

**WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 17, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:00 pm, in the Haskell School Gymnasium, 973 Ringwood Avenue, Haskell, New Jersey 07420.

**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 5, 2023, via email and the Herald News on January 5, 2023, via email. Copies of this notice have also been placed in the Borough Hall and the Main Office of both Wanaque and Haskell Schools and filed with the Wanaque Borough Clerk on January 5, 2023.

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

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

**Attendance**

- Mr. Patrick McQueeney, Superintendent
- Ms. Nancy Di Bartolo, Business Administrator
- Mr. Joseph Alloy, Wanaque School Principal
- Ms. Paula Greggo, District HIB Coordinator
- Ms. Molly Rieth, Confidential Secretary

**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**

1. **1st Annual Superintendent’s Art Contest** - Due to the busy holiday season, we have postponed the due date for the 1st Annual Superintendent’s Art Contest until this Friday, January 20th. Please help spread the word to all our Warrior Artists so they can participate. We have sent out Blackboard notifications and will send a couple of reminders this week. I am looking forward to all of the excellent submissions!

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2. **Rutgers Labor Collaborative** - We have been in contact with Saul Rubenstein from the Rutgers Labor Collaborative project that the district had participated in, along with the WBEA, to continue to develop a strong positive relationship for the benefit of our entire district. I will be meeting with those that previously participated in the coming weeks to chart a path forward to continue the program.

3. **Mid-Year SSDS and HIB Report 2022-2023** - Mrs. Paula Greggo, District HIB Coordinator

Ms. Demetriou asked if a PowerPoint was presented at the NJCAP parent meeting. Mr. McQueeney said he would make sure it was posted on the website.

### 4. Upcoming Meetings

#### a. February Meeting

- i. Mid-Year District Assessment Presentation
- ii. GEOY Educators of the Year Recognition

#### b. March Meeting

- i. Preliminary Budget Presentation
- ii. Wanaque Public School Chorus Performance

#### c. April Meeting

- i. Budget Hearing and Adoption

## IV. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum and Instruction – Ms. Reid – The Curriculum and Instruction Committee discussed the bi-annual presentation regarding our SSDS and HIB Report you heard earlier this evening from Mrs. Greggo. Additionally, the committee reviewed several staff workshops and another tuition student contract that will bring additional revenue to the district in one of our many great programs.
- B. Finance, Facilities, and Operations – Mr. Barnhardt – The Finance, Facilities, and Operations Committee met to discuss various items including an amendment to our ARP/ESSER III grant funding and the acceptance of a \$19,101 SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance Grant from the state to continue installing filtered water bottle fillers throughout our buildings. Of note, the committee discussed our 2023-2024 budget projections with Mr. McQueeney. Due to the continued reduction in state aid, a 15 % increase in health insurance premiums, and the record inflation our country has experienced, the district is anticipating approximately a \$300,000 shortfall. The committee discussed a variety of strategies to fill the shortfall and the many variables that could change prior to the Preliminary Budget Approval meeting in March. The committee will continue to meet with Mr. McQueeney and Mrs. DiBartolo to continue working on the budget and ensuring a responsible and balanced budget that will support high-quality teaching and learning.
- C. Personnel and Policy – Mr. Velante – The Personnel and Policy Committee met and discussed various personnel items and revised policies and regulations for their first reading. Of note, policy 0154 for our Annual Reorganization Meeting was revised to reflect our current practices during the meeting. Finally, the committee discussed the concept of having student representatives at our monthly Board meetings to report on their experiences in our schools. Mr. McQueeney will conduct some investigations and planning and report back to the committee soon.
- D. Negotiations/Employee Relations – N/A
- E. Communications/Public Relations – N/A

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F. Tri-District – N/A

**V. Business Administrator’s Report**

Ms. Di Bartolo explained that funds from the Esser grant will be used for the playground and to replace the dividing wall in the Wanaque School Gymnasium with a curtain similar to the one here at Haskell. Finance, Facilities, and Operations resolution #7 – the grant will be used to install additional bottle fillers and Personnel and Policy resolutions #9 and #10 were added after the committee meetings. Ms. Di Bartolo thanked KNK Electric for the donation.

Ms. Demetriou asked why the wall in the Wanaque Gymnasium was being replaced.  
Ms. Di Bartolo stated it was old and it is hard to find someone to repair it so they are replacing it before it becomes unsafe.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

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

January 3, 2023

Reorganization Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Ms. Reid	SECOND: Ms. Bruenjes		
<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Mr. Bastean (Nicholas)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	Absent		
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 – December 2022

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

No questions or comments.



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District officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(b)* and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**3. Approve the revised bills and claims for the month of December 2022:**

10/11	General Current Expense	\$1,702,633.67
20	Special Revenues	\$ 81,321.36
30	Capital Project	\$
40	Debt Service	\$
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,783,955.03</b>

**4. Approve payment of bills and claims for the month of January 2023:**

10/11	General Current Expense	\$1,245,963.98
20	Special Revenues	\$ 25,227.83
30	Capital Project	\$
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,271,191.87</b>

5. Approve the necessary transfers for the month of December 2022 to achieve the thoroughness standards of the State of New Jersey and of the District for the current year.

6. Approve the receipt of funds and the submission of the American Rescue Plan-Esser III Grant amendment #3 application in the amounts detailed below:

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account#</u>	<u>Account Description</u>
ARP	\$148,607	20-487-100-100	Salaries C. Norton F. Iudici
ARP	\$ 15,487.82	20-487-100-600	Supplies
ARP	\$ 61,432.00	20-487-200-200	Benefits
ARP	\$ 0	20-487-200-300	Prof Svcs
ARP	\$291,871.59	20-487-400-732	ESSER Equip

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account#</u>	<u>Account Description</u>
ENR	\$40,000	20-489-400-732	Equipment

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account#</u>	<u>Account Description</u>
BYD	\$10,056	20-490-100-100	
BYD	\$29,944	20-490-400-732	Equipment
Total BEYOND THE SCHOOL DAY \$40,000			

<u>Grant</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account#</u>	<u>Account Description</u>
MNT	\$31,000	20-491-400-732	Equipment

7. Approve the submission of and acceptance of the FY2023 for SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance grant in the amount of \$19,101.00.

**Finance, Facilities, and Operations #1-7**

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

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Mr. Basteau (Nicholas)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	Absent		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		X #4
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 **Rukshana Jalil**, William Paterson University student, with Kristen Bondarenko, Haskell School Speech Teacher beginning January 23, 2023, through May 12, 2023.
2. Approve **Enrico Cruz**, William Paterson University student, with Lauren Hoey, Haskell School Speech Teacher beginning January 23, 2023, through May 12, 2023.
3. Approve the revised **2022/2023 Stipend List**.
4. Rescind the August 23, 2022 Personnel and Policy resolution #1 which read:  
Approve **Amy Weisse**, Leave Replacement Teacher, Haskell School for employee #4547, effective September 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, BA step 1 of the WBEA guide at an annual salary of \$60,020, pending completion of criminal history and Chapter 5 background check.
5. Approve **Amy Weisse**, Leave Replacement Teacher, Haskell School, for employee #4521, effective September 1, 2022, through December 30, 2022, and for employee #4547 effective January 2, 2023, through June 30, 2023, BA step 1 of the WBEA guide at an annual salary of \$60,020 pending completion of criminal history and Chapter 5 background check.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Superintendent, Patrick McQueeney to enroll in the following graduate courses:

Fall 2022:

- GED 735 - Technology
- GED 740 - Innovation

Spring 2023

- GED 765 - Comparative Systems

Summer I 2023

- GED 760 - Bargaining and Negotiating
- GED 785 - Finance

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Summer II 2023

- GED 755 - Space (Facilities, Buildings, and Grounds)

Not Scheduled to date:

- GED 810 - Dissertation Advisement I
- GED 820 - Dissertation Advisement II

- Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the contract with **Bayada Home Health Care, Inc.**, of Little Falls, NJ for 1:1 nursing services for student **#716137** effective January 9, 2023, through June 30, 2023:  
RN Services \$60/hr. LPN Services \$50/hr.
- Approve **Jenna Abreu**, William Paterson University student, with Brett Biggins, Haskell School Physical Education/Health teacher from January 23, 2023, to May 12, 2023.
- Approve the following substitute teacher/s for the 2022/2023 school year pending required documents:  
Jessica Curran
- Approve the submission of a Request for expedited review of the credential application for Deborah Quinlan District Associate Library Media Specialist.
- First Reading

	P0152	Board Officers - Revised
	P0154	Annual Motions and Designations – Revised
	P0160.01	Board Member Participation at Board Meetings Using Electronic Device
	P0161	Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation – Revised
	P0162	Notice of Board Meetings – Revised
	P1648.11	The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety (M) (Abolished)
	P1648.13	School Employee Vaccination Requirements (M) – (Abolished)
	P2423	Bilingual and ESL Education (M) – Revised
	P2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) – (Revised)
	P5200	Attendance (M) – Revised
	P8140	Student Enrollments (M) – Revised
	P8330	Student Records (M) – Revised

**Personnel and Policy #1-11**

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

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

- D. NEGOTIATIONS/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**
- E. COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS**
- F. TRI-DISTRICT**
- G. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

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

- 1. WHEREAS**, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2023 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Wanaque Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, The Wanaque Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey’s 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers, and parents for the betterment of public education; and

**WHEREAS**, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public’s expectations for the schools; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation’s best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Wanaque Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2023 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Wanaque Board of Education, urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public-school staff toward the advancement of our children’s education.

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2. The Wanaque Board of Education acknowledges the \$315 donation from KNK Electric, Wanaque, NJ towards the lunch program.

The Wanaque Board of Education accepts the above donation and wishes to express gratitude and thanks for it.

Old/New Business #1-2

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

- X. **Public Comment** – Any item

No questions or comments

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

- XII. **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:30 pm by Ms. Bruenjes and seconded by Mr. Barnhardt. All in Favour.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Di Bartolo  
Board Secretary