

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

1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: March 18, 2021

Time: 6:34 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Zebedies, Board President – 6:34 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Daniel Ardito	Present	Constance Anne Reymann	Present
Patricia Doerr	Present	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Christopher Egbert	Present	John Specht	Present
Henry Goldsmith	Present	Edward Zebedies	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 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. Instructions on accessing the virtual Board meeting remotely has been posted on the District's website.

D. PRESENTATIONS – There were no presentations at this meeting.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment on agenda items.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the February 25, 2021 Regular Board meeting (*Attachment #1*)

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

G. CORRESPONDENCE – There was no correspondence to the Board to share at this meeting.

H. PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Zebedies was pleased to report no significant problems or issues at this time. He confirmed with our negotiations chair, Constance Anne Reymann, the Board has yet to be contacted by the WTEA regarding any contract proposal.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance – Patricia Doerr reported the Finance Committee met with administration on Thursday, March 11th to review the draft budget. In light of losing close to a half a million dollars in Equalization Aid and over 72 thousand dollars in Preschool Aid, the Committee was satisfied with balanced 2021-22 budget as presented.
2. Personnel & Negotiations - Constance Anne Reymann reported that the WTEA has yet to contact the Board with any proposal.
3. Facilities & Security - Henry Goldsmith reported there was no committee meeting this month. A representative from Open Systems Integrators was on site last week to survey the school and recommended additional security camera locations. We are now awaiting the proposal for the additional cameras which will be funded through the Security Grant. Mr. Goldsmith mentioned the installation of a pre-K bathroom in Room 102A at an estimated cost of 60 thousand dollars. The pre-K bathroom is included in the draft 2021-22 budget as presented.
4. Policy & Student Matters - Constance Anne Reymann reported the committee met on Monday, March 15th to discuss the policies on tonight's agenda.
5. Curriculum & Instruction – Daniel Ardito reported there was no C&I committee meeting this month.
6. Transportation - Patricia Doerr spoke about the Greater Egg Harbor Township Transportation Consortium noting our current route costs under the agreement. Mrs. Doerr emphasized the escalating costs of our two high school routes. The committee plans to meet with Greater Egg to discuss reigning in these costs.
7. Government Relations & Delegate Assembly – Henry Goldsmith noted the Atlantic County SBA Presidents Networking Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 17th. Although Mr. Goldsmith was unable to attend, he highlighted the issues discussed.
8. Ad Hoc – Henry Goldsmith spoke of the first Ad Hoc Committee meeting which was held on Thursday, March 11th. The Ad Hoc committee was formed to explore and anticipate the Board's options into the future as the State encourages consolidation/merger of school districts. The first step in the process is conducting a Feasibility Study which will be funded through the LEAP Grant (Local Efficiency Achievement Program). With Buena Regional as the lead district, Mary Lou DeFrancisco is working with Buena superintendent David Cappuccio, Jr. who is preparing the bid for the feasibility study. Estell Manor Board of Education is not involved at this time. Shared services arrangements ahead of a complete consolidation plan were discussed. Much more information is needed at this time and the study will provide more data and options. The committee discussed options for the superintendent position after Mrs. DeFrancisco has completed her term. Advantages of being a part of a larger school district were also discussed including the availability of more programs for our middle school students. However, our lack of knowledge of the financial implications of any form of consolidation/merger requires our waiting on the feasibility study's results. Any plan of consolidation/merger would require voter approval. It will be the Board's responsibility to promote the recommended plan to our community to generate support. By being proactive in this process, we have the opportunity to control our own destiny and help shape the future of our district.

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buena Board of Education – Mr. Zebedies attended the Buena Board meeting on Tuesday, March 16th. This week marks the first week of in-person instruction for the district and, by all reports, is going smoothly.
2. Weymouth Township Municipal Report – Committeeman Edward Norton reported the budget hearing scheduled for April 7th has been postponed. A free rabies clinic is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th at the Public Works Garage from 9am until noon. Dog licenses can be purchased at this event. Also on March 27th the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company will be escorting the Easter bunny around the Township; Belcoville at 12:00 noon, the Oaks at 1:00 pm and to Dorothy at 2:00 pm.

K. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

1. Informational Items

ASC/BSC Financial Report through February 2021.

(Attachment #2)

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 February 28, 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 February 28, 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 February 2021.

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

c. To Approve Expenditures

To approve March's expenditures as listed in the amount of \$147,643.56

(Attachment #3)

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

d. To approve the following Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report - February

(Attachment #4)

Board Secretary's Report - February

(Attachment #5)

Nutri-Serve Financials - January

(Attachment #6)

Nutri-Serve Financials - February

(Attachment #7)

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	C.Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Christopher Egbert	Yes	John Specht	Yes
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- e. To appoint Mr. Dennis Brown of the Glenn Insurance Group of Absecon as our Risk Management Consultant for the 2021/22 school year as mandated by the bylaws of our joint insurance fund.

(Attachment #8)

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

- f. To approve submitting the 2021-2022 Preschool Education Aid budget and operational plan to the N.J. Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Education on or before March 10, 2021.

- g. 2021-2022 Budget Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weymouth Township Board of Education, in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, hereby approves the 2021-2022 school district budget for submission to the Atlantic County Office of Education;

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$4,277,827	\$2,447,898
Special Revenue Fund	604,182	-
Debt Service Fund	112,864	72,178
Total	\$4,994,873	\$2,520,076

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2021-2022 budget, as described above, results in a General Fund tax levy of \$2,447,898 and a Debt Service Fund tax levy of \$72,178.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2021-2022 budget, as described above, includes the use of the unused spending authority (banked cap) in the amount of \$24,968 to help fund transportation services. The need for this use must be completed by the end of the budget year and cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to acknowledge that the 2021-2022 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 \$6,000 in the general fund 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 budget.

Motion	P.Doerr	Second	C.Howie
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Christopher Egbert	No	John Specht	No
Henry Goldsmith	No	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- h. To approve the 2021-2022 tuition contracts for one student (SID 1640207053) to attend Lower Cape May Regional School District. The regular school year contract including a one-on-one aid and extended school year tuition as follows, representing a 2 percent increase over last year:

Regular tuition:	\$31,846	
One-on-one aide:	<u>43,357</u>	
Regular School Year	<u>\$75,203</u>	<i>(Attachment #9)</i>

Extended school year:	\$7,953	<i>(Attachment #10)</i>
(Includes aide)		

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Christopher Egbert	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- i. To approve changing our next Board meeting date from April 15th to April 22nd.

Motion	P. Doerr	Second	C. Reymann
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Passed by voice vote of 8-0-0.

L. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mary Lou DeFrancisco

1. Informational Items:

a. Enrollment as of 02/28/2021

Grade	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Current Enrollment 2021	14	9	13	17	12	13	25	12	18	13	146
In-Person	14	9	12	16	10	12	21	8	15	6	123
Remote	0	0	1	1	2	1	4	4	3	7	23
Enrollment 2020	25	17	20	12	14	26	11	19	13	15	172

b. Student Suspensions as of 02/28/2021

Number of Suspensions	Number of Days
0	0

c. Safety Drills as of 02/28/2021

Type of Drill	Fire	Shelter in Place
Date	02-23-2021	02-26-2021
Time	1:08 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
Duration	3 minutes, 15 seconds	3 minutes, 30 seconds

d. HIB Report as of 02/28/2021

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

e. Superintendent Presentation/Recognition

Congratulations to our GEOY (Governor's Educator of the Year) recipient Ms. Barbara Farrell.

f. February 2021 Activities Highlighted -- February 15 – Presidents' Day

g. Upcoming/Notable March/April 2021 Events

- 1) March 14 - Daylight Savings Time begins
- 2) March 19 - Spring Pictures (rescheduled from February 19)
- 3) April 3-9 - Spring Break
- 4) April 21-23 - Parent/Teacher Virtual Conferences

h. Transportation Waivers for the 2021-2022 school year have been sent out and information added to the school website.

i. Much thanks to Dan, Linda, and Dina – most, if not all, of the revised/adopted policies that are completed have been posted to the school's website.

2. Recommendations:

a. Personnel

- 1) To approve the following individuals as Weymouth Township School District staff pending receipt of all necessary paperwork:

Name	Certification/ Credentials as applicable/Position	Pay Rate
Dale Messina	Substitute Custodian	\$13.00/hour
Peter Quattrone	Substitute Custodian	\$13.00/hour
Ozzie Rodriguez	Spanish-English Translator	\$50/session as needed

Motion	C.Reymann	Second	C.Egbert
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Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Christopher Egbert	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebadies	Yes
Corrine Howie	Yes		

- 2) Recommend approval of Maternity Leave Request for Amanda Gianfortune beginning May 13, 2021 through November 22, 2021. (Attachment #12)

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

- b. Policy – To approve the *first* reading of the following policies:

(Attachments #13A-O)

General Policy and Regulation Guides:

	Policy/ Reg. Number	Description	Adopt	Revised	Notes
A	P 145	Board Member Resignation and Removal (M) (Revised)		X	Adds language to #4 to include “falsely affirms or declares that he/she is not disqualified as a voter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 19:4-1 or that he/she is not disqualified from membership on the Board due to conviction of a crime or offense listed in N.J.S.A. 18A:12-a” Paragraph beginning “A member who fails... strike out REGULAR meetings Item #2 under this paragraph changes your 72 hours to 48 hours’ notice.
B	P 0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings During A Declared Emergency (M) (New)	X		Q = pg4 section 2b. “The Board [__shall or __shall not] require members of the public to state, prior to providing public comment...” pg. 6 section 6.a. (fill in the blank – Board Secretary [my suggestion]” Pg. 6 Item 6b. “The Board shall [__accept __not accept} text-based public comment...” Pg. 6 c. “...reasonable time limit [__three __four __five] minutes on individual public comments...”
C	R 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law (M) (Revised)		X	Pg. 3 select in B.2. & 3. Whether the Board will or __will not. Pg. 4 select option associated with B.3.b. Pg. 6 has new text needed in BOLD. Pg. 7 2. [__will __may] Pg. 9 Must select one option of the two given. Pros and cons to each option. P Pg. 10 Not needed if you choose option 1 no pay for unused earned sick leave at the end of the benefit yr. Pg. 12 New language in BOLD
	Policy/ Reg. Number	Description	Adopt	Revised	Notes
D	P 1643	Family Leave (M) (New)	X		Pg. 6 – Select one option in reference to NJFLA Pg. 22 – Select one option in reference to FMLA
E/	P & R	Administration of		X	Basic change in terminology from “marijuana” to “cannabis”. Also guardian is removed and parent used as guardian is considered the parent. Some

Ea	5330.01	Medical Cannabis (M) (Revised)			definitions were added. No changed were required regarding procedure. Changes/additions are in BOLD type.
F	P 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (Revised)		X	Changes relate to previous testing requirement of 6 years after initial screening to every 3 rd year. Also, includes timelines for review of results with 72 hours of receipt.
G	R 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (New)	X		Implements the steps outlined in the revised policy.
	P 3431.1	Family Leave (M) (Abolished)			ABOLISHED
	P 4431.1	Family Leave (M) (Abolished)			ABOLISHED
	P 3431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Abolished)			ABOLISHED
	P 4431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Abolished)			ABOLISHED
	P & R 7430	School Safety (M) (Abolished)			ABOLISHED

No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Policy and Regulation Guides:

	Policy/ Reg. Number	Description	Adopt	Revised	Notes
H	P 2415	Every Student Succeeds Act (M) (Revised)		X	Basically changes name from NCLB (No Child Left Behind) to ESSA. In addition strikes language no longer needed and adds any nuances innate to ESSA. Changes/additions are in BOLD type. Pg. 4 Choice of option should be “Target Assistance Program”
I	P 2415.02	Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities (M) (Revised)		X	Insert Weymouth Township where appropriate. New language is in BOLD type.
J	P 2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M) (Revised)		X	Relates to unemancipated minor students and permission from parent regarding surveys, analysis and/or evals. Changes NCLB to ESSA. Pg. 3 “designee recommend next blank read principal and/or supervisor or assigned staff member.
K/ Ka	P & R 2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M) (Revised)		X	Again changes NCLB to ESSA and adds language regarding complaint process. Pol. Pg. 2 paragraph 2 “submitted to the “program supervisor and/or principal” the second blank recommended to read the same.
L	P 4125	Employment of Support Staff Members (M) (Revised)		X	Basic changes from NCLB to ESSA. Both maintain same hiring requirements.
	Policy/ Reg. Number	Description	Adopt	Revised	Notes
M	P 6360	Political Contributions (M) (Revised)		X	Language change reflects change from “contracted educational services provided under NCLB” Replaced with “educational services provided under any Federally funded program”
N	P 8330	Student Records (M) (Revised)		X	Minor language changes noted in BOLD type.
		Recruitment by Special			Language changes noted in BOLD type.

O	P 9713	Interest Groups (M) (Revised)		X	A couple of areas stricken from policy. All in compliance of ESSA requirements.
	P 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability (M) (Abolished)			ABOLISHED
	P 2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers (M) (Abolished)			ABOLISHED

This POLICY ALERT replaces and/or adds Policy and/or Regulation Guides in the following sections: 0000, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000 and 9000.

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Christopher Egbert	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Corrine Howie	Yes		

c. Education/Curriculum/Professional Development

- 1) To adopt the 2021-2022 School Calendar. *(Attachment #14)*
- 2) To add one day to our current school calendar (June 17) to replace February 1, 2021 (Snow Day)

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

M. PUBLIC COMMENT- There was no public comment in this second session.

N. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS – none at this time

O. CLOSED SESSION- For the purposes of litigation and personnel – 8:15 p.m.

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	C.Egbert
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Passed by voice vote of 8-0-0.

P. OPEN SESSION – 9:37 p.m.

Motion	C.Reymann	Second	D.Ardito
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Passed by voice vote of 8-0-0.

Q. ADJOURNMENT – 9:38 p.m.

Motion	C.Reymann	Second	P.Doerr
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Passed by voice vote of 8-0-0.

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22nd; rescheduled from April 15th.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Moran

Board Secretary