

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

Minutes
1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: March 16, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Goldsmith, President

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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| Daniel Ardito | Absent | Paula Lechner | Present |
| Patricia Doerr | Present | Constance Anne Reymann | Present |
| Christopher Egbert | Present | John Specht | Absent |
| Gregory Freelon | Present | Edward Zebedies | Present |
| Henry Goldsmith | Present | | |

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| Al Lewis, Superintendent | Present |
| Dr. Michele Roemer - Interim SBA/Board Secretary | Present |
| William Cappuccio, Esq., Board Solicitor | Present |

C. SUNSHINE NOTICE – Dr. Michele Roemer, Board Secretary

Welcome to the regular meeting of the Weymouth Township Board of Education. This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act by having the time, date, and place thereof posted in the Board of Education office, sent to the Clerk of Weymouth Township and advertised in the official newspapers.

D. PRESENTATIONS – Draft Budget – Dr. Roemer indicated that she would be updating the board on the draft 2023-2024 during the finance portion of the meeting. Mr. Lewis introduced the March Staff and Students of the Month

E. PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Thanked Mrs. Merusi and the WTEA for helping out with the Literacy Night. Reported out that one of our 8th grade students participated in the 8th grade county program and he had some great answers. The district’s architect has the plans completed and we are advertising for the toilet room and security vestibule. Reported that Mr. Lew is will be placing the LEAP Study on the website. A meeting is scheduled for March 30th with Estelle Manor to discuss shared services.

F. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buena Board of Education – Mr. Zebedies reported out on the Buema BOE Meeting. Stated M.S. is working on Problem Based Learning. He further indicated that it was had to follow their agenda.
2. Weymouth Township – Municipal - Repaving completed.
3. Mayor’s Moment - The Mayor reported on a number of issues including Verizon is down due to a pole being clipped by a truck. Service should be up by 6am tomorrow. He also listed a number of programs including Easter Bunny Breakfast, Easter Bunny Pictures, Rabies Clinic, Community Yard Sale and the fireworks that will be held on July 1, 2023.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Moved by Ms. Reymann, seconded by Mr. Egbert to approve the following minutes:

Minutes of the February 9, 2023 Workshop Board meeting *(Attachment #2)*
 Minutes of the February 16, 2023 Regular Board meeting *(Attachment #3)*
 Minutes of the February 1, 2023 Special Board meeting *(Attachment #3a)*

Voice Vote – 6in Favor, Mrs. Lechner abstained, 2 absent. Motion Carried

I. CORRESPONDENCE - None at this time

J. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – AI Lewis

1. Informational Items:

a. Student Matters Committee Report

b. Enrollment as of **02/28/2023**

| Grade | PK | K | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Total |
|-------------------------|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Current Enrollment 2023 | 27* | 10 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 20 | 13 | 15 | 23 | 13 | 160 |
| Enrollment 2022 | 24** | 12 | 11 | 13 | 18 | 13 | 15 | 25 | 11 | 21 | 163 |

*Includes 4 Estell Manor Pre-K Tuition Students

**Included 10 Estell Manor Pre-K Tuition Students

c. Student Suspensions for **February 2023**

| Number of Suspensions | Number of Days |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| 0 | N/A |

d. 1) Safety Drills **February 2023**

| Type of Drill | Fire | Evacuation Drill |
|---------------|-------------|------------------|
| Date | 02/07/2023 | 02/24/2023 |
| Time | 10:01 a.m. | 11:01 a.m. |
| Duration | 2 ½ minutes | 4 minutes |

2) February Security Specialist Report *(Attachment #4)*

e. HIB Report **February 2023**

| Grade | HIB Yes/No | Disposition |
|-------|------------|------------------------|
| 6 | Yes | As per code of conduct |

f. February/March Highlighted Dates/Events

- 1) February 20 - Presidents’ Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 2) March 2-8 Scholastic Book Fair
- 3) March 2 - Literacy Night @ 6:00
- 4) March 3 - 8th Grade Pictures
- 5) March 8 - HSA Meeting @ 6:00
- 6) March 8 - SBA 8th Grade Dialogue @ 5:45
- 7) March 9 - BOE Workshop Meeting 6:30
- 8) March 14 - Resilient Families Event @ 6:00
- 9) March 15 - NJ State Police Anti-Bullying Assemblies
- 10) March 16 - BOE Meeting @ 6:30
- 11) March 16 - Spring & Group Pictures

g. March/April Upcoming Events

- 1) March 17 - Teacher In-Service - NO SCHOOL

- 2) March 24 - K & 1 Taste Testing
- 3) April 3 - Report Cards Distributed
- 4) April 3, 4 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - SINGLE SESSION
- 5) April 3-7 - SINGLE SESSION
- 6) April 7-14 - Spring Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

2. Recommendations:

a. Personnel and Negotiations Committee Report

b. Personnel

- 1) To approve Crystal Calisto as a substitute teacher pending receipt of required documents.
- 2) To approve John Hansen as a part-time accountant, effective January 14, 2023, at a rate of \$500 a day, not to exceed three days a month, at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
- 3) To approve Maria Palmieri as mentor to Christina Improta for her LDTC practicum during the spring/summer 2023.

c. Policy:

Policy Committee Report

Motion/Roll Call (items a-c)

Motion: Ms. Reymann

Second: Mr. Egbert

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| Daniel Ardito | Absent | Paula Lechner | Yes |
| Patricia Doerr | Yes | Constance Anne Reymann | Yes |
| Christopher Egbert | Yes | John Specht | Absent |
| Gregory Freelon | Yes | Edward Zebedies | Yes |
| Henry Goldsmith | yes | | |

ROLL CALL VOTE, MOTION CARRIED, 7-0.

d. Education/Curriculum/Professional Development

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report

e. Use of Facilities - None at this time

K. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

1. Finance, Facilities and Security Committee Report

2. Informational Items

ASC/BSC Financial Report - February 2023

(Attachment #5)

3) Recommendations

a. Board Secretary's Certification

~~Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, I, Michele Roemer, Board Secretary, certify as of February 28, 2023 that no budgetary line item has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and 8.2 and that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.12 (a) 1.~~

b. Board's Certification

~~Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 9 (c) 4, the Board certifies that, as of February 28, 2023 after review of the monthly Board Secretary's Report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of the Board's knowledge, no major account or fund had been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.12 (a) 1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the school year and that there were no changes in anticipated revenue amounts and sources for the months of January or February 2023.~~

c. To approve the following Financial Reports:

~~Treasurer's Report - February 28, 2023~~

(Attachment #6)

~~Board Secretary's Report - February 28, 2023~~

(Attachment #7)

Motion Voice Vote (items a-b were removed from vote)

Motion: Mr. Egbert

Second: Ms. Reymann

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| Daniel Ardito | Absent | Paula Lechner | Yes |
| Patricia Doerr | Yes | Constance Anne Reymann | Yes |
| Christopher Egbert | Yes | John Specht | Absent |
| Gregory Freelon | Yes | Edward Zebedies | Yes |
| Henry Goldsmith | yes | | |

VOICE VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR.

d. To Approve Expenditures:

WARRANT: To approve expenditures as listed in the amount of \$253,198.23.

(Attachment #8)

PAYROLL: To approve payrolls as listed:

February 28, 2023: \$96,630.61

(Attachment #9)

Motion/Roll Call (items d)

MOTION: Mr. Zebedies

SECOND: Mr. Egbert

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| Daniel Ardito | Absent | Paula Lechner | Yes |
| Patricia Doerr | Yes | Constance Anne Reymann | Yes |
| Christopher Egbert | Yes | John Specht | Absent |
| Gregory Freelon | Yes | Edward Zebedies | Yes |
| Henry Goldsmith | Yes | | |

ROLL CALL VOTE, 7-0. MOTION CARRIED.

e. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weymouth Township Board of Education, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the 2022-2023 school district budget for submission to the Atlantic County Office of Education:

| Budget | | Local Tax |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| General Fund | \$ 4,713,749 | \$ 2,539,175 |
| Special Revenue Fund | \$ 990,298 | |
| Debt Service Fund | \$ 113,289 | \$ 72,450 |
| Total | \$ 5,817,336 | \$ 2,611,625 |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2023-2024 budget, as described above, results in a General Fund tax levy of \$2,539,175 and a Debt Service Fund tax levy of \$72,450.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2023-2024 budget, as described above, includes the use of the adjustment for health care costs in the amount of \$ 0.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Weymouth Township Board of Education establish a maximum of \$5,000 in the general fund 2023-2024 budget for travel and travel related expenditures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that maximum dollar amounts for professional services have been established and are within spending limits as detailed in the appropriations section of the 2023-2024 budget.

Motion/Roll Call (items e)

Motion: Ms. Reymann

Second: Mr. Egbert

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| Daniel Ardito | Absent | Paula Lechner | Yes |
| Patricia Doerr | Yes | Constance Anne Reymann | Yes |
| Christopher Egbert | Yes | John Specht | Absent |
| Gregory Freelon | Yes | Edward Zebedies | Abstained |

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| Henry Goldsmith | Yes | | |
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ROLL CALLVOTE, 6-0-1 (Absention). MOTION CARRIED

- f. To Approve 2023-2024 Draft Budget to be delivered to the County Office of Education for Initial Review.
- g. To Approve Michele D. Roemer, Ed.D, Interim School Business Administrator as the temporary qualified purchasing agent for the district pursuant to Vacancy in Office for one year from date of vacancy to the maximum bid/quote thresholds for the 2023 year as established by the Division of Local Government Services.
- h. To Approve Superior Automotive Repair LLC to conduct required quarterly van inspections and reporting to the NJMVC at a cost of \$140 per van, per inspection. **(Attachment #10)**
- i. The Board authorizes the Business Administrator to advertise all remaining meetings for the year including the following language, “Formal action may be taken at all workshop and regular meetings of the Board.”
- j. Authorize the Business Office to advertise for Project #8269 Weymouth Township School Toilet Room and Security Vestibule with a Bid opening date of Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. **(Attachment #11)**
- k. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weymouth Township Board of Education, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the submission of the 2023-2024 Pre-School Education Funding budget and to the N.J. Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education.
- L To approve the waiver for 2023-2024 SEMI Program.

Motion/Roll Call (items f-l)

Motion: Mrs. Doerr

Second: Ms. Reymann

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| Daniel Ardito | Absent | Paula Lechner | Yes |
| Patricia Doerr | Yes | Constance Anne Reymann | Yes |
| Christopher Egbert | Yes | John Specht | Absent |
| Gregory Freelon | Yes | Edward Zebedies | Yes |
| Henry Goldsmith | Yes | | |

ROLL CALL VOTE, 7-0. MOTION CARRIED.

- L. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - Limited to agenda items and any other Board of Education business matters.
 - Mayor indicated that they will have a 2.9 cent increase in municipal taxes due to medical insurance, workers compensation, etc.
- M. **OLD BUSINESS**
- N. **NEW BUSINESS**
- O. **CLOSED SESSION** - For the purposes of litigation, personnel and/or student matters
Motion by Mr. Zebedies, second by Ms. Reymann at 7:31pm. All In Favor
- P. **OPEN SESSION** **Motion by Mr. Goldsmith, President at 8:35pm. All in Favor.**
- Q. **ADJOURNMENT** **Motion Mr. Goldsmith, President at 8:35pm. All in Favor.**

Respectfully Submitted by,

Michele D. Roemer, Ed.D.
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Next BOE Meetings:

Workshop - April 6, 2023

Regular - April 20, 2023

May 4, 2023 – Budget