education services for the 2014-2015 school year.

Reports of the District Fire/Security Drills for the month of October 2014.

Joint transportation agreement with Alloway Township Board of Education for route TW15 to transport high school students home from Woodstown's Twilight program beginning September 4, 2014, through June 30, 2014, (or the last day of school) at a per diem cost of \$44.00.

Addendum to route SLC-4 for an addition of 80 miles a day at \$1.00 per mile for an additional increase of \$80.00 per diem to transport elementary school student NJSmart #7584613926 beginning October 20, 2014, through the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. This addendum is due to a state placement.

Change in route numbers to two previously approved jointures with Pittsgrove Township Board of Education as follows (all other route specifics remain the same):

Route #PG20, which was approved August 2014, has been changed to #PV20.

Route #CH8, which was approved September 2014, has been changed to #YALE-CH.

Acceptance of Wellness Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 from Conner Strong & Buckelew.

Contract with independent contractor Neurobehavioral Wellness Center, Dr. Kathryn Arcari, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion made by: Robert Iocona

Motion seconded by: George H. Rey

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes
Robert locona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

OLD BUSINESS ITEMS – None

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

Motion to accept the official election results from the November 4, 2014, general election as certified by the Salem County Clerk as follows (voting not applicable to sending district representatives):

BOARD MEMBERS:

Borough of Woodstown:

Two Seats, Three-Year Full Term: Eileen C. Miller and Mark P. Kelty (write-in)

Township of Pilesgrove:

One Seat, Three-Year Full Term: Floyd R. Pennal (write-in)

One Seat, One-Year Unexpired Term: J. Patrick Bates

BOND QUESTION:

Yes 1,613

No 1,035

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Robert locona

Voting

Patrick Bates – Yes
Robert locona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

OTHER REPORTS

President -- Mr. Vail reported on the following:

- Acknowledged to wonderful handling of our recent student loss.
- Acknowledged the loss of Mr. Jeff Allen, 8th grade science teacher.
- Congratulated everyone on a successful referendum.

Superintendent -- Mr. Thomas A. Coleman, Jr., reported on the following:

- Reiterated the recent loss of students and Mr. Jeff Allen.

Business Administrator -- Mr. Frank A. Rizzo reported on the following:

- Referendum process will begin soon.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS - Attached to Superintendent's Monthly Report and delivered under separate cover.

SENDING DISTRICT REPORTS

Alloway Township -- Mr. Richard Morris, had nothing to report.

Upper Pittsgrove Township -- Mr. Daniel Belisario had nothing to report.

SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE (SACC) REPORT -- Mrs. Eileen Miller had nothing to report.

DELEGATE REPORT -- Mrs. Eileen Miller reported on the following:

- NJSBA Winter meeting will be held December 8, 2014 at the Salem County Vocational Technical School.

FUTURE MEETINGS

November 9, 2014 -- Policy Committee, 5:30 p.m., district office.

November 9, 2014 -- Finance/Facilities Committee, 6:30 p.m., district office.

November 11, 2014 -- Personnel Committee, 5:30 p.m., district office.

November 11, 2014 -- Ed Programs Committee, 6:30 p.m., district office.

December 18, 2014 -- Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mary S. Shoemaker School Library.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Enrollment Reports for the month of October.

Suspension Reports for the month of October.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Open Public Meetings Act allows the Board to enter into executive session for confidential matters (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b). Matters discussed in executive session will remain confidential until such time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion that the Board of Education enter into executive session, by resolution, to discuss a confidential student matter, pending litigation, and personnel. It is expected that the executive session will last approximately 60 minutes. The Board will reconvene in open public session immediately following. Formal action may or may not be taken as a result of the executive session. (8:54 p.m.)

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller
Motion seconded by: Robert Iocona
Voting
Patrick Bates – Yes
Daniel Belisario – Yes
Robert Iocona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Motion to resume the public portion of the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Motion made by: George H. Rey
Motion seconded by: Eileen C. Miller
Voting
Patrick Bates – Yes
Daniel Belisario – Yes
Robert Iocona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller
Motion seconded by: Daniel Belisario
Voting
Patrick Bates – Yes
Daniel Belisario – Yes
Robert Iocona – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
George H. Rey – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Chapman Vail – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Frank A. Rizzo
SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

Date

Signature /SBA