

# WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### Agenda

March 28, 2019 - 7:00 pm  
Weehawken Board of Education Office

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call - Salute to the Flag
- C. Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items  
(Not to exceed beyond 7:30 pm)
- D. Executive Session
- E. Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting February 21, 2019 and  
Special Meeting March 12, 2019
- F. Reports
  - 1. Superintendent of Schools
  - 2. Attorney's Report
- G. New Business
  - 1. **Finance**  
Payment of Bills  
Treasurer's Report  
Report of the Board Secretary
  - 2. **Personnel**
  - 3. **Administration**
- H. Discussion Items
- I. Adjournment

G. **New Business**

1. **Finance**

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the amount of money necessary for the operation of the Public Schools of the Township of Weehawken, in the County of Hudson, for the school year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020 is:

General Fund Tax Levy - \$21,519,163.00

- b. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the lists of supplies received and services rendered to the Board of Education of the Township of Weehawken, County of Hudson, be and the same are hereby approved and ordered paid as per the attached Claim Sheets.
- c. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36, the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted by the Treasurer of School Moneys for the month of February.
- d. **PURSUANT**, to NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of February 28, 2019 the Board Secretary's monthly financial report, appropriations section, did not reflect an over expenditure in any of the major accounts or funds and based on the appropriation balances reflected on this report and the advice of district officials, we have no reasons to doubt that the district has sufficient funds available to meet its financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- e. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9, the Board of Education accepts the Report of the Board Secretary for the month of February 2019 as submitted and certifies that the Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report are in agreement.

<b>Transfer to</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Transfer From</b>	<b>Amount</b>
11-000-100-569-7	2000.00	11-000-291-270-9	2000.00
11-000-251-600-9	100.00	11-000-251-600-9	100.00
11-000-262-610-2	2500.00	11-000-261-420-2	2500.00
11-000-262-610-2	1500.00	11-000-262-610-5	1500.00
11-000-262-621-1	2000.00	11-000-262-610-9	2000.00
11-000-262-621-5	3000.00	11-000-262-621-2	3000.00
11-190-100-610-1	500.00	11-190-100-580-1	500.00
11-000-251-600-9	200.00	11-000-251-580-9	200.00
11-190-100-610-1	500.00	11-190-100-800-2	500.00

G. **New Business**

2. **Personnel**

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following as a substitute at the daily rate of \$85.00 pending submission of credentials and criminal background check.

Oliver Rached  
Dennis Amato  
Frank Rincon Taveras  
Sam Bloomquist

- b. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following Thomas Montalbano as Assistant to the Athletic Director retroactively to February 28, 2019 for the remainder of the school year for a prorated negotiated stipend of \$7500.
- c. **WHEREAS**, the Board has been advised and a request received for a leave of absence for the birth and care of a newborn consisting of the use of sick leave, current and accumulated, and a leave pursuant to the Family Leave Act; and

**WHEREAS**, a recommendation has been made by the Interim Superintendent,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that such leave is hereby granted for the dates set forth:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
Jessica Feldmann	DWS-Academic Support	5/21/2019-12/2/2019

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such leave shall be apportioned to sick leave until June 30, 2019 or upon the exhaustion of sick days, whichever comes sooner, and the balance as unpaid Family Leave until December 2, 2019;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that no more than 30 days of sick leave may be used prior to delivery and no more than 30 days can be used after delivery according to board of education policy 3435 Anticipated Disability. The Interim Superintendent, upon receipt of a physician's certificate, is authorized to increase the amount of sick leave to such period as the employee may request not to exceed employee's sick leave, current and accumulated. A doctor's note must be presented upon return to work.

- d. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to compensate the following teachers \$40 per hour for attending the WHS Open House on Feb 21, 2019 fro 6:30-9:30pm.

Brian Fischer  
Ariel Parkinson

Andrea Eberhard  
Tammy Jacobs

- e. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint Cecily Tralongo for home instruction of a WHS Pathways Academy student (#HS46) for the contracted hourly rate for five hours per week effective February 15, 2019 until June 30, 2019

G. **New Business**

2. **Personnel**

- f. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Anita Castillo Special Education Teacher for Theodore Roosevelt School effective March 8, 2019. Mrs. Castillo will be released from her current contract on/or before May 17, 2019 pending the hiring of a replacement.
- g. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following teachers effective June 30, 2019:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>
Christine Aversa	Daniel Webster School

- h. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to extend the child rearing leave of absence for Kristen Kallert, elementary teacher, for the 2019-2020 school year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Kristen Kallert will notify the Interim Superintendent's Office by April 1, 2020 of her intention to return to her teaching duties for the 2020-2021 school year.

- i. **WHEREAS**, Tina Ojamma has notified the Interim Superintendent's Office of her intention to return to her teaching duties for the 2019-2020 school year;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to assign Mrs. Ojamma to Daniel Webster School.

- j. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following teachers for the Summer Enrichment Program at the hourly contracted rate of \$40 per hour.

Kim Turner	Silvia Luna
Donna Jimmerson	Joseph Stratton
Joseph Mantineo	Tammy Jacobs
Adam Parkinson	Michcella Tiscornia
Itziti Pacheco	Jessica Calzaretta
Allisyn Yanuzzi	Nil Sendul
Elizabeth McParland	Jackie DoCampo
Megan Krieg	Elizabeth Swinford
Diana Perdomo	Ariel Parkinson
Rita Fallon and Anna Twardowski (splitting time)	

G. **New Business**

2. **Personnel**

- k. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following teachers for the Summer Brain Camp Program at the hourly contracted rate of \$40 per hour.

Elizabeth Kallert	Veronica Garcia
Stacy Willerton	Lucy Phillips
Maddalena Spezzacatena	Kerrin Burke
Joseph Annese	Xiomara Nygren
Ixa Ocampo	Ariel Parkinson
Nina Petruzella	Mark Perry
Nicole Pellicane	Cory Ferrer
Rita Fallon and Anna Twardowski (splitting time)	Kendra Boardman

- l. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following teachers as substitutes for the Summer Enrichment and/or Brain Camp Programs at the hourly contracted rate of \$40 per hour.

Lauren Menduke	Lourdes Artiles
Karen Adorno	Elizabeth Laird
Sara Yankauskas	Chellsea Gayle
Allisyn Yanuzzi	Kathleen Olderwurtel
Maria Mongelli	

- m. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following substitutes for the Summer Enrichment and Brain Camp Programs at the daily rate of \$85 per day.

Alyssa Denfeld  
Rachel Bernstein

- n. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following security personnel for the Summer Enrichment and Brain Camp Programs at the hourly security rate.

Elaine Condello

- o. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint Judy Matos for home instruction of a WHS Pathways Academy student (#HS47) for the contracted hourly rate for five hours per week effective March 1, 2019 until June 30, 2019.

- p. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to allow Chris Dombroski, student from William Paterson University, to observe Principal Anna Rudowsky as part of his course requirements, pending submission of credentials and criminal background check.

**G. New Business**

**3. Administration**

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to approve the following field trip.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Destination</b>
April 4, 2019	Various WHS students	Eastwick College
June 11, 2019	TRS Safety Patrol	Space Odyssey, Englewood
April 24, 2019	3rd Grade	Kerasotes Theater- Nature Penguin Movie
May 10, 2019	2nd Grade	Herschfield Park, Pompton Lake
June 10, 2019	3rd Grade	Liberty Science Center, Jersey City
June 3, 2019	WHS Art Students	Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ
May 8, 2019	WHS Seniors	Town Hall- Senior Take Over Day
April 27, 2019	TRS Honors Orchestra Students	NJSMA Honors Orchestra Festival, South Orange Middle School
May 4, 2019	TRS Honors Orchestra Students	NJSMA Honors Orchestra Festival, South Orange Middle School
May 14, 2019	ESports Team	St. Peter's University
June 12, 2019	WHS Senior Class	Six Flags Great Adventure
June 14, 2019	WHS Senior Class	Pt. Pleasant Beach
May 3, 2019	WHS Climate Club	Weehawken Senior Center- Nutrition Center
April 3, 2019	WHS Theater Students	DWS and TRS

- b. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to sell 150 Cisco phones which are in storage to GovDeals.com.
- c. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to revise the 2018-2019 School Calendar to reflect one session days for students beginning on June 14 until the currently projected last day of school, which is June 20, 2019.
- d. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Weehawken Board of Education approves a Joint Transportation Agreement between the Northern Region Education Service Commission as host district, and the Weehawken Board of Education as joiner district, to transport one Weehawken student to the High Point School of Bergen County, for the period of October 17, 2018 through June 30, 2019 at a cost of \$3,282.42 + \$131.30

**G. New Business**

**3. Administration**

e. **WHEREAS**, according to New Jersey Law and Board Policy 5512, the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (“HIB”) Specialist conducted an investigation of an alleged incident of harassment, intimidation or bullying,

**WHEREAS**, as set forth below by school and incident, the HIB Specialist determined that the student(s) accused of exhibiting harassment either did commit (#2) or did not commit (#1) an action of HIB;

**WHEREAS**, the results of the investigation were reported to the Interim Superintendent and, thereafter, to the Board at its next meeting following completion of the investigation;

**WHEREAS**, information about the investigation was provided to the parents of both the targeted student(s) and the accused student(s) and the parents were advised of their right to request a hearing before the Board and did not request such a hearing;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board issues its written decision affirming the investigative finding that the student accused of exhibiting harassment, intimidation or bullying did commit (#2) or did not commit (#1) an action of HIB as follows:

<u>School</u>	<u>Date of Incident</u>	<u>Finding</u>
WHS	2/21/2019	#2
WHS	2/19/2019	#1
TRS	2/13/2019	#2
TRS	2/9/2019	#2
TRS	3/13/2019	#2

f. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to accept a monetary donation of approximately \$1,046.40 from the Weehawken High School Senior Class of 1999 to be put in the WHS Activities Fund to be used for PROPs events.

g. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint Jessica Nunes as volunteer lacrosse coach.

**G. New Business**

**3. Administration**

- h. **WHEREAS**, the financial statement of the Weehawken Board of Education County of Hudson, New Jersey for the year ending June 30, 2018 has been audited and attested to by Paul C. Garbarini, CPA RMA of the firm of Garbarini & Co., PC, as described in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and the Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Financial Compliance and Performance, dated February 21, 2019.

**WHEREAS**, the financial records for 2017-2018 were to be found in satisfactory order and there were material weaknesses in the findings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board accepts the 2017-2018 Audit as presented in the bound Audit document and be made an integral part of this resolution.

- i. **WHEREAS**, the firm of Garbarini & Co., PC has conducted a fiscal audit of the financial records of the Weehawken Board of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, recommendations by the auditor are contained in the auditor's report;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the report be accepted and filed; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the "Corrective Action Plan" attached be hereby approved and adopted.