

## WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 14, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Education was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 pm, in the Wanaque School Gymnasium, First Street, Wanaque, NJ 07465

### Minutes

#### I. Call To Order/Sunshine Statement

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, P.L. 1975, c.231, s.1; amended 2006, c.70, s.2, the Wanaque Board of Education has provided adequate notice of this meeting by sending a notice of the time, date, location, and to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting to Suburban Trends on January 14, 2021 via email and the Herald News on January 14, 2021 via email. Copies of this notice have also been placed in the Borough Hall and in the Main Office of both Wanaque and Haskell Schools and filed with the Wanaque Borough Clerk on January 14, 2021.

#### Flag Salute/Public Participation Statement/Roll Call

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X	
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)		X
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X	
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X	
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X	
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X	
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X	
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X	
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X	

#### Attendance

Mr. Patrick McQueeney, Superintendent  
Mr. Adam Weiss, Board Attorney  
MS. Nancy Di Bartolo, Business Administrator  
Ms. Molly Rieth, Confidential Secretary  
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#### II. Statement to the Public

Often times it may appear to members of our audience that the Board of Education takes action with very little comment and in many cases by unanimous vote. Before a matter is placed on the agenda at a public meeting, the administration has thoroughly reviewed the matter with the Superintendent of Schools. The members of the board work with the administration and Superintendent to assure that the members fully understand the matter. Only then is it placed on the agenda for action at a public meeting. In rare instances, matters are presented to the Board of Education for discussion at the same meeting that final action may be taken.

#### III. Superintendent's Report

- **Wanaque District Music Performances** – I had the great fortune of attending the Winter Concert this past Thursday for our Beginner, Advanced and Tri-M Music Honor Society Bands. Thank you to our Tri-M Music Honor Society for performing this evening for our Board members and the public. Next week, I am looking forward

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to hearing our Chorus students' sweet sounds at the Wanaque Golden Age Club, the Wanaque Reserve and accompanying the Lakeland HS Chorale. Thank you to Mrs. Testa and Mrs. Spirko and to all the unnamed volunteers and supporters that contributed to these great performances. It is such a special treat this time of year!

- **COVID Update** – The state, our community and consequentially our schools have seen a rise in reports of positive cases. These cases have impacted both our staff and students. I want to thank our entire learning community during a difficult time with the various quarantines and illnesses that continue to impact the school day. We continue to abide by the NJDOH guidelines and health and safety protocols. These guidelines and protocols have been successful in helping us to minimize the transmission of the virus in our schools and keep our students in the buildings for full day, in-person instruction. Should case rates continue to rise and impact our classrooms, we will take a logical and targeted approach with respect to moving classrooms to virtual instruction. We encourage all members of our learning community to take care of themselves, practice good health habits and follow all applicable health and safety measures to help support our continued in-person instruction and the health of our students and staff.
- **Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!**
- **Reorganization Meeting:** Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Wanaque School Gymnasium

### IV. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum/Instruction – Mr. Hain - Mr. McQueeney discussed the district's 3 year ESL/Bilingual Plan with the district and amendments to a couple of our out of district placements. The Curriculum Committee also reviewed and supports students attending the "Path to Leadership Conference" for our new, grant funded career focused peer leadership program.
- B. Finance/Budget – Mr. Barnhardt - The Finance Committee heard a preliminary report from the district's auditor. The auditor has found the school budget to be in good shape at this time. The final audit will not be completed until January or February due to a late release of financial numbers from the state. As a part of the audit, it was recommended that the district use surplus funds from 2020-2021 for the current year budget. Additionally, the district is accepting grant funds for our career focused peer leadership groups and for capital maintenance and emergent projects. Finally, Mr. McQueeney and Mrs. DiBartolo discussed with the committee their intentions to review our current health insurance structure to determine ways to improve our financial situation without compromising our health insurance program for our staff.
- C. Facilities/Transportation – Mr. Camisa - The Facilities Committee reviewed the Buildings and Grounds Update and approved a Statement of Assurance for our School Security Plans and our Memorandum of Agreement with the Wanaque Police Department. Our solar project installation is complete and the work crews are clearing equipment from our school property. Finally, the committee approved a process management agreement for the district food service RFP.
- D. Personnel/Management – Mr. McFarlane - The Personnel Committee reviewed a number of personnel items related to substitutes, leave replacement positions, and student teacher approvals. We are also approving our grant funded peer leader advisors and coordinators who will lead our inaugural career focused peer leadership groups from our recently approve NJDOE grant.

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- E. Policy – Mr. Velante - The Policy Committee discussed the first reading of a number of policies related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Required policies as per state statute and executive orders include school employee vaccination requirements and an emergency virtual or remote instruction program. Also, policy and regulation R5751, Sexual Harassment of Students was required to be revised as per a federal Title IX decision.
- F. Negotiations/Employee Relations – N/A
- G. Communications/Public Relations – N/A
- H. Tri-District – N/A

**V. Business Administrator’s Report**

Ms. Di Bartolo stated the solar at Haskell School is on-line and Wanaque School passed inspection and is expected to be on-line next week. We are still waiting for a part to come in for one of the boilers at Haskell School. The bills list had one check added to it since the agenda printed on Friday.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Minutes of the following meetings, as submitted:

November 23, 2021		Regular Meeting Minutes		
MOTION: Ms. Reid		SECOND: Mr. McFarlane		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X			
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	Absent			
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)			X	
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X			
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X			
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X			
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X			
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X			
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X			

**VII. Correspondence**

- a. School Digest – November 2021

**VIII. Public Comment – Agenda items only**

Ms. Reid – Wanaque – asked for an explanation of Policy 1648.13 and the quarantine length?  
 Mr. McQueeney explained as per the executive order we are required to have a policy that states staff must be vaccinated or have weekly testing which we offer at each school. We

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support our staff if they have the vaccine or not. Quarantine time is 14 days because we recently moved into the orange zone.

Mr. Weiss said if the District does not comply with executive orders and state statues there are repercussions.

Mr. McQueeney thanked the Board for making it possible for our staff to test in the building.

Ms. Perry – Haskell – had questions regarding testing.

Mr. McQueeney stated that a PCR test is administered by a qualified technician. The results are sent to us with a positive or negative result which we cannot share.

Ms. Brokenshire – Haskell – asked if students need to quarantine if they are masked and if so for how long and how they will be educated?

Mr. McQueeney said students will need to quarantine for 14 days if they are a close contact.

When a student is in quarantine they are able join the classroom live via google.

Ms. Brokenshire asked if a student will be given detention if they don't wear a mask.

Mr. McQueeney explained a student will get detention for insubordination if they are continually asked to put a mask on and they refuse.

Mr. Weiss stated the District follows the guidance and directives from the NJ Department of Education and Department of Health.

### IX. Resolutions

#### A. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the following curriculum/instruction resolutions:

1. Approve reimbursement of expenses for the attached **workshops**, as they are directly related to and within the scope of the participants' duties and are critical to the instructional needs of the district and/or further the efficient operation of the district.
2. Affirm HIB #W0001-2021.
3. Affirm HIB #W0002-2021.
4. Rescind the November 23, 2021 Curriculum resolution #3 which read:  
Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract for Student #716137 with **The CTC Academy, Inc.** for the 2021/2022 school year commencing November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (144 days) at a tuition cost of \$443.28 per diem (\$63,832.32) plus extraordinary services at a cost of \$125.00 per diem (\$18,000.00).
5. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract for Student #716137 with **The CTC Academy, Inc.** for the 2021/2022 school year commencing November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (144 days) at a tuition cost of \$443.28 per diem (\$63,832.32).
6. Rescind the August 24, 2021 Curriculum resolution #9 which read:  
Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract for Student **#715490** with **The CTC Academy, Inc. (Private)** for the 2021/2022

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school year commencing September 8, 2021 through June 2022 (181 days) at a tuition cost of \$452.17 per diem (\$81,842.77) plus extraordinary Services at a cost of \$125.00 per diem (\$22,625.00).

7. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract for Student #715490 with The CTC Academy, Inc. (Private) for the 2021/2022 school year commencing September 8, 2021 through June 2022 (181 days) at a tuition cost of \$452.17 per diem (\$81,842.77).
8. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract for Student #715368 with The Institute for Educational Achievement (Private) for the 2021/2022 school year commencing December 13, 2021 through June 2022 (115 days at a tuition cost of \$581.18 per diem (\$66,835.70).
9. Approve the English Language Learner Three Year Plan 2021-2024.
10. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education approves the possible field trip destination as follows:
  - New Jersey State Elks “Path to Leadership Program Conference”, Long Branch, NJ

Curriculum #1-10

MOTION: Mr. Camisa	SECOND: Mr. Hain		
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	Absent		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		



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Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

**C. FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approves the following facilities/transportation resolutions:

1. The Wanaque Board of Education approves the submission of the School Year 2021/2022 School Safety and Security Plan SOA (Statement of Assurance).
2. Approve the 2022 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Wanaque Police Department and the Wanaque Public School District.
3. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the request for proposal (RFP) process management agreement with Edvocate Inc., Toms River, New Jersey for the districts food service program beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

**Facilities/Transportation #1-3**

<b>MOTION: Mr. Camisa</b>	<b>SECOND: Mr. Tully</b>		
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	Absent		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

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**D. PERSONNEL/MANAGEMENT**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following personnel/management resolutions:

1. Approve **Savannah Benedetto**, leave replacement teacher for Employee #4698, effective January 3, 2022 through June 30, 2022 at BA Step 1 of the WBEA guide for an annual salary of \$59,280.00 prorated.
  
2. Approve the following substitute teacher for the 2021/2022 pending completion of criminal history and background clearance:  
     Alan Hiller      County Certification  
     Alan Machbitz   County Certification
  
3. Approve **Ryan Scottolano**, Saint Peter’s University student, with Stephanie Dale, Teacher, Haskell School, beginning January 18, 2022 through May 13, 2022 pending completion of criminal history and background clearance.
  
4. Approve **Emily Moya**, Practicum Student, with Nicole Protomastro, District BCBA, beginning January 2, 2022 pending criminal history and required documents.
  
5. Approve the following Peer Leader Advisors and Coordinators (paid by the Middle School Career Awareness and Exploration Grant NJ):  
     **Peer Leader Advisors:**                      **Peer Leader Coordinators:**  
     Mr. Evans    Ms. Haenlein  
     Ms. Daly    Ms. Case  
     Mr. ten-Hoeve                                        Ms. Koprucki  
     Ms. Nieradka   Ms. Pastor  
     Ms. Krup  
     Ms. Valerie

**Personnel/Management #1-5**

MOTION: Ms. Reid	SECOND: Mr. Camisa		
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	Absent		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		



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**E. POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following policy resolutions:

1. Second Reading

a	P5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
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2. First Reading

a	P1648.11	The Road Forward Covid-19 – Health and Safety (M) (New)
b	P1648.13	School Employee Vaccination Requirements
c	P1648.14	Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – Covid 19
d	P2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (New)
e	P5751	Sexual Harassment of Students (M) (Revised)

Policy #1-2

MOTION: Mr. Velante		SECOND: Mr. Tully	
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	Absent		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

**F. NEGOTIATIONS/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**H. TRI-DISTRICT**

**I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**X. Public Comment – Any subject as it relates to the schools**

Ms. Perry – Haskell – made comments about mask wearing.

**XI. Executive Session – The board did not retire into Executive Session this evening.**

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XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made at 7:15 pm by Mr. Camisa and seconded by Mr. Barnhardt. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nancy Di Bartolo  
Board Secretary