

WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING September 24, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 7:00 pm, in the Wanaque School Media Center, First Street, Wanaque, NJ 07465.

Agenda

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 9, 2019 via email and the Herald News on January 9, 2019 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 9, 2019.

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	
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X	
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X	
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)	X	
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X	

Attendance

Mr. Robert M. Mooney, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Nancy Di Bartolo, Business Administrator
Ms. Samantha Nash, Curriculum Director
Mr. Charles Frick, Wanaque Principal
Mr. Kenneth Doolittle, Haskell Principal
Ms. Molly Rieth, Confidential Secretary
Public 29

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

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Ms. Samantha Nash – Director of Curriculum and Instruction

- Google email for 6-8 grade students and permission slips
Ms. Demetriou asked if we have a policy for student teacher communication.
Mr. Mooney explained our policy covers everything but we will update to specify email.
Mr. Weiss stated the email is also good for the safety and welfare of a student who may want to communicate something to the teacher but doesn't want to do it in person.
Ms. Nash said the email is on the domain which is closely monitored.
Mr. Barnhardt stated he believes it is a good way to prepare for high school where the students are already using email.
Mr. Tully asked if attachments can be blocked.
Ms. Nash explained home work may need to be attached but she will discuss with technology.
Mr. Mooney stated staff is not expected to respond immediately, it could be the next day before they see it.
- Ms. Quinlan – District Media Specialist – shared her love for books and thanked the administration for the support in her new position.
- Student Presentations – 5th Grade
 - Haskell School
Christopher Clarken
David Ackerly
 - Wanaque School
Evan Schamble
Joshua Jaquez
Lucas Gordon
Maya Tully

Mr. Mooney wished Rita Lesser a long, healthy, happy retirement.

- ESIP update – Preliminary review show's our district does not qualify but similar plans are available which we are investigating.
- September 24, 2019 was the first Tri-County Administrator's meeting for the 19-20 School Year. They are looking into having the first Tri-District meeting on October 29, 2019 at 7 PM at the Erskin School in Ringwood. We discussed bringing the 7th and 8th Grade students to the High School for a field trip to expose them to an academic activity.
- State assessment was mailed home this week.
- Back-to-school night for Wanaque is Wednesday, September 25th and for Haskell it is Thursday, September 26th. September 27th is a 1:16 dismissal.
- Planning on doing a 1 minute weekly comment for parents.

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- Enrollment will be under the Superintendent Report monthly
Mr. Barnhardt asked if the enrollment can be by grade.
Ms. Demetriou asked if they could have a comparison to last year.
Ms. Di Bartolo stated she didn't have the exact number but enrollment is slightly higher than last year.
- Goals are on the agenda
- Evaluations are on the agenda for the Board to consider. These evaluations are for job titles that Marzano does not cover but does have the 4 point system the state requires.
- We had a meeting with the Recreation Department prior to this meeting. We discussed making sure the facilities are available to residents whenever possible and security. Everyone present was very cooperative.
- Fobs were handed out and are to be kept separate from the ID cards.
- Very good opening of the school year and everyone has been very welcoming and friendly to me which I truly appreciate.
- Enrollment numbers as of September 24, 2019
 - Haskell School 393
 - Wanaque School 497
 - Out of District 12
 - Total 902

Ms. Demetriou thanked Mr. Mooney and the administration for doing an amazing job for the start of the school year.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum/Instruction – Mr. Tully - agenda items were discussed
- B. Finance/Budget – Mr. Barnhardt – the reimbursement for a state responsible student from 2017/2018.
- C. Facilities/Transportation – Mr. Camisa – ESIP and the boiler repair
Mr. Mooney explained we need the boiler working by October 15th. Two sections need replaced which we are in the process of getting quotes.
- D. Personnel/Management – Agenda items
- E. Policy – Mr. Barnhardt – the committee had a long discussion regarding policy and regulations which are mandatory and those that are not. We also took a long look at the earned sick leave policy.
Mr. Weiss stated Strauss Esmay Policy Alert 218, P9400 needs to be discussed.
- F. Negotiations/Employee Relations – N/A
- G. Communications/Public Relations – N/A
- H. Tri-District – N/A

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V. Business Administrator’s Report

Ms. Di Bartolo explained the roof at Haskell School is still awaiting completion.
Mr. Mooney stated the crane would be brought in one more day on a weekend to remove remaining items once inspections are complete.

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

August 27, 2019		Regular and Executive Session	
MOTION: Mr. Camisa	SECOND: Ms. Henderson		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)			X
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

VII. Correspondence

A. July-August 2019 – School Digest

VIII. Public Comment – N/A

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. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract for Student #714445 with the **Hawthorne Board of Education** for the 2019/2020 school year commencing September 5, 2019 through June, 2020 (180 days) at a tuition cost of

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\$150.627 per diem (\$27,113.00) plus extraordinary services of a 2:1 aide at a cost of \$52.495 per diem (\$9,449.10) for a total not to exceed \$36,562.10. Additional extraordinary services will be charged at an hourly rate of \$90.68 for OT/PT/Speech.

3. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract for Student #715781 with the **Hawthorne Board of Education** for the 2019/2020 school year commencing September 5, 2019 through June, 2020 (180 days) at a tuition cost of \$150.627 per diem (\$27,113.00). Additional extraordinary services will be charged at an hourly rate of \$90.68 for OT/PT/Speech.

4. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Contract for Home Instruction Program for Student #714829 with **Stepping Forward Counseling Center** for the 2019/2020 school year commencing September 5, 2019 through June 2020 at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for 10 hours per week.

5. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Contract for a State Responsible Student with the **State of New Jersey** for Student #714822 for the 2019/2020 commencing July 1, 2019 through June 2020 (200 days) at a tuition cost of \$420.88 per diem (\$84,176.00) and a transportation cost of \$167.60 per diem (\$33,520.00).

Curriculum #1-5

MOTION: Mr. Tully		SECOND: Mr. McFarlane	
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		#1-J
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

B. FINANCE/BUDGET

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 finance/budget resolutions:

1. **Financial Reports:**

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Secretary’s (A148) Report For August 2019	- Ms. Nancy DiBartolo Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Treasurer’s (A149) Report For August 2019	- Mr. Robert P. Mooney Interim Superintendent of Schools

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, move that pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6:23A-16.10(c)4*, we certify that as of August 2019 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate 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 payment of bills and claims for the month of September 2019:

10/11	General Current Expense	\$ 999,716.21
20	Special Revenues	\$ 59,491.30
30	Capital Project	\$
	Total	\$1,059,207.51

4. Approve the necessary transfers for the month of August to achieve the thoroughness standards of the State of New Jersey and of the District for the current year.

5. Approve the acceptance of the NJTSS-ER (New Jersey Tiered System of Supports-Early Reading) grant for the 2019/2020 school year in the amount of \$2,000.00 per school.

6. Rescind the June 18, 2019 Finance motion which read as follows:
Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Amendment to the Agreement between the Wanaque Board of Education and Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc., located in Parsippany, NJ for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.

Coverage	Monthly Charges
One Party	\$ 59.64
Two Party	\$107.33
Three Party	\$184.85

*Reference instead the January 8, 2019 Finance Resolution #1 which reads correctly.

Finance/Budget #1-6

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

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Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		Ck. #23303

C. FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION – N/A

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. **WHEREAS**, Rita Lesser has dedicated herself to the Wanaque School District for 21 years as a Special Education Teacher; displaying an unselfish commitment to our children; exemplifying the ideals of professionalism and the standard of excellence, and **WHEREAS**, the Wanaque School District Board of Education, together with its citizens, wishes to acknowledge exemplary service that **Rita Lesser** has provided our children, **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wanaque School District Board of Education does hereby extend its appreciation and gratitude to **Rita Lesser** in recognition of her exemplary service to our school district.

2. Rescind the August 27, 2019 Personnel Motion #14 which read as follows:
Approve **Alexa Case**, Leave Replacement (Unaffiliated), Guidance, Haskell School beginning September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 at MA step 1 of the WBEA guide for an annual salary of \$63,130.00 pending completion of criminal history and Chapter 5 background checks.

3. Approve **Alexa Case**, Leave Replacement (Unaffiliated), Guidance, Haskell School beginning September 1, 2019 through November 27, 2019 at MA step 1 of the WBEA guide for a pro-rated annual salary of \$63,130.00 pending completion of criminal history and Chapter 5 background checks.

4. Rescind the August 27, 2019 Personnel Motion #1 which read as follows:
Approve the unpaid extended leave of absence for Employee **#4134** beginning October 15, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

5. Approve the unpaid extended leave of absence for Employee **#4134** beginning October 16, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

6. Approve the movement of employee **#4693** from step 4 BA Teacher to step 4 MA effective September 1, 2019.

7. Approve volunteer, **Maximino Castillo**, with Paula Basedow at the Wanaque School for the 2019/2020 school year beginning September 25, 2019.

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8. Approve volunteer, **Elizabeth Breen** with Carly Breen at the Haskell School for the 2019/2020 school year beginning September 25, 2019.
9. Approve **Jennifer Bone**, part-time Speech Language Specialist, Wanaque School, beginning September 25, 2019 through June 30, 2020, MA Step 3 on the WBEA guide for a pro-rated annual salary of \$39, 018.00 pending completion of criminal history and Chapter 5 background checks.
10. Approve, with regret, the resignation of **Ellen Herbert**, Playground Aide, Wanaque School effective September 30, 2019.
11. Approve **Hannacy Gurbisz**, William Paterson University student teacher, to be with Kelly Lesler, Wanaque School, beginning September 9, 2019 through June 30, 2020.
12. Approves the following substitute teacher for the 2019/2020 school year pending criminal history and receipt of required documents:

Melissa Connor	State Certified
Thomas Norton	County Certified
Louis Rushnock	County Certified
13. Approves the following substitute secretary for the 2019/2020 school year pending criminal history and receipt of required documents:

Ana Kohlhase
14. Approves the following substitute playground aide for the 2019/2020 school year pending criminal history and receipt of required documents:

Kelly Toepfer
15. Approve **Linda Jerman**, In-Class Support, Haskell School beginning September 9, 2019 through February 6, 2020, BA Step 1 on the WBEA guide for a pro-rated annual salary of \$56,630.00.
16. Approve 9 additional ESY hours for **Canaan Bump**.
17. Approve the following Evaluations for Non-Instructional Professional Staff:
 - a. Literacy Coach
 - b. Nurse
 - c. School Counselor
 - d. School Social Worker
 - e. School Psychologist
 - f. LDTC
18. Approve Louis Rushnock, Instructional Assistant, Haskell School, beginning September 25, 2019 through June 30, 2020 for a pro-rated annual salary of \$32,387.00 on the WBEA guide pending completion of criminal history and Chapter 5 background checks.

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Personnel/Management #1-18

MOTION: Mr. Camisa		SECOND: Ms. Henderson	
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)	X	#13	
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

Ms. Spadaccini explained it is nothing personal against the person for which she is voting no, just does not think a parent should be in the office.

- E. POLICY – N/A
- F. NEGOTIATIONS/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS – N/A
- G. COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS – N/A
- H. TRI-DISTRICT – N/A

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

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 old/new business resolutions:

1. Approve the Adoption of District Goals for the 2019/2020 school year.

Goal One: Academic Achievement and Excellence

The District will provide a safe, engaging learning environment promoting progress toward academic achievement and excellence as well as the development of the whole student.

Goal Two: Partnerships

The District will support collaborative partnerships that foster learning, communication, understanding, and a positive culture in our schools and in our community.

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Goal Three: Fiscally Sound

The District will create and maintain a fiscally sound operation that will alleviate financial pressures and ensure funds are used prudently, efficiently and are directed toward appropriate areas.

Goal Four: QSAC Preparations

The District will prepare for the components—Instruction & Program, Fiscal, Governance, Operations, and Personnel—to ensure compliance, as the New Jersey Department of Education revised the QSAC process.

Old/New Business #1

MOTION: Ms. Bruenjes	SECOND: Mr. Camisa		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

X. Public Comment

Mrs. Maiello – Wanaque – asked for enrollment numbers for specific developments.
 Mr. Velante – Wanaque – asked for enrollment numbers for developments and why we are hiring after the start of the new school year.
 Mr. Mooney explained Personnel motion #9 is replacing an outside company that could no longer provide services, #15 is due to a leave, and #18 is also due to a leave.

XI. 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

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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:

1. The Wanaque Board of Education shall convene a closed session meeting, from which the public shall be excluded, on September 24, 2019 at 8:03 PM;
2. The general nature of the matters to be discussed during the closed meeting includes: Legal, Attorney Client Privilege
3. It is anticipated that the closed session meeting will last 15-20 minutes;
4. 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 8:03 PM by Ms. Spadaccini and seconded by Mr. Hain.

A motion was made at 8:31 PM by Mr. Camisa and seconded by Ms. Spadaccini to close executive session and return to public session.

B. FINANCE/BUDGET

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 finance/budget resolutions:

7. Approve the settlement agreement with the parents of student #714409.

Finance/Budget #7

MOTION: Mr. Camisa	SECOND: Ms. Spadaccini		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN

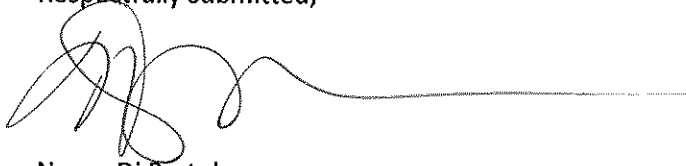
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Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Spadaccini (Jennifer)	X		
Mr. Tully (Richard)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Hain and seconded by Ms. Bruenjes at 8:38 PM. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Di Bartolo
Board Secretary