

WANAQUE BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Wanaque Board of Education was held via a virtual platform on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

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 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 Haskell 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

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. 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.

Ms. Demetriou thanked the staff, administration, parents, and students for such a smooth opening of school.

Mr. Weiss explained the goal is to be back in the school for board meetings but there is a limit of 25 people permitted as per executive order #173. This does present a challenge as the meeting must be open to all who want to participate.

III. Superintendent's Report

- Samantha Nash – Social Studies Curriculum Presentation
- Energy savings Improvement Plan – ESIP
- Hybrid/100% Virtual Schedules

Mr. Mooney discussed goals and objectives, the low covid activity report in NJ and the region. The district is doing well, the in-person classes are ideal due to the small class size and the virtual classes are enhancing every day.

Mr. Mooney read some comments made by the public.

QSAC 2020/2021 (State Monitoring) is still on for this year, we spent a significant amount of time preparing last year.

The Verification Report for the Energy Audit should be in within a few days. RFP September 25, 2020 for the Power Purchase Agreement for solar which is due back October 12th. We are hearing the numbers are favorable.

Mr. Velante will be presenting "Imagine, Create, Lead" to the NJ School Boards October 20-22.

IV. Committee Reports

- A. Curriculum/Instruction – Mr. Hain stated all agenda items were discussed. Mr. Mooney explained the state has issued new guidelines for the Gifted and Talented program and Mrs. Nash will be ensuring we are complying with the guidelines.
- B. Finance/Budget – Mr. Barnhardt said the committee discussed resolution 5 & 6 in detail and explained they always refuse Title III as it has too many strings attached.

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- C. Facilities/Transportation – Mr. Camisa stated in addition to ESIP we are just waiting for a few final things to be completed on the Haskell School roof.
- D. Personnel/Management – Mr. McFarlane said the committee discussed a flu clinic for the staff and all the agenda items.
- E. Policy – Mr. Velante explained this evening is the second reading for policy 1648 and the first for the policy 1649.
- 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 Mr. Mullanaphy had a punch list for the Haskell School roof and all the items have been completed, we are waiting for final approval.
 Both Haskell and Wanaque PTA’s donated folders for the students.
 The bills list does not include payroll but will be revised in October.

VI. Approval of Minutes

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

August 10, 2020
 August 25, 2020

Special & Executive Session Minutes
 Regular & Executive Session Minutes

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

VII. Correspondence

- A. July-August 2020 – NJ School Digest

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VIII. Public Comment

No questions or comments
Public Comment closed 7:41

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 revised Social Studies Curriculum K-8.
3. Approve the revised 2020/2021 Calendar.
4. Approve the **District Professional Development Plan** for the 2020/2021 school year.
5. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Tuition Contract for Student #715781 with **Hawthorne Board of Education** for the 2020/2021 school year commencing September 8, 2020 through June 18, 2021 (180 days) at a tuition cost of \$150.63 per diem (\$27,113.00) plus extraordinary services at \$90.68/hr.
6. Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47 the Wanaque Board of Education approves the Annual Contract for Services for Student #714653 with **Bergen County Special Services** for the 2020/2021 school year for Augmentative Communication Assessment at a rate not to exceed \$935.

Curriculum #1-6

MOTION: Mr. Hain	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)	Absent		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		

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Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		
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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:

Secretary's (A148) Report For August 2020	- Ms. Nancy DiBartolo Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Treasurer's (A149) Report For August 2020	- 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 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 payment of bills and claims for September, 2020:

10/11	General Current Expense	\$ 534,917.84
20	Special Revenues	\$ 89,150.98
30	Capital Project	\$ 14,706.00
40	Debt Service	\$ 991,650.00
	Total	\$ 1,630,424.82

4. Approve the necessary transfers for the month of August 2020 to achieve the thoroughness standards of the State of New Jersey and of the District for the current year.

5. Approve the revision of the entitlement funds and the submission of the amendment for the FY 2021 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in the total amount of \$146,120, as detailed below:

TITLE I-A

Category	Amount (Public)	Amount (Non-Public)
Instruction Salaries (\$76,600)	\$76,600	\$0
\$39,205-Palacios 40% HES \$37,395-Soto 38.5%-WES		
Support Services		\$0

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Benefits (\$30,640)	\$30,640*	
Supplies (\$1,000)	\$1,000	
Program Administration	\$ 4,097	\$0
Supplies /Materials	\$0	\$0
Total	\$112,337	\$0

*Shared between two teachers

TITLE II

Category	Amount (Public)	Amount (Non-Public)
Professional & Technical Services (Includes \$10,000 transferred from Title IV)	\$33,783	\$0
Carryover Funds	\$ 0	
Other Services	\$0	\$0
Supplies & Materials	\$0	\$0
Total	\$33,783	\$0

6. Approve the refusal of funds for FY 2021 ESEA Title III in the amount of \$4,104.00.

Finance/Budget #1-6

MOTION: Ms. Bruenjes	SECOND: Ms. Reid		
BOARD MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Mr. Barnhardt (Robert)	X		
Ms. Bruenjes (Carolyn)	X		
Mr. Camisa (Nicholas)	X		
Mr. Hain (Barry)	X		
Ms. Henderson (Suzanne)	Absent		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		X#6
Ms. Demetriou (Angela)	X		

C. FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION

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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. Rescind the August 25, 2020 Personnel Motion #11 which read:
Approve **Tess Pastor**, Guidance Counselor, Wanaque School, beginning September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at MA Step 2 of the WBEA guide with an annual salary of \$65,795.00 pending criminal history review.
2. Approve **Tess Pastor**, Approve Tess Pastor, Guidance Counselor, Wanaque School, beginning on/about September 21, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at MA Step 2 of the WBEA guide with an annual salary of \$65,795.00 pro-rated pending criminal history review.
3. Approves the movement of employee #4570 Step 7 Teacher BA to Step 7 Teacher MA effective October 1, 2020.
4. Approve **Lindsey Dandrea**, replacement for employee #4827 (assigned virtual), in-class support 5th Grade Teacher, Wanaque School effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020, BA Step 1 on the WBEA guide for an annual salary of \$58,295.00.
5. Approve **Keri Mullin**, 1:1 Aide for Student #715805, Wanaque School effective September 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at an annual salary of \$33,317.00 pro-rated pending criminal history review.
6. Approve the **Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance** for the 2020/2021 School Year.
7. Accept, with regret, the resignation of **Linda Jerman**, Instructional Assistant, Haskell School, effective September 18, 2020.
8. Accept, with regret, the resignation of **Kelly Toepfer**, Playground Aide, Wanaque School, effective September 1, 2020.
9. Accept, with regret, the resignation of **Anna Padovano**, Playground Aide, Wanaque School, effective September 30, 2020.
10. Approve **Biljana Kostadinovska**, replacement for employee #4374, Teacher, Haskell School effective September 29, 2020 through June 30, 2020, BA Step 1 on the WBEA guide for an annual salary of \$58,295 pro-rated.
11. Approve **Elizabeth Bauer**, leave replacement for employee #4600, Instructional Assistant, Haskell School effective on/about September 29, 2020 through June 30, 2020 at an annual salary of \$33,817 pro-rated pending criminal history review.

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12. Approve **Monica Pych**, Instructional Assistant, Haskell School effective on/about September 23, 2020 through June 30, 2020 at an annual salary of \$33,817 pro-rated pending criminal history review.
13. Approve **Ashley Hueber**, replacement for employee #4834 (assigned virtual) Instructional Assistant, Haskell School effective on/about September 23, 2020 through June 30, 2020, at an annual salary of \$34,317 pro-rated pending criminal history review.
14. Approve **Crystal Santiago**, Instructional Assistant, Haskell School effective on/about September 23, 2020 through June 30, 2020 at an annual salary of \$34,317.00 pro-rated pending criminal history review.
15. Approve **Alexa Case** as District Educational Stability Liaison.

Personnel/Management #1-15

MOTION: Mr. Camisa		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)	Absent		
Mr. McFarlane (Richard)	X		
Ms. Reid (Erika)	X		
Mr. Velante (Jason)	X		X#6
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. **Second Reading**

P1648.02	Remote Learning Options for Families (New)
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2. **First Reading**

P1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (M) (New)
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Policy #1-2

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

F. NEGOTIATIONS/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

G. COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC RELATIONS

H. TRI-DISTRICT

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 resolutions:

1. The Wanaque Board of Education acknowledges the following donation from
The Haskell PTA:
Pocket Folders

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

2. The Wanaque Board of Education acknowledges the following donation from
The Wanaque PTA:
Pocket Folders

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

X. Public Comment

No questions or comments

Public Comment closed 7:46 PM

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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

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 22, 2020 at 7:47 PM;
2. The general nature of the matters to be discussed during the closed meeting includes: Personnel and items covered under attorney/client privilege.
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 7:48 PM by Mr. Hain and seconded by Mr. McFarlane.

A motion was made at 8:07 PM by Ms. Reid and seconded by Mr. McFarlane to close executive session and return to public session.

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made at 8:19 PM by Ms. Bruenjes and seconded by Mr. McFarlane. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Di Bartolo
Board Secretary