

## WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 18, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 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 12, 2022 via email and the Herald News on January 12, 2022 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 12, 2022.

#### 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. Samantha Nash, Curriculum Director  
Mr. Joseph Alloy, Assistant Principal, Wanaque School  
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.

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III. Executive Session

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CLOSED SESSION MEETING OF THE WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO DISCUSS:**

WHEREAS, the Wanaque Board of Education is a public body that is subject to the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act requires that all meetings of public bodies be open to the public; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act further provides that a public body may exclude the public from a portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses items that require confidentiality, which includes those items that are enumerated in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b); and

WHEREAS, the Wanaque Board of Education has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to discuss certain matters in a closed session meeting, which is not open to the public, consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The Wanaque Board of Education shall convene a closed session meeting, from which the public shall be excluded, on January 18, 2022 at 7:03 PM;

The general nature of the matters to be discussed during the closed meeting includes items covered under personnel and attorney/client privilege.

It is anticipated that the closed session meeting will last XX minutes;

Action may or may not be taken; and

The minutes of the closed session meeting shall be available for disclosure to the public when the items that are the subject of the closed session meeting are resolved and a reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

A motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session at 7:03 PM.

MOTION: Mr. McFarlane		SECOND: Mr. Hain		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X			
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X			
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X			
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X			
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X			

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Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

A motion was made at 7:30 PM by Ms. Bruenjes and seconded by Mr. McFarlane to close executive session and return to public session. All in favor.

A motion was made at 7:32 PM to open public session.

MOTION: Ms. Bruenjes	SECOND: Mr. McFarlane		
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
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		

**IV. Superintendent's Report**

- **Happy School Board Recognition Month!** – Governor Murphy has declared January of 2022 as School Board Recognition Month. I would like to publicly recognize our board members and thank them for their countless unpaid hours and dedication to the students and staff of the Wanaque Public Schools! I am very fortunate to work with this supportive and student focused group of individuals. Thank you!
- **Start Strong Assessment** – Our Wanaque and Haskell School students participated in the state's Start Strong Assessments this past September. The district has posted a presentation on our website. that shares our scores by grade level, subject, and a variety of subgroups. The public is invited to review that presentation online. A more detailed analysis of these scores, as well as our other district assessment scores, will be presented by Mrs. Nash, our Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development as a mid-year update at our February BOE meeting.
- **Haskell School Fire Update** – I wanted to provide the public and the Board with an update regarding the electrical fire at Haskell School this morning. The fire was reported about 6:30 am and was quickly contained and extinguished in the room where the fire started. Thank you to our custodial and maintenance staff for their quick work to secure the room and provide access for our first responders. And thank you to our

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volunteer fire departments, our police department and the surrounding fire and police departments for responding quickly and containing the fire. The fire damage was limited to the classroom where the fire started however the smoke and soot damage expanded beyond the original classroom. The district was closed today, and Haskell School will remain closed tomorrow. Wanaque School will re-open for regular in-person instruction tomorrow. The district is working with appropriate service providers, companies, and our local authorities to ensure a quick and safe return to the building. A communication will be shared with the Haskell School families tomorrow with respect to plans for the remainder of the week after we have consulted with the NJDOE, our environmental and fire remediation companies, and local authorities.

- **School Safety Data System and HIB Mid-Year Report – Mr. Jay Alloy, District HIB Coordinator**

Ms. Demetriou thanked Mr. Alloy.

**V. Committee Reports**

- A. Curriculum and Instruction – Mr. Hain – all agenda items were discussed
- B. Finance, Facilities, and Operations – Mr. Barnhardt - Mr. McQueeney and Mrs. DiBartolo began discussing the upcoming budget construction and the calendar for the approval of our 2022-2023 budget. The Committee discussed various thoughts and ideas with Mr. McQueeney and Mrs. DiBartolo. Mrs. DiBartolo will work with Mr. McQueeney and provide more tangible numbers in our February Committee as we work toward constructing our budget. On another note, the solar projects in both buildings have been completed and the boiler project has a few finishing items to complete at Haskell and then that project will be complete in both buildings as well. The Board is excited for the savings that these two projects will provide the district for years to come.
- C. Personnel and Policy – Mr. Velante – The first reading of the policies was discussed and the second reading for the other policies have been placed on the agenda for adoption this evening.
- D. Negotiations/Employee Relations – N/A
- E. Communications/Public Relations – N/A
- F. Tri-District – N/A

**VI. Business Administrator’s Report**

Ms. Di Bartolo said she spoke with, Mr. Ferry, the auditor, today and the numbers should be in shortly by the state. Mr. Ferry is tentatively scheduled to give his report at the February meeting.

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

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

January 4, 2021		Reorganization Meeting Minutes		
MOTION: Mr. McFarlane		SECOND: Mr. Barnhardt		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X			

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Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
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		

**VIII. Correspondence**

- a. School Digest – December 2021

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

No questions or comments

**X. Resolutions**

**A. CURRICULUM AND 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. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Annual Contract for Services for Student #715333 with Bergen County Special Services for the 2021/2022 school year for Augmentative Communication Assessment at a rate not to exceed \$1,100.00.
3. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the contract for Services for Student #715422 with D.C. Fagan Psychological Services, LLC for the 2021/2022 school year for Evaluation Services at a rate not to exceed \$850.00

**Curriculum and Instruction #1-3**

<b>MOTION: Mr. Camisa</b>	<b>SECOND: Mr. Hain</b>		
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		



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6. Approve the revised Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Consent and Agreement with the Project Company - CF Lessee FT LLC and the Collateral Agent – Wilmington Trust National Association for Wanaque Elementary School.
7. Approve the revised Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Consent and Agreement with the Project Company - CF Lessee FT LLC and the Collateral Agent – Wilmington Trust National Association for Haskell Elementary School.
8. Approve the Amendment to the Solar Power & Services Agreement between CF Holdco SF LLC and the Wanaque Board of Education for Wanaque Elementary School.
9. Approve the Amendment to the Solar Power & Services Agreement between CF Holdco SF LLC and the Wanaque Board of Education for Haskell Elementary School.

**Finance, Facilities, and Operations #1-9**

<b>MOTION: Ms. Bruenjes</b>		<b>SECOND: Mr. Barnhardt</b>	
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
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. PERSONNEL AND POLICY**

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

1. Approve leave for employee **#4547** from March 30, 2022 through June 30, 2022 as follows with an anticipated return date of September 1, 2023:
 

March 30, 2022 – June 2, 2022	Sick Days
June 3, 2022 – June 30, 2022	Unpaid Family Leave
September 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023	Unpaid Extended Leave
2. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the agreement for the following Nursing Services with **Loving Care Agency, Inc. d/b/a Aveanna Healthcare** of Atlanta, GA effective January 12, 2022 through June 30, 2022:
 

RN Services \$60/hr.	LPN Services \$50/hr.
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3. Approve the resignation of Employee #4535 effective June 30, 2022.
4. Approve the settlement agreement between Employee #4535 and the Wanaque Board of Education.
5. Approve the employment agreement with Dr. Timothy Frederiks as Interim Principal of Wanaque Elementary School from February 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 for three days a week at \$550 per diem for days actually worked for an amount not to exceed \$36,300.

6. **Second Reading**

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

7. **Adoption of Regulations**

R5751	Sexual Harassment of Students (M) (Revised)
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8. **First Reading**

P0155	Board Committees (Revised)
P0164	Conduct of Board Meeting (Revised)

**Personnel and Policy #1-8**

<b>MOTION: Mr. Velante</b>		<b>SECOND: Ms. Reid</b>	
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X	#4	
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

- D. **NEGOTIATIONS/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – N/A**
- E. **COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS – N/A**
- F. **TRI-DISTRICT – N/A**



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**G. OLD/NEW BUSINESS – N/A**

**XI. Public Comment – Any subject as it relates to the schools.**  
 Ms. Demetriou read policy 0167-Public Participation in Board Meetings  
 Public Comment opened at 7:53 PM

Ms. Brokenshire – Haskell – asked for information regarding the Esser Grant, if the windows are being left open during the day and if it is possible to have the board meetings streamed online?  
 Mr. McQueeney explained the Esser Grant information is listed on our website but she could email with any questions. The windows don't need to be open because we have the ionization system. It would be a board decision regarding streaming the meetings.

Ms. Demetriou said she would have a discussion with the board and the technology department to see if it would be possible.

Mr. Basteau – Haskell – asked if Mr. Frederiks is from Centenary University where Mr. McQueeney is currently attending and what is the settlement amount in Personnel resolution #4 and is it impacting anything else?

Mr. McQueeney stated Mr. Frederiks is from Centenary University.

Mr. Weiss explained it is a personnel settlement so no details can be given but no additional funding is needed for it and there is no impact to anything else.

Ms. Oguss – Teacher/Co-President WBEA – the 2021/2022 support and leadership and partnership between the teachers and administration has been wonderful.

Mr. Basteau – Haskell – asked if the students would get chrome books if it is necessary to go remote.

Mr. McQueeney said yes if we need to be remote a device will be given if needed.

A motion was made at 8:01 PM to close public comment.

MOTION: Ms. Reid		SECOND: Mr. McFarlane	
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
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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XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made at 8:01 PM.

MOTION: Ms. Bruenjes		SECOND: Mr. Hain		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X			
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X			
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			

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Di Bartolo  
Board Secretary