

WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: May 20, 2021
Time: 6:30 p.m.

A. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Zebedies, Board President

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

ROLL CALL

Daniel Ardito	Present	Constance Anne Reymann	Present
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Present
Christopher Egbert	Present	Edward Zebedies	Present
Henry Goldsmith	Present		
Corrine Howie	Present		

Mary Lou DeFrancisco, Interim Superintendent	Present
Steven Moran, SBA/Board Secretary	Present
William Cappuccio, Esq., Board Solicitor	Present

C. **SUNSHINE NOTICE**

Welcome to the regular meeting of the Weymouth Township Board of Education. This meeting was 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** – There were no presentations at this meeting.

E. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments on tonight's agenda items.

F. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** –

Minutes of the April 22, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

(Attachment #1)

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Egbert
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All in favor on a voice vote

Minutes of the May 6, 2021 Public Hearing on the Budget

(Attachment #2)

Motion	C. Egbert	Second	H. Goldsmith
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All in favor on a voice vote

Closed Session Minutes of September 17, 2020

(Attachment #3)

Closed Session Minutes of October 15, 2020

(Attachment #4)

Closed Session Meeting of November 19, 2020

(Attachment #5)

Closed Session Meeting of December 17, 2020

(Attachment #6)

Closed Session Meeting of February 25, 2021

(Attachment #7)

Closed Session Meeting of March 18, 2021

(Attachment #8)

Closed Session Meeting of April 22, 2021

(Attachment #9)

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Reymann
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All in favor on a voice vote with Mr. Egbert and Ms. Howie abstaining from the four closed session meeting minutes in 2020.

G. CLOSED SESSION – 6:38 p.m. for the purposes of personnel matters (negotiations) and litigation.

Motion	C. Reymann	Second	H. Goldsmith
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OPEN SESSION – 6:57 p.m.

Motion	C. Reymann	Second	H. Goldsmith
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H. CORRESPONDENCE – Three letters of interest were received for the open seat on the Board. The candidates were interviewed at this time – Jaclyn Carugno, Rebecca DeMille and Alicia Lucia-Burns. The Board will select a candidate after its second closed session this evening.

I. PRESIDENT’S REPORT - Mr. Zebedies expressed his concern over the renewal of Mary Lou DeFrancisco’s contract as we still await Department of Education approval of our waiver application so she may continue with the district for another year. In response, Miss Reymann introduced the following motion:

To approve the hiring of Mary Lou DeFrancisco as substitute chief school administrator from June 11, 2021 until such time the waiver is approved by the Department of Education. The term of Mrs. DeFrancisco’s current contract ends on June 10, 2021.

Motion	C. Reymann	Second	H. Goldsmith
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance – Daniel Ardito reviewed this month’s bills list and reported all in order.
2. Personnel & Negotiations - Constance Anne Reymann reported on the proposed memorandum of agreement with the WTEA in our first closed session this evening.
3. Facilities & Security - Henry Goldsmith discussed a proposal received to address the water runoff issues on the grounds overtop our underground heating oil tank.
4. Policy & Student Matters - Constance Anne Reymann reported the second reading of the FMLA policy appears on tonight’s agenda.
5. Curriculum & Instruction – Daniel Ardito – no meeting took place this month.
6. Transportation - Patricia Doerr visited the administrative offices this past week to review our current bus routes.
7. Government Relations & Delegate Assembly – Henry Goldsmith discussed ‘out-of-county’ fees incurred by Weymouth and other Atlantic County school districts when sending students across county lines. Currently Weymouth is paying out-of-county fees to both CMSSSD and Cape May County Tech.

K. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buena Board of Education – Mr. Ardito attended Buena’s May 11 Board meeting at which a new principal was hired for the high school.
2. Weymouth Township – Municipal, Mr. Goldsmith deferred to Mayor Haeser’s report.
3. Mayor’s Moment – Mayor Haeser provided an update on the Township’s events and projects; please refer to the Township newsletter.

L. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

1. Informational Items

ASC/BSC Financial Report

(Attachment #10)

2. Recommendations

a. Board Secretary's Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, I, Steven Moran, Board Secretary, certify as of April 30, 2021, 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 April 30, 2021, 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 April 2021.

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	J. Specht
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

c. To Approve Expenditures

To approve May's expenditures as listed in the amount of \$ 149,803.35

(Attachment #11)

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Egbert
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

d. To approve the following Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report – April

(Attachment #12)

Board Secretary's Report – April

(Attachment #13)

Nutri-Serve Financials – April

(Attachment #14)

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Egbert
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- e. To approve NutriServe Food Management to provide food service management services to the Weymouth Township Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the base year contract, for a flat fee of \$11,750.01 *(Attachment #15)*

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Howie
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- f. To approve a 2021-2022 tuition contract with Cape May County Technical School District for one student S.I.D. #9123762842 in the amount of \$23,162.00. *(Attachment #16)*

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- g. To approve the participation in a Joint Transportation Agreement with Atlantic County Special Services School District for the 2021-2022 schoolyear. *(Attachment #17)*

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Howie
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- h. To approve renewing our dental insurance with Delta Dental through Allen & Associates effective July 1, 2021 with a zero percent increase over current year rates. *(Attachment #18)*

Motion	C. Reymann	Second	C. Egbert
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- i. To approve the engagement letter contracting with Ford-Scott, LLC for audit services for the 2020-2021 school year in an amount not to exceed \$14,000. *(Attachment #19)*

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	D. Ardito
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- j. To approve the Itinerant Services agreement with Salem County Special Services School District for the 2021-2022 school year. *(Attachment #20)*

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- k. To approve the submission of the 2020-21 Extraordinary Special Education Aid on and before May 28, 2021.

Motion	D. Ardito	Second	C. Howie
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- l. To approve a 2020-2021 tuition contract with the Atlantic County Special Services School District for one student S.I.D. #9268290209 in the amount of \$39,240 prorated *(Attachment #21)*

Motion	C. Egbert	Second	H. Goldsmith
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

M. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mary Lou DeFrancisco

1. Informational Items:

a. Enrollment as of 04/30/2021

Grade	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Current Enrollment 2021	14	9	12	17	12	13	25	13	19	14	148
In-Person	14	9	11	17	10	12	23	12	17	8	133
Remote	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	2	6	15
Enrollment 2020	25	17	20	12	14	26	11	19	13	15	172

b. Student Suspensions as of 04/30/2021

Number of Suspensions	Number of Days
0	0

c. Safety Drills as of 04/30/2021

Type of Drill	Fire	Shelter In Place to Lockdown
Date	04/13/2021	04/26/2021
Time	10:58 a.m.	9:58 a.m.
Duration	3 minutes	2 minutes

- d. HIB Report as of 04/30/2021 –none for April.
- e. Superintendent's Presentations/Recognitions: there were no presentations or recognitions at this meeting.
- f. April 2021 Activities Highlighted
- 1) April 2-9 – Spring Break – School Closed
 - 2) April 12 – Five-Day In-Person/Remote Learning Begins
 - 3) April 14 – End of 3rd Marking Period
 - 4) April 21-23 – Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - 5) April 27 – Autism Awareness Day/Bubble Day
- g. Upcoming/Notable May/June 2021 Events
- 1) May 13 – Tie-dye T-shirts – 8th grade students (remote & in-person)
 - 2) May 26 – Teacher In-Service – No School for Students
 - 3) May 31 – Memorial Day – School Closed
 - 4) June 3 – Wax Museum – 8th grade students (remote & in-person)
 - 5) June 11 – Semi-Formal Dance – 8th grade students (remote & in-person)
 - 6) June 15 – Graduation Practice & Picnic Lunch – 8th grade students (remote & in-person)
 - 7) June 16 – Sidewalk art & Graduation Practice – 8th grade students (remote & in-person)
 - 8) June 16 – Graduation Ceremony @ 6:00 p.m. – 8th grade students (remote & in-person)
 - 9) June 17 – Final Report Cards Distributed/8th Grade Diplomas issued
 - 10) June 17 – Last Day of School for Students

2. Recommendations:

- a. Personnel – Recommend the following staff:

2021-2022 Support Staff			
Name	Position	Name	Position
Cekada, Anthony	Van Driver	Ordille, Donna	Secretary to the SBA FT
D'Amore, Debra	Treasurer	Quattrone, Linda	Secretary - Main Office & CSA (24.75 h/w)
Feneli, Carol	Child Study Team Secretary (25 hours p/w, 180 days)	Rodriguez, Oswaldo	Van Driver
Jensen, Morgan	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d, 180 days)	Schwarzenbach, Alicia	FT Custodian/Black Seal (5.9 hours p/d, 220 days)
Merlock, Judith	Instructional Aide (FT)	Slamb, Jacqueline	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d)
Needleman, Judith	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d, 180 days)	Wickliff, Samantha	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d)
Nicosia, Billee	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d, 180 days)	Wolfe, Susan	Custodian/Black Seal FT

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Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

Personnel – Recommend the following staff continued:

2021-2022 Stipend Positions		
Name	Position	Stipend
Chappius, Allison	Choir Director	\$800*
Chappius, Allison	Music/Drama Director	\$800*
Farrell, Barbara	Yearbook Advisor	\$800*
Henderson, Dan	Technology Coordinator	\$3,500*
Henderson, Dan	Bus Arrival/Dismissal Coordinator	\$800*
Morrison, Susan	8 th Grade Coordinator	\$800*
Morrison, Susan	Safety Patrol Advisor	\$800*
Sack, Shelly	Student Council	\$800*
*Subject to change which may/may not be negotiated hereafter.		

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Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

Summer Bridge Program		
Name	Position	Stipend
Farrell, Barbara	Teacher	# of days worked x 4.5 hrs. /day from July 13 th through August 19 th @ \$32/hour - subject to change, which may/may not be negotiated hereafter. Salaries for this program will be funded with CRRSA grant monies.
Morrison, Susan	Teacher	
Nelson, Dana	Teacher	
Ricci, Michelle	Teacher	
Sack, Shelly	Teacher	
Smith, Justyna	Teacher	
To-be-determined	Nurse	

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Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- b. Policy – To approve the first reading of the Policy #1643 Family Leave.
(Attachments #23)

Motion	C. Egbert	Second	J. Specht
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- c. Education/Curriculum/Professional Development – No recommendations at this time

d. To approve the 8th grade trip to Playland's Castaway Cove in Ocean City, NJ on June 11, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. at a total cost of \$677.00.

Motion	C. Reymann	Second	C. Howie
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Abstain
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

N. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment in this second session.

O. **OLD BUSINESS** – Mr. Zebedies reminded his fellow Board members to complete Mrs. DeFrancisco's Chief School Administrator evaluation on the N.J. School Boards website as soon as possible.

P. **NEW BUSINESS** – Jane Kershner, our long time N.J. School Boards field representative, will be retiring in August.

Q. **CLOSED SESSION** – 8:29 p.m. for the purposes of litigation, personnel and/or student matters

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Egbert
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R. **OPEN SESSION** – 9:01 p.m. return to up session

Motion	C. Reymann	Second	H. Goldsmith
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a.) To adopt the Memorandum of Agreement between the Weymouth Township Education Association and Weymouth Township Board of Education supporting the proposed 2021-2024 Teachers' Contract.

Motion	C. Reymann	Second	H. Goldsmith
Daniel Ardito	Abstain	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

b.) To appoint Jaclyn Carugno to fill a vacant Board seat with the term expiring December 2021.

Motion	H. Goldsmith	Second	C. Howie
Daniel Ardito	Abstain	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Absent	John Specht	Yes
Christopher Egbert	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes		
Corrine Howie	Yes		

S. **ADJOURNMENT** – 9:07

Motion	C. Reymann	Second	C. Howie
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Respectfully submitted,

Steven Moran