

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: January 19, 2023
Time: 6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Board President

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Daniel Ardito	Present	Paula Lechner	Present at 6:35
Patricia Doerr	Present	Constance Anne Reymann	Present
Christopher Egbert	Present	John Specht	Present
Gregory Freelon	Present	Edward Zebedies	Left at 7:15
Henry Goldsmith	Present		

Al Lewis, Superintendent/Principal	Present
John Hansen, Interim SBA/Board Secretary	Absent
William Cappuccio, Esq., Board Solicitor	Present

C. SUNSHINE NOTICE

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 –

- Mayor Ken Haeser and committee members Ed Norton and Peter Keiffenheim present the Board with a proclamation in recognition of January 2023 being declared School Recognition Month. This highlighted the hard work the Board does for the students and the community. Mr. Goldsmith thanked the Committee for all they do to support the school and the Board.
- January Students and Staff of the Month presented by Mr. Lewis

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to agenda items only

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the December 15, 2022 Regular Board meeting **(Attachment #1)**
 Minutes of the January 5, 2023 Reorganization Board meeting **(Attachment #2)**

The minutes from the previous meetings were approved with a motion being made by Mr. Zebedies and being seconded by Mr. Egbert. Mrs. Doerr abstained.

G. CORRESPONDENCE - None at this time

H. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Nominations and Election of Board Vice-President were held. Ms. Reymann and Mrs. Doerr were both nominated for the position. After ballots were casted and counted, Mrs. Doerr won in a 5 to 4 vote victory.

Mr. Goldsmith delivered his President’s Report, opening with the update of his phone call to Senator Testa’s office. Mr. Goldsmith informed the board that the Senator’s office is diligently working

to correct the funding loss smaller districts are experiencing. Mr. Goldsmith also reached out to the NJSBA to discuss funding struggles. The results of the REAP Grant are expected any day now. The Board can also expect the drawings project plan for the Pre-k bathroom and new school security entrance from New Road Construction.

Additionally, Mr. Goldsmith assigned the following committees as so:

Finance	Freelon
	Zebedies

Facilities and security	Egbert
	Specht

Curriculum	Ardito
	Freelon

Transportation	Doerr
	Lechner

Personnel and negotiations	Reymann
	Lechner

Policy and student matters	Freelon
	Doerr

Motion/Roll Call

MOTION: Doerr

SECOND: Reymann

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

I. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buena Board of Education – There was no report
2. Weymouth Township – Mayor Haeser discussed the topic of the ongoing vandalism on Township property. The Township continues to work with the NJ State Police to find the youths responsible. So far, the war memorial was attacked with a skateboard, the front porch of a township building was vandalized, as well as several lawns being torn apart by dirt bikes.
 - The Mayor also commented that he was optimistic that the MUA with Hamilton Township will end positively despite entering litigation. Hamilton Township has agreed to assist the Township upon expiration of the current MUA.
 - The Township is exploring replacement of the waterlines and meters in the Township, but cites the exorbitant cost of doing so.

3. Mayor's Moment – There was no Mayor's moment

J. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

1. Finance, Facilities and Security Committee Report

2. Informational Items

ASC/BSC Financial Report - December 2022

(Attachment #3)

3) Recommendations

a. Board Secretary's Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, I, John Hansen, Board Secretary, certify as of December 31, 2022 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 December 31, 2022 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 month of December 31, 2022.

c. To approve Weymouth to join the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACCESCPS in accordance with Public Schools Contract Law and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act. **(Attachment #4)**

d. To approve the following Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report – November 30, 2022

(Attachment #5)

Treasurer's Report – December 31, 2022

(Attachment #6)

Board Secretary's Report - November 30, 2022

(Attachment #7)

Board Secretary's Report - December 31, 2022

(Attachment #8)

e. To Approve Expenditures:

WARRANT: To approve expenditures as listed in the amount of \$215,222.85

(Attachment #9)

PAYROLL: To approve payrolls as listed:

December 15, 2022: \$102,275.43

(Attachment #10)

December 23, 2022 \$98,425.18

(Attachment #11)

January 13, 2023: \$93,939.22

(Attachment #12)

Motion/Roll Call (items a-e)

MOTION: Zebedes

SECOND: Freelon

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

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – AI Lewis

- Mr. Lewis thanked the Board and the Township Committee. Mr. Lewis congratulated Mrs. Doerr on her election of Vice President.

1. Informational Items:

a. Student Matters Committee Report

b. Enrollment as of **12/31/2022**

Grade	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Current Enrollment 2023	25*	10	14	10	14	20	15	15	23	12	158
Enrollment 2022	20	12	11	13	19	13	15	25	10	21	159

*Includes 4 Estell Manor Pre-K Tuition Students – Mr. Lewis noted that the Pre- K is nearing capacity.

c. Student Suspensions as of **12/31/2022**

Number of Suspensions	Number of Days
None	N/A

d. 1) Safety Drills as of **12/31/2022**

Type of Drill	Fire	Bomb Threat Drill
Date		
Time		
Duration		

2) December Security Specialist Report

(Attachment #13)

e. HIB Report as of **12/31/2022**

Grade	HIB Yes/No	Disposition
None	N/A	N/A

f. December/January Highlighted Dates/Events

- 1) December 1 - Pre-K Luncheon
- 2) December 9 - Student Council Dance
- 3) December 13-16 - HSA Holiday Shop
- 4) December 14 - HSA Meeting
- 5) December 19-23 - Spirit Week
- 6) December 21 - Pre-K Concert
- 7) December 21 - Winter Concert rehearsal @ 9:00 a.m.
- 8) December 21 - Winter Concert @ 6:00 p.m. – Mr. Lewis thanked Mrs. Chappius for her hard work and congratulated her on a packed event.
- 9) December 23 - SINGLE SESSION
- 10) December 26-30 - Winter Break - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 11) January 1 - New Year's Day observed - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 12) January 2 - School Reopens
- 13) January 5 - Reorganization Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 14) January 11 - HSA Meeting
- 15) January 16 - BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.

g. January/February Upcoming Events

- 1) January 16 - M.L. King Day observed - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 2) February 8 - HSA Dinner Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – Mr. Lewis thanked Mrs. Merusi and the WTEA for making this dinner possible.
- 3) February 9 - 'Souper' Bowl Social @ 11:00 a.m.
- 4) February 9 - BOE Workshop @ 6:30 p.m.

- 5) February 16 - BOE Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 6) February 20 - Presidents' Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

2. Recommendations:

a. Personnel and Negotiations Committee Report

b. Personnel: None at this time

c. Policy:

1) Policy Committee Report

2) *To approve the first reading of the following policies:*

Policy/Reg. Number	Name	Description	NEW	Revised	Notes
P 1648.11	The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety	Removes policy for The Road Forward (COVID Protocols) that are no longer mandated by the NJDOE			Abolished
P 1648.13	School Employee Vaccination Requirements	Removes policy for Staff COVID vaccine requirements that were already removed by Executive Order 302			Abolished
P 0152	Board Officers	Provides additional language regarding Board President and Vice President elections and removal. Revises to state that Board officers may be elected with a majority vote of members present or with majority vote of all members of the Board. Removal requires a majority vote by all members.		X	Recommended
P 0161	Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation	Revised better align with wording in governing statute to reflect additional details in administrative code regarding calling a special meeting.		X	Recommended
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings	Revised better align with wording in governing statute to reflect the statutory definition of adequate notice for a public meeting		X	Recommended
P&R 2423	Bilingual and ESL Education	Revised to include revisions adding an alternate assessment for ELA for students who meet the criteria for statewide assessments, which assesses their ELA proficiency; a revised definition of “native language” and a requirement for school districts to administer the statewide home-language survey to determine which students have a native language other than English.		X	Mandated
P 2425	Emergency Virtual & Remote Instruction Program	Revised to reflect administrative code updates detailing components of a district’s Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program.		X	Mandated
R 2425	Emergency Virtual & Remote Instruction	New to fulfill requirements of district’s Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program. This was already successfully completed by the	X		Mandated

	Program	Superintendent and approved by the County in September of 2022.			
P&R 5200	Attendance	Provides revised definitions for “parent” and “retention” related to student attendance. Provides clear distinction between excused and unexcused absences, which differ locally and in the state register. Boards of Education are given much discretion for local determination, while little is given for the state register.		X	Mandated
P 5512	Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying	New NJDOE approved forms (already in use by the district), new requirement for a student who is the offender of three HIB incidents may be required to complete a class or training program with their parent, new procedure that allows the Superintendent to review a principal’s predetermination to not complete an investigation based on preliminary review of the facts. Requires district to notify parent if a predetermination is used. Updates consequences and remedial measures to match those of the 2022 Model Policy.		X	Mandated
P 8140	Student Enrollment	Revised to reflect changes to administrative code, new definition for “days in membership” which replaces “average daily attendance.”		X	Mandated
R 8140	Enrollment Accounting	Data collection process revised to assign duty to Superintendent or his/her designee and the Business Administrator or his/her designee.		X	Mandated
P&R 8330	Student Records	Revisions to reflect citations and language updates.		X	Mandated
R 8420.2	Bomb Threats	Revised to updated procedures found in administrative code.		X	Mandated
R 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures	Revised to updated procedures found in administrative code.		X	Mandated
R 8420.10	Active Shooter	Revised to updated procedures found in administrative code.		X	Mandated

(Attachment #14)

Motion/Roll Call

Motion:Reymann

Second:Egbert

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

d. Education/Curriculum/Professional Development

1) Curriculum and Instruction Committee Report – There was no report

2) To approve the revised Safe Return Plan, as required by NJDOE.

(Attachment #15)

e. Use of Facilities

1) To approve WACYL Application for Use of School Facilities Form. **(Attachment #16)**

Mr. Lewis commented on the late approval of WACYL’s use of facilities request. It was submitted in time, however due to a clerical error, its presentation to the Board was delayed.

Motion/Roll Call (items d-e)

Motion:Freelon

Second:Reymann

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

M. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mrs. DeFeo brought up that guests who attend Board meetings stay only for the Student of the Month awards then promptly leave. The Board agreed that restructuring meetings so that the business section of the meeting occurs at the end, and the operational material that parents would show interest in appears at the beginning, would attract parents to stay longer. The idea of monthly presentations of students’ work should also be showcased at meetings to show parents what the students are accomplishing.

There was also public comment about the amount of rocks in the Pre-K parent pickup lot that have been spread onto 11th Avenue. Mr. Egbert offered to use his equipment to resolve the issue.

N. OLD BUSINESS

O. NEW BUSINESS

P. CLOSED SESSION – Closed session was entered at 7:34pm with a motion made by Ms. Reymann and seconded by Mr. Egbert, with all members voicing in the affirmative. The topic of the Business Administrator search was discussed along with decisions to be made going into budget season.

Motion/All in Favor

Q. OPEN SESSION – The meeting was moved back into open session at 7:47pm by a motion from Ms. Reymann and a second from Mr. Egbert. All members voted in agreement.

Motion/All in Favor

R. ADJOURNMENT - A motion for adjournment was first made by Mr. Specht and seconded by Ms. Reymann at 7:49pm. All members were in agreement.

Motion/All in Favor

Next Meeting:
February 16, 2023