

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**DATE: July 20, 2009**

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2009 at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.

**ITEM 1: WELCOME**

Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement as follows:

“Written advance notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with law. Minutes of this meeting are being kept by the Board Secretary and will be made available promptly to any member of the public requesting them from the Board Secretary at the Administration building 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy.”

Ms. Weisman asked “Are there any Board members present who believe this meeting to be in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act?” No one objected. “There being none, we may proceed.”

Members Present: Paul Connolly, Stuart Dolgon, Bruce Ettman (arrived 7:45 pm), Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, Robert Laverty, Susan Lloyd, Alice Weisman.

Members Absent: Mr. Kennedy Paul

Also Present: Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator  
Kurt Stumbaugh, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
David Coates, Board Legal Counsel.

Fire Code Compliance: Ms. Weisman made the following announcement: “In compliance with the fire code of the State of New Jersey, I call your attention to the emergency exit for this room, which is located.....” (Ms. Weisman pointed to the emergency exit.)

**ITEM 2: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board president asked those present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**ITEM 3A APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Revisions to agenda at meeting:

The following items were added to Agenda Item #9 - Motion to Approve Routine Agenda Items by Exception:

- A: Staffing Addendum
- O. Transfer Report – May, 2009
- P. Board Secretary’s Report – May, 2009
- Q. Treasurer’s Report – May, 2009
- R. Change Order: Roof Project at HHS – PoolPak
- S. Agreement with MRESC for Online Home Instruction Services

The following item was removed from Item 3B: Contract Negotiations

Having read the material received, Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the agenda. On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Voting no: none. Abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 3B: RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, to approve the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold a closed session during its regular meeting on July 20, 2009. This closed session concerns:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Litigation
3. Strategy Discussion with New Labor Counsel

Minutes of this closed session will be available in accordance with Board policy when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Voting no: none. Abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 4. SECOND READING of BOARD POLICY #2467: Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents**

It is recommended that the Board approve the above policy on second reading as submitted.

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, to approve Policy #2467: Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dolgon, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Voting no: none. Abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

**ITEM 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Bolandi updated the Board on the following:

- Spoke on the National Educational IT Conference. We are requesting Board approval for virtual online home instruction. This effort would help resolve the problem of recruiting home instructors who are certified in a given subject especially at the middle and high school level. This item (9S ) has been added for Board action on tonight's agenda.
- Distributed the NJDOE approval letter for the stimulus money for Special Ed. summer program.
- Updated the Board on EVVR (Electronic Violence and Vandalism Report) that has been sent to the State. PLD had a slight decline, GNR similar to what it was. MHK had a significant decline.
- Vandalism at the middle and high school remains a problem.
- Bullying program is actually working though still not perfect, we have been working hard with our various bullying programs and will continue to do so. Full report in September.

Mr. Dzwonar expanded on NJDOE stimulus initiatives for summer program.

- Must be used under IDEA rules – has to be used to support students with disabilities.
- Plans also include expanded deployment of assistive technologies in self contained and inclusion classes.
- Interactive white boards and software will be purchased and deployed.
- When grant is completed, 125 units to be installed and 300+ teachers will be trained to use the technology.

Mr. Bolandi highlighted the award winning MHK literary magazine "RED INK" as a quality publication. He highly praised the great job by the students and faculty.

**ITEM 6. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBIC COMMENT**

No one spoke.

**ITEM 7. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS**

Mr. Connolly conveyed a message from the family of Brendan Walsh, U.S. Naval Academy student. The family would like to thank the Board and administrators for the excellent educational experience Brendan received in the EWRSD.

Mr. Dolgon spoke about the recent letter to the editor in the July 3<sup>rd</sup> issue of the Windsor Hights Herald, regarding the coverage and pictures of student athletic stars versus academic stars.

Ms. Fallon seconded Mr. Bolandi's comments on the excellence of the award winning MHK "Red Ink" magazine and is very impressed with the great job done by the students.

Mr. Dolgon commented on the current issue of Windsor Hights Herald which incorrectly characterizes the Board Vice President's response to a parent. Mr. Dolgon also commended the administration's great job on securing additional funds for the district.

**ITEM 8. FIRST EXECUTIVE SESSION****ITEM 9. MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION**

- A. Staffing with Addendum
- B. Out of District Placement
- C. Professional Services for Students
- D. Approve Ivelis Sanfilippo to Present Two Professional Development Workshops on 8/18/09 and 8/19/09
- E. Accept No Child Left behind Allocations for FY10
- F. Field Trips
- G. Readmission of Affidavit Students
- H. Removal of Affidavit Students
- I. Minutes for June 29, 2009
- J. Minutes Revision for May 11, 2009 Item 12J
- K. Change Order #1 - Roofing Project - GNR
- L. Change Order #2 - Roofing Project - HHS
- M. Joint Transportation Agreement 09-10 with Roosevelt Board of Education
- N. Bill List for July 20, 2009
- O. Transfer Report – May, 2009
- P. Board Secretary's Report – May, 2009
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**9.A STAFFING WITH ADDENDUM**

As submitted to Board.

**9.B OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT - PRIVATE & PUBLIC SCHOOLS:****Family Guidance Center/ Children's Day School**

Tuition July 6, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	850602	ESY	\$ 5,568.20
		Reg.	\$33,411.60

**Eden Institute, Inc.**Tuition July 6, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	720019	ESY	\$12,012.00
		Reg.	\$56,980.00
	After School Program		\$10,000.00
2. Student#	700333	ESY	\$13,860.00
		Reg.	\$56,980.00
	After School Program		\$10,000.00

**The Children's Home of Burlington**Tuition July 6, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	500383	ESY	\$ 8,691.30
		Reg.	\$52,147.80

**Upper Freehold Regional School District**Tuition July 6, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	720134	ESY	\$ 2,068.00
		Reg.	\$51,848.00

**Rugby School**Tuition July 6, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	701672	ESY	\$ 8,938.80
		Reg.	\$53,632.80

**Titusville Academy**Tuition September 8, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	402503	Reg.	\$39,655.80
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**The Midland School**Tuition July 6, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	700533	ESY	\$ 6,753.00
		Reg.	\$40,518.00

**Carrier Clinic/East Mountain School**Tuition July 6, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	301239	ESY	\$ 8,773.20
		Reg.	\$52,639.20

**Y.A.L.E School, Inc.**Tuition July 6, 2009 through June 30, 2010

1. Student#	720025	ESY	\$ 6,703.80
		Reg.	\$46,926.60
2. Student#	720436	ESY	\$ 6,703.80
		Reg.	\$46,926.60

**MCSSSD-Personal Aides**July 7, 2009 through August 7, 2009

Student #	720168	ESY	\$4,320.00
Student #	720492	ESY	\$4,320.00
Student #	720223	ESY	\$4,320.00
Student #	720440	ESY	\$2,160.00

September 8, 2009 through June 18, 2010

Student #	720168	REG.	\$33,075.00
Student #	720492	REG.	\$33,075.00
Student #	720223	REG.	\$33,075.00
Student #	720440	REG.	\$16,537.50

**9. C PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

The special education department requires services of consultants to provide children with disabilities a free appropriate public education as defined by The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Rate</b>
Alexander Road Associates	Evaluations	\$450.00
MCSSSD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Resource and Assessment Services</li> <li>Assistive Technology</li> <li>Integrated Preschool Program</li> </ul>	Per rate schedule
Pediatric Workshop	Physical Therapy Services	Per rate schedule
Heidi A. Wolfinger, M.Ed.,CCC-A/SLP,C.E.D.	Professional Services	\$115.00 per hour

Board approval is requested of the above list of consultants for the 2009-2010 school year

**9.D APPROVE IVELIS SANFILLIPPO To PRESENT TWO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS ON AUGUST 18 and 19 , 2009**

The fee for each workshop will be paid from NCLB Title III funds.

ELL Workshops for Teachers

Presenter: Ivelis Sanfilippo  
3 Dewey Ave.  
Colonia, New Jersey 07067

1. Title: Implementing Literacy Learning Centers/Work Stations Date: August 18, 2009 Cost: \$300.00

Teacher’s will explore, plan, implement, and manage sixty minutes of literacy work stations in the classroom. Teachers will be encouraged to give their students the opportunity to explore concepts in a variety of ways by engaging their students in active learning experiences.

2. Title: Middle School Games and Activities Date: August 19 2009 Cost: \$300.00

Participants will have the opportunity to view games/activities related to vocabulary development. The activities and games will target sight words/word wall words, and content area vocabulary. The games and activities are used to introduce a lesson, teach the lesson, or simply to evaluate a student’s progress.

**9.E ACCEPT NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ALLOCATIONS FOR FY10**

Board approval is requested for NCLB Allocations for fiscal year 2010 totaling \$596,984 and distributed as follows:

Title/Description	EWRSD	Private Schools			Total Allocation of Funds
		Peddie School	Better Beginnings Day Care	Shalom Torah Academy	
I Improving Basic Programs	\$402,127	0	0	0	\$402,127
IIA Professional Development	\$101,414	\$7,810	\$447	\$2,067	\$111,739
IID Technology	\$3,674	\$284	\$16	\$76	\$4,050
III LEP	\$66,838	0	0	0	\$66,838
IV Safe & Drug Free Schools	\$11,093	\$860	\$48	\$229	\$12,230

Note: In the past two years, Peddie School has refused NCLB funds

**9.F FIELD TRIPS**

Field trips planned for Melvin Kreps School:	9/24/09	NJ Peer to Peer Hickory Corner Library, East Windsor, NJ
Field trips planned for Perry L. Drew School	10/9/09	Wemrock Orchards, Freehold, NJ

**9. G READMISSION OF AFFIDAVIT STUDENTS**

The following non-compliant affidavit students were removed from the district attendance rolls at Board of Education meeting on June 29, 2009. These students wish to return to the district. All required proof of residency documents, immunization forms along with complete information the district and state requires for school registration have been provided. Up-to-date, notarized affidavits, if needed, also have been provided.

HHS	8102300
HHS	8102432
HHS	8102433
HHS	400371
HHS	201145
GNR	402553
MHK	400361
MHK	502527
HHS	819335
MHK	502528
PLD	603044

**9.H REMOVAL OF INELIGIBLE AFFIDAVIT STUDENTS**

In 1994, the NJ Legislature created a new classification of children entitled to attend school within a district: affidavit students. The statute provides that children could attend school based on domicile, residence, or affidavit status. Affidavit students either live with their parents or guardians in the home of a district resident or the affidavit students live alone in the home of a district resident due to unusual circumstances which include the inability of parent/guardian to provide financial and/or emotional support. Affidavits are *legal* documents that *must* be completed. Affidavits must be completed annually, include current supporting documentation, and must be approved by the school district. The East Windsor Regional School District has repeatedly, and over a lengthy period of time, requested current affidavits and the usual supporting documentation (lease or mortgage statement or tax bill, current utility bill, etc) from the families of the students and the residents of the dwellings where they reside. These persons have not responded to and/or ignored our many requests which have taken the form of personal contacts, phone calls, letters, etc. As such, we are requesting that the Board of Education remove the students from the district attendance rolls.

GNR	201733
WCB	402483
GNR	202105
HHS	810127
HHS	810168
MHK	501337
EMK	501325
PLD	502773

**9.I APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 29, 2009 MEETING**

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings are routinely submitted for approval. Copy of the minutes are on file and available for review in the Board Secretary's office and are also posted on the District Website.

### **9.J REVISION TO MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2009, ITEM 12J**

Board approval is requested for Item 12 J of the May 11, 2009 meeting for revision to read as follows:

#### **ITEM 12J: APPROVAL OF SUMMER CAMP FOR HHS MARCHING BAND**

Brief summary: Summer Camp for HHS Marching Band will be held at Camp Saginaw from August 27 through August 31, 2009. The camp will provide housing accommodations and use of the various recreational facilities and food service.

\*Let it be noted that the HHS Music Boosters Association is not financially responsible for the camp.

### **9.K ROOFING PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER #1**

A change order is requested from D.A. Nolt, Inc. Roofing Contractor to provide additional funding to support the costs associated with an unforeseen condition that was identified when removing the existing roof over the storage room at the Rogers School, as described in submitted change order document.

The total amount for Change Order #1 (GA#07-328) at GNR: \$4,936.30

### **9.L ROOFING PROJECT – CHANGE ORDER #2**

A change order is requested from D.A. Nolt, Inc., Roofing Contractor to replace the tectum deck of roof area “J” at Hightstown High School as described in submitted change order document.

The additional cost for change order #2 (GA-07328) is \$1,680.00.

### **9.M RESOLUTION: JOINT TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH ROOSEVELT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT 2009-10**

The Roosevelt Public School District in Monmouth County, is requesting an agreement with the EWRSD to provide transportation for its 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for the 2009-10 school year.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the East Windsor Regional Schools Board of Education approve the joint transportation agreement with Roosevelt Public School as submitted.

### **9.N ORDERS OF PAYMENT/ BILL LIST FOR JULY 20, 2009**

The Bill and Claims Report must be approved by the Board of Education before being submitted for payment.

**RESOLVED**, that the EWRSD Board of Education approves the payment of bills and claims in the amount of **\$1,039,458.30**.

### **9.O TRANSFER REPORT, MAY 2009.**

The East Windsor Regional School District submits to the County School Business Administrator an updated report of budget transfers and changes in revenue and appropriations on a monthly basis.

The EWRSD Board of Education certifies to the best of its knowledge that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education ratifies the attached transfers between budget line items that have been approved by the Superintendent of Schools and reported to them pursuant to Board policy and State regulation.

### **9.P APPROVAL OF BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR MAY, 2009**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has received the report of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month of May, 2009 submitted pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:17-9, and

**WHEREAS**, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.10 (d) the Secretary has certified that, as of the date of the reports, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contractual orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the district Board of Education;

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education accepts the above referenced reports and certifications and certifies that after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriation section), to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation on N.J.A.C.6:20-2A.10 (a) (1), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

#### **9.Q TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY, 2009**

The Report of the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of May 2009 is submitted for approval  
The Treasurer's report is in agreement with the Board Secretary's report.

#### **9.R CHANGE ORDER: HHS ROOF PROJECT – POOLPAK**

D.A. NOLT is currently performing substantial roofing work at the Hightstown High School. There exists a need to replace the current specialized heating ventilation and air conditioning equipment known as the "PoolPak". This provides specialized air treatment and handling to the interior of the pool area. The PoolPak item is available as a direct replacement sole source item from PoolPak International of Wilmington, DE.

D.A. NOLT can effectively and efficiently deliver this equipment to the rooftop at this time since D.A. NOLT has the heavy lifting equipment on site to perform this work. The cost for the above change order for the PoolPak is in the amount of \$156,285 plus 15% for delivery of the PoolPak equipment.

#### **9.S AGREEMENT WITH MRESC FOR ONLINE HOME INSTRUCTION SERVICES**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education authorizes the administration to execute an Agreement with the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission for the provision of Online Home Instruction Services. **BE IT ALSO RESOLVED**, that the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education approves the use of the Global Virtual Curriculum as an Option B curriculum for students referred to the Middlesex Regional Educational Services Commission to receive Online Home Instruction Services as submitted.

#### Action on ITEM 9 - Motion to Approve Routine Items by Exception

Mr. Lavery moved second by Mr. Dolgon to approve the exception items 9A through S as submitted to the Board of Education

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Connolly, Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd and Ms. Weisman. Voting no: none. Abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

#### **ITEM 10. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one spoke.

#### **ITEM 11. SECOND BOARD MEMBER COMMENT**

No one spoke.

#### **ITEM 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **ITEM 13. OPEN SESSION**

#### **ITEM 14. ADJOURN**

Mr. Ettman moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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**Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary**