

**WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING MAY 12, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Education was held via a virtual platform on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes**

Ms. Demetriou thanked the students, parents, teachers, staff, Mr. Mooney, administration, buildings and grounds and essential workers during this difficult time.

**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 10, 2020 via email and the Herald News on January 10, 2020 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 10, 2020.

**ADDENDUM TO THE ADEQUATE NOTICE PUBLIC STATEMENT  
DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

In view of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the emergency orders and directives at the federal, State and local levels, and consistent with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., as amended by P.L.2020, c.11, ("OPMA") the Wanaque Board of Education is conducting this meeting, originally designated to take place at the Wanaque Elementary School, remotely using video and/or telephone conferencing technology. The public has been advised of this venue and format change and instructions have been provided in order to access the meeting and to participate during the public comment section(s) of the meeting.

You will need to dial-in/login to the remote meeting platform(s) in order to attend the remote meeting. P.L. 2020, c.11, which permits remote conduct of meetings, was signed into law by Governor Murphy on Friday, March 20, 2020, effective immediately. The Board recognizes the importance of open transparency and public access and participation in its work. In view of the current crisis and the brave new world in which we live, the Board asks all citizens to bear with us as we work to meet the health, safety, welfare, and educational needs of our students, staff and all members of the Wanaque community.

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

<b>BOARD MEMBER</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
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. Reid (Erika)	X	
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X	

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### Attendance

Mr. Mooney, Interim Superintendent of Schools  
Ms. Di Bartolo, Business Administrator  
Mr. Weiss, Board Attorney  
Ms. Nash, Curriculum Director  
Mr. Hache, Technology Specialist  
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

- Ms. Nash – Math Curriculum Presentation  
Ms. Demetriou and Mr. Mooney thanked Ms. Nash and the teachers who worked so hard on the Math Curriculum.
- Enrollment numbers
  - Haskell School 395
  - Wanaque School 504
  - Out of District 13
  - Total 912

Mr. Mooney explained the 2019/2020 revised calendar reflects that the last day of school will be on June 19, 2020. Mr. Velante will be hosting the NJEA ESL program on Thursday evening. Last week was staff appreciation week where the students and parents honored and thanked the teachers and instructional assistants with videos.

Mr. Mooney thanked the students and parents. Administration is working on the fourth and final distance learning document which needs to be submitted shortly. Food distribution is ongoing, Guidance Corner is going well and both the counselors and nurses have been reaching out to parents with any needs or concerns they may have. Tomorrow we are having our third round of meetings with administration and staff. We are having ongoing discussions regarding graduation with families and PTA. We are waiting to hear what the Governor decides and will follow the law and safety guidelines. We all feel terrible the students have missed the dance, the Washington trip, signing the mural, and yearbook. We appreciate the parents input and are keeping our options open. We are all working together to do the best we can.

### IV. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum/Instruction – Mr. Hain stated we have a workshop for approval in addition to the other agenda items.
- B. Finance/Budget – Mr. Barnhardt explained the state could possibly have additional cuts and the opening of school in September may be slightly different than we are used to.
- C. Facilities/Transportation – Mr. Camisa said we are moving forward with the partial roof replacement in Haskell. We are waiting for the final report for the ESIP improvement

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plan and after that it will be time for the solar roof farm. Maintenance workers are back in the building doing the spring clean-up.

- D. Personnel/Management
- E. Policy – Mr. Velante reviewed the policies on the agenda.
- 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 confirmed the custodial staff is back cleaning and disinfecting. Curriculum motion #1 was added after the packet was sent on Friday. We have no resolutions this evening for Facilities. The architect said the roofing materials have been ordered and the project should only take 2-3 weeks.

**VI. Approval of Minutes**

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

April 28, 2020

Regular & Executive Session Minutes

MOTION: Mr. Barnhardt		SECOND: Mr. Hain		
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. Reid (Erika)	X			
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X			
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X			

**VII. Correspondence**

- A. April 2020 – School Digest

**VIII. Public Comment**

No questions or comments

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**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. Approve the Math Curriculum Gr. K-8
3. Approve the revised 2019/2020 school calendar (reflecting June 19, 2020 as the last day of school).

**Curriculum #1-3**

<b>MOTION: Mr. McFarlane</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		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
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:**

<b>Secretary’s (A148) Report For April 2020</b>	<b>- Ms. Nancy DiBartolo Business Administrator/Board Secretary</b>
<b>Treasurer’s (A149) Report For April 2020</b>	<b>- Mr. Robert P. Mooney Interim Superintendent of Schools</b>

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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 April 2020 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 the revised bills and claims for the month of April 2020:**

10/11	General Current Expense	\$1,483,686.39
20	Special Revenues	\$ 9,291.80
30	Capital Project	\$ 18,914.48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,511,892.67</b>
  
4. **Approve payment of bills and claims for the month of May 2020:**

10/11	General Current Expense	\$ 886,499.97
20	Special Revenues	\$ 5,472.30
30	Capital Project	\$
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 891,972.27</b>
  
5. Approve the necessary transfers for the month of April 2020 to achieve the thoroughness standards of the State of New Jersey and of the District for the current year.

Finance/Budget #1-5

<b>MOTION: Mr. Camisa</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		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

**C. FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION**

Facilities/Transportation -No Resolutions.

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X. 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:

1. The Wanaque Board of Education shall convene a closed session meeting, from which the public shall be excluded, on May 12, 2020 at 7:34 PM;
2. The general nature of the matters to be discussed during the closed meeting includes: Personnel
3. It is anticipated that the closed session meeting will last 30 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 7:34 PM by Ms. Bruenjes and seconded by Mr. Camisa.

A motion was made at 8:36PM by Mr. McFarlane and seconded by Mr. Barnhardt to close executive session and return to public session.

A motion was made at 8:38 by Mr. Hain and seconded by Mr. McFarlane to open the public session.

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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 the movement of **employee #4029** Teacher MA Step 14 to Teacher MA+45 Step 14 effective March 30, 2020, or upon receipt of official transcripts.
2. Approve the request for the unpaid extended leave for Employee **#4134** for the 2020/2021 school year.
3. Approve the 2020/2021 Staffing List which includes placements and transfers.
4. Rescind the January 28, 2020 Personnel Motion #8 which read: Approve family leave for Employee **#4745** using 2 personal, 4 unpaid and 28 sick days beginning May 11, 2020 through June 26, 2020 followed by 12 weeks FMLA/FLA from September 1, 2020 through November 20, 2020 with an anticipated return date of November 23, 2020.
5. Approve family leave for Employee **#4745** using 2 personal and 27 sick days beginning May 11, 2020 through June 19, 2020 followed by 12 weeks FMLA/FLA from September 1, 2020 through November 20, 2020 with an anticipated return date of November 23, 2020.
6. Approve, with regret, the resignation of **Amy Pera**, Wanaque School Nurse, effective June 30, 2020.
7. Approve, with regret, the resignation of **Marium Carpen**, Teacher Wanaque School, effective July 1, 2020.
8. Rescind the October 15, 2019 Personnel motion #6 which read: Approve family leave for Employee **#4697** using paid sick days beginning January 21, 2020 through March 5, 2020 followed by 12 weeks of unpaid FMLA/FLA from March 6, 2020 through June 5, 2020 with an anticipated return date of June 8, 2020.
9. Approve family leave for Employee **#4697** using 3 personal days 35 sick days beginning January 21, 2020 through March 19, 2020 followed by 11 weeks of unpaid FMLA/FLA from March 20, 2020 through June 5, 2020 with an anticipated return date of June 8, 2020.

**Personnel/Management #1-9**

<b>MOTION: Mr. Barnhardt</b>	<b>SECOND: Mr. Velante</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	X #2	
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		

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Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

**E. POLICY**

**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 policy resolutions:

**1. First Reading**

a	P0152	Board Officers - Revised
b	P1581	Domestic Violence (M) – Revised
c	P2422	Health and Physical Education (M) – Revised
d	P5330	Administration of Medication (M) – Revised
e	P7243	Supervision of Construction (M) – Revised
f	P8210	School Year – Revised
g	P8220	School Day (M) – Revised
h	P8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children (M) – Revised

**Policy #1**

<b>MOTION: Mr. Velante</b>		<b>SECOND: Mr. McFarlane</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		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	X		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

**F. NEGOTIATIONS/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS**



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H. TRI-DISTRICT

I. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

XI. Public Comment

Ms. Portes – Wanaque – Mr. Testa was on the LRHS agenda tonight, does the district have a plan for his position?

Ms. Demetriou explained we cannot discuss Mr. Testa but we have budgeted for this position.

Mr. Mooney stated this is a budgeted position and we are looking to fill it.

Mr. & Mrs. Stack – Wanaque - Given the current COVID-19 environment and uncertainty about the future, are you working on enhancing the current online teaching model if classes are unable to commence in person in September? We recognize that the current model was put into place quickly and with minimal notice, however if this continues into next year, we are curious to know if there are plans to make it more interactive? It would be nice to see the teachers holding live sessions (or pre-recorded) in which they are teaching the lessons and interacting with the students more at all grade levels.

Mr. Mooney stated tomorrow is a meeting with administration and staff to discuss better communication with families. We don't know what September will bring. We are doing our best to keep everyone informed and remain compliant. At this point the plan is for the summer program to be virtual. I welcome anyone with questions, concerns, or comments to call, text or email me.

Ms. Sullivan – Wanaque – Is there any plan for when teachers will be allowed in the building to clean/organize classrooms?

Mr. Mooney said we have been advised against that at this point. We have all summer to coordinate and figure this out and get the students who have belongings in the buildings also. Right now, this would be in violation of Executive Order #107.

Ms. Aumenta – Haskell – There was a posting on Facebook regarding Mr. Testa taking a position at Lakeland Regional HS and with Ringwood schools. Is the district aware and if so, what are the plans for the program in our district?

Mr. Mooney stated this is a budgeted position and we are planning to have it filled.

Ms. Sullivan – Wanaque – Is there a document that reflects the personnel items discussed in Executive Session and will it be made available to the public?

Mr. Weiss said items discussed in executive session are held confidential until no longer necessary.

Ms. Troy – Wanaque – Is there a plan for Kindergarten assessments which were scheduled for June?

Mr. Mooney explained nothing has been finalized but perhaps we will be able to do part of the assessment digitally or we may have to wait until early September.

Mr. Camisa thanked Ms. Carpen for her hard work while at Wanaque and wished her well moving forward.

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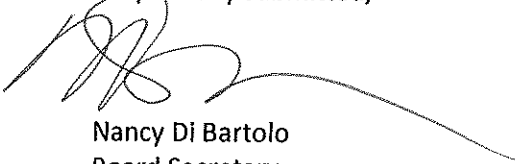
Mr. Velante thanked the staff and student assistants who have been in the building and hope to see them come full circle and return after they have graduated. NJTV.org has teachers volunteering their time to teach lessons and encourage others to do the same. Mr. Velante wished Ms. Reid a Happy Birthday.

Public comment section closed at 8:53

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made at 8:53 PM by Mr. Hain and seconded by Mr. McFarlane. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Di Bartolo', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Nancy Di Bartolo  
Board Secretary