

# WEEHAWKEN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### Agenda

**October 16, 2018 - 7:00 pm**  
**Weehawken High School Media Center**

- 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 September 18, 2018 and  
October 3, 2018 Special Meeting
- 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 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.
- b. **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 September.
- c. **PURSUANT**, to NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, we certify that as of September 30, 2018 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.
- d. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9, the Board of Education accepts the Report of the Interim Board Secretary for the month of September 2018 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>
11-000-217-320-7	62,800.00	11-000-100-562-7	62,800.00
11-000-216-320-7	125,000.00	11-000-100-562-7	125,000.00
11-000-230-332-9	1,730.00	11-000-230-339-9	1,730.00
11-000-291-250-4	6,000.00	11-000-291-299-9	6,000.00
11-000-291-280-9	15,000.00	11-000-291-299-9	15,000.00
11-000-230-585-9	2,000.00	11-000-230-895-9	2,000.00

G. **New Business**

2. **Personnel**

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim 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.

Anthony Bodtmann  
Jennifer Kruter

- b. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the retirement of the following personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School/Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Carol McLaughlin	Bus Driver	January 1, 2019
Jairo Valencia	Bus Driver	January 1, 2019

- c. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Robert Brown, Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator effective December 1, 2018.
- d. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following bus driver/part-time custodians for the 2018-2019 school year at the contracted salary, criminal background check and as per P.L. 2018, c. 5., approved April 11, 2018, and in effect June 1, 2018:

Ivonne Caicedo Tivino  
Yolanda Placeres

- e. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following student teachers for the 2018-2019 school year, pending criminal background check and as per P.L. 2018, c. 5., approved April 11, 2018, and in effect June 1, 2018:

Maria Vizcaino - Fairleigh Dickinson University (January 2-18, 2018)  
Alyssa Vargas - Fairleigh Dickinson University (January 2-18, 2018)

- f. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following student administrative interns for the 2018-2019 school year, pending criminal background check and as per P.L. 2018, c. 5., approved April 11, 2018, and in effect June 1, 2018:

Natalie Burd - Montclair State University

G. **New Business**

2. **Personnel**

- g. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint Yadira Figueroa for home instruction of a WHS Pathways Academy student (#HS33) for the contracted hourly rate for up to five hours per week effective immediately until June 30, 2019.
- h. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint Maria Mattiace for home instruction of a WHS Pathways Academy student (#HS34) for the contracted hourly rate for up to five hours per week effective immediately until June 30, 2019.
- i. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to modify the home instruction teacher from Mark Perry to Douglas Hamway for WHS Pathways Academy student (#HS31) for the contracted hourly rate for up to ten hours per week effective immediately until June 30, 2019.
- j. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint Douglas Hamway for home instruction of a WHS Pathways Academy student (#HS37) for the contracted hourly rate for up to five hours per week effective immediately until June 30, 2019.
- k. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint Maura Acox for home instruction of a TRS student (#TR3) for the contracted hourly rate for up to five hours per week effective immediately until June 30, 2019.
- l. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to assign and pay the following teachers a sixth period of instruction:

Ed Larsen

- m. **WHEREAS**, a request for extended sick leave bank has been received; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered numerous factors including but not limited to the type and length of illness, prognosis, number of days relinquished by other employees, employee's prior attendance record, etc.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a sick leave collection from employees for Lisa Johnson is granted for the period indicated by the physician's note.

G. **New Business**

2. **Personnel**

- n. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following list of personnel to Sports/Activities/Clubs Program for the 2018-2019 school year at the contracted stipends.

John McNish	Head Boys Basketball Coach
Eric Van Tine	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
David Strandburg	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
James Panepinto	Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
Chris Hernandez	Head Girls Basketball Coach
Joel Rodriguez	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Zach Licato	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Christopher Skelly	Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
Thomas Montalbano	Head Wrestling Coach
James Soprano	Assistant Wrestling Coach
Stephanie Farfan-Ross	Head Swimming Coach
Joseph Annese	Bowling Coach
Amanda Torres	DWS Lunch Duty
Lourdes Artilles	DWS Lunch Duty

- o. **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:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Tia Dilts-Rendine	TRS Teacher	February 14, 2019 - June 30, 2019

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that 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 and a doctor's note

must be presented upon the return to work.

**G. New Business**

**3. Administration**

- a. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to accept the total of \$325,906.00 in IDEA funds for the 2018-2019 school year. The breakdown is as follows:

IDEA Basic	\$315,401.00
IDEA Preschool	\$ 10,505.00

- b. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to have the Extended Care Program reimburse the Weehawken Board of Education the sum of \$175,000 for the school year 2017-2018. This is a reimbursement of all costs that have been incurred by Daniel Webster and Theodore Roosevelt schools for housing this program in their buildings. It also reflects a facility charge per day. Backup has been provided to the auditors.
- c. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to accept the total of \$497,296.00 in NCLB funds for the 2018-2019 school year. The breakdown is as follows:

Title I	\$ 414,709.00
Title II	\$ 45,064.00
Title III	\$ 17,423.00
Title IV	\$ 19,922.00
Title III Immigrant	\$ 6,178.00

- d. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to have the Food Service Program reimburse the Weehawken Board of Education the sum of \$25,000. This is a reimbursement of health insurance benefits paid on behalf of the Food Service Director.
- e. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to have the sum of \$150,000 reimbursed to the Weehawken Board of Education by the Extended Care Program. This reimbursement pertains to the school years – 2016-2017, 2015-2016, and 2014-2015. The Extended School Year Program submitted a reimbursement of all out of pocket expenses as well as a facility charge, incurred by the Board to house this program in the Daniel Webster and Theodore Roosevelt Schools. Each year's reimbursement was \$125,000. The actual costs incurred were \$175,000. Therefore, a one time retroactive adjustment needs to be processed for this three year period in the amount of \$150,000.

**G. New Business**

**3. Administration**

f. **WHEREAS**, according to the HIB code and Policy 5512, the Board of Education shall issue a decision in writing to affirm, modify or reject the Interim Superintendent's decision for HIB reports submitted; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been no requests for a Board hearing on any of these actions;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Weehawken Board of Education accepts the HIB report of the Interim Superintendent for September 2018 indicating no pending items.

g. **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>
October 28, 2018	Girls and Boys Soccer Teams	Red Bull Arena, Harrison, NJ
October 23, 2018	Peer Leadership	Veterans Home, Paramus, NJ

h. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education ratifies the action of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to place the following special education student out of district for the 2018-2019 school year.

Case No.: 1454  
From: Chester School District  
To: North Jersey Elks Developmental  
Start Date: 10/11/2018  
Tuition: \$74,318.00  
Transportation: Union City Bus Transportation

Case No.: 1452  
From: non-attending  
To: Slocum Skewes Learning Center  
Start Date: 9/24/2018  
Tuition: \$61,000.00  
Transportation: Hudson County Transport

Case No.: 1451  
From: non-attending  
To: Slocum Skewes Learning Center  
Start Date: 9/24/2018  
Tuition: \$61,000.00  
Transportation: Hudson County Transport

Case No.: 13761  
From: Daniel Webster School  
To: Brownstone School

Start Date: 9/20/2018  
Tuition: \$61,560.00  
Transportation:Hudson County Transport

**G. New Business**

**3. Administration**

- i. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to approves the contract with the West New York Board of Education for the use of the Memorial High School Annex B swimming facilities from November 12, 2018 through the March 30, 2019, at a cost of \$5,000.
- j. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to approve the following Professional Development Roster.

Name:	Adam Parkinson
Date:	October 22-26, 2018
Location:	Atlantic City, NJ
Workshop:	NJ School Boards Workshop
Sponsored by:	NJ School Boards Association
Cost:	Free to WTSD

Name:	Kate Kitzie, Christine Mantineo
Date:	May 29, 2019
Location:	Rutgers University
Workshop:	NJ Writing Alliance Conference
Sponsored by:	NJ Writing Alliance
Cost:	Free

- k. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to authorize the Business Administrator to purchase a ten passenger van to be used to transport small groups of students instead of in a fifty-four (54) passenger bus. The van would be financed over five (5) years. The savings from fuel use would more than cover the annual lease payment. The estimated cost is \$32,500 for the vehicle.
- l. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education accepts the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools to authorize the Business Administrator to purchase a heavy duty utility truck. The current District vehicle can no longer pass DOT inspection and is considered unsafe for use on the road. The new vehicle will come with a snow plow attachment and will be used for snow removal. It will be financed over five (5) years. The estimated cost is \$37,500 for the vehicle.