

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

1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: February 25, 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	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 – 2019-2020 Audit presentation: Mr. Harvey Coccozza CPA, RMA of Ford, Scott & Associates, LLC

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – Committeeman Edward Norton questioned the school district's payments to Greater Egg Harbor Regional's Transportation Consortium in light of the number of virtual and snow days this school year.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the January 7, 2021 Organization Board meeting (*Attachment #1*)

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	P.Doerr
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Passed by Voice Vote 8-0-0.

Minutes of the January 7, 2021 Regular Board meeting (*Attachment #2*)

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	D.Ardito
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 at this meeting.

H. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Zebedies spoke of the upcoming contract negotiations with the WTEA. The negotiations/personnel committee have met twice in the past week not only to discuss Mary Lou DeFrancisco’s contract, but also the upcoming negotiations. Mr. Zebedies reported that the WTEA has approached the administration for current salary information.

I. COMMITTEES REPORTS

1. Finance – Patricia Doerr congratulated the administration on the clean audit report. Mrs. Doerr spoke of the ensuing 2021-22 budget preparation process in the wake of losing \$496,358 in Equalization Aid.
2. Personnel & Negotiations - Constance Anne Reymann reported the committee met on February 10th and 23rd. The committee recommends the Board rehire Mary Lou DeFrancisco for a 3rd year; the 2021-22 school year. A letter requesting a waiver for the 3rd year will be prepared by the Board solicitor and forwarded to the Commissioner of Education and the Interim Executive Regional Superintendent. There will be and discussion regarding the renewal in Executive Session followed by a vote in public session. In light of pending Regionalization proposals from the State of New Jersey, the Board will continue to identify shared services initiatives with neighboring school districts. An Ad Hoc committee will be formed by Mr. Zebedies to explore, study and advance alternatives for Weymouth Township in the long term. Mr. Goldsmith will chair this committee and the public’s input will be solicited later in the process. The committee also discussed the impending WTEA negotiations. The WTEA will be able to present the Board with a proposal by the March 18th Board meeting.
3. Facilities & Security - Henry Goldsmith reported on the addition of security cameras using Security Grant monies. Open Systems Integrators is meeting us next Thursday to draw up proposals on the new camera installs. Mr. Goldsmith mentioned introducing the addition of a Pre-K bathroom into the 2021-22 budget at an estimated cost of \$60,000.
4. Policy & Student Matters - Constance Anne Reymann had nothing to report this meeting.
5. Curriculum & Instruction – Daniel Ardito reported the committee met on February 24th. The goal is to have the school’s curriculum posted to the district’s website for parents to review. Our school’s curriculum is closely aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (NJSLS).
6. Transportation - Patricia Doerr reported she has obtained copies of our current bus routes and is reviewing them for any suggested changes to the routes. Letters will be sent out to parents to determine need for bussing in the 2021-22 school year.
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J. BOARD OF EDUCATION LIAISON REPORTS

1. Buena Board of Education – no report.
2. Weymouth Township – Municipal, Henry Goldsmith commented that Township is about to begin their budget preparation process.
3. Mayor’s Moment – With the increase of Covid-19 cases in the area, Mr. Haeser made reference to the Township’s home page (www.weymouthnj.org) which has links to both the Atlantic County Public Health Department and the direct N.J. Health sites for testing information and vaccine registration. The mayor boosted of the newly formatted Township Newsletter which is now in color and available on the Township’s website.
Project Updates: The 14th Avenue paving project is now completed with a few open items to be addressed in the spring. The Route 50 sidewalk additions is completed. The West Riverside Drive paving is scheduled to commence in the spring. And the New Jersey Avenue resurfacing grant award has been issued. The bid and design phase expected to start in late spring or summer of 2021.
The Township Building center hallway will be reconfigured shortly to better accommodate the public while increasing the safety of the employees. Drop boxes will be installed for tax payments and the like. Mayor Haeser also spoke of shared services initiatives spearheaded at the County level in efforts to reduce local costs incurred by Atlantic County municipalities. The county-wide court system may be a viable option for a lot of the County’s municipalities with 13 expressing interest at this time.
The mayor expressed his continuing concern with the local AT&T cell service. The issue is being discussed with AT&T as there is no cell phone reception during power outages.

K. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

1. Informational Items
ASC/BSC Financial Report

(Attachment #3)

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 December 31, 2020, 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, 2020, 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 2020.

- c. Board Secretary's Certification

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, I, Steven Moran, Board Secretary, certify as of January 31, 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.

- d. Board's Certification

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Vote on items b. & c. above together:

Motion	C.Reymann	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		

- e. To Approve Expenditures

To approve February's expenditures as listed in the amount of \$171,679.53

(Attachment #4)

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	D.Ardito
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 the following Financial Reports:

Treasurer's Report - December

(Attachment #5)

Board Secretary's Report - December

(Attachment #6)

Treasurer's Report – January

(Attachment #7)

Board Secretary's Report - January

(Attachment #8)

Nutri-Serve Financials - December

(Attachment #9)

Motion	C.Egbert	Second	H.Goldsmith
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. 2019-2020 Audit

To approve and accept the Weymouth Township School District 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report as presented by Mr. Michael Garcia of Ford, Scott and Associates.

(Attachment #10 & #11)

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		

h. To approve the 2021-2022 Waiver Request for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative, due to less than forty Medicaid eligible students.

(Attachment #12)

Motion	P.Doerr	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		

i. To approve the draft 2021-2022 budget preparation calendar.

(Attachment #13)

Motion	H.Goldsmith	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		

L. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mary Lou DeFrancisco

1. Informational Items:

a. Enrollment as of 01/31/2021

Grade	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Current Enrollment 2021	15	9	14	17	12	12	24	12	18	13	146
In-Person	14	9	11	16	9	11	20	8	16	6	120
Remote	1	0	3	1	3	1	4	4	2	7	26
Enrollment 2020	24	17	20	12	14	26	11	19	13	14	170

b. Student Suspensions as of 01/31/2021

Number of Suspensions	Number of Days
0	0

c. Safety Drills as of 01/31/2021

Type of Drill	Fire	Bus Evacuation	Bomb Threat
Date	01/12/2021	01/19/2021	01/26/2021
Time	10:30 a.m.	8:10 a.m.	9:37 a.m.
Duration	3 minutes	10 minutes	4 min.

School Security Specialist Report for January 2021.

(Attachments #14)

d. HIB Report as of 01/31/2021

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

e. Superintendent Presentation/Recognition – We would like to recognize our students that exhibit personal excellence, especially during these challenging times:

Ninety seven students have received certificates for Perfect or Excellent Attendance during the 1st Marking Period (September 8th – November 13th):

Eight six students have received certificates for Perfect or Excellent Attendance during the 2nd Marking Period (November 16th – January 29th):

Twenty two students have received certificates for A or A/B Honor Roll during the 1st Marking Period (September 8th – November 13th):

Twenty students have received certificates for A or A/B Honor Roll during the 2nd Marking Period (November 16th – January 29th):

f. School District Goals for the 2020-2021 School Year

(Attachments #15)

g. Thank you to Mrs. Specht for reaching out on social media asking for help in providing the school with PPE (Personal Protection Equipment). A huge ‘THANK YOU’ to the community who, as usual, has responded very generously and donated funds and/or purchased masks, wipes, hand sanitizer, etc. Your generosity and kindness are very much appreciated.

(Attachments #16)

h. January 2021 Activities Highlighted

- 1) January 1 – New Year’s Day – School Closed
- 2) January 4-8 – School Open with Remote Learning model only – All Students
- 3) January 11 – School Open with Hybrid Learning model – unless directed otherwise
- 4) January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School Closed
- 5) January 29 – End of 2nd Marking Period

i. Upcoming/Notable February 2021 Events

- 1) February 2 – Graduation Pictures
- 2) February 5 – 2nd Marking Period Report Cards go home
- 3) February 15 – School Closed – Presidents’ Day
- 4) February 19 – Spring Pictures

2. Recommendations:

- a. Personnel - No recommendations at this time.
- b. Policy – None at this time
- c. Education/Curriculum/Professional Development – No recommendations at this time
- d. Use of Facilities: To approve West Atlantic County Youth League (WACYL) use of the school fields for Softball Practice and Games beginning April 12, 2021 to June 5, 2021. All participation will be conducted outside of the school building. The group will adhere to any EO (Executive Order) and/or NJ Department of Health guidelines in place at that time. *(Attachments #17)*

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

M. PUBLIC COMMENT-

Mr. Jeff Falciano complimented the school’s effort to remain open for in-person instruction during the pandemic. He observed the in-person interactions of his children have been very beneficial to their wellbeing. Mr. Falciano had a question regarding the 4th grade curriculum for Mrs. DeFrancisco. Mr. Falciano also questioned the departure of our prior superintendent which was deferred to the Board solicitor for response.

N. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS – the Negotiations/Personnel Committee was reminded to present any and all WTEA proposals to the entire Board before responding to the Association.

O. CLOSED SESSION- For the purposes of litigation, personnel and/or student matters – 7:46 p.m.

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	D.Ardito
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Passed by voice vote of 8-0-0.

P. OPEN SESSION – 8:17 p.m.

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

To approve renewing the contract of Interim Superintendent, Mary Lou DeFrancisco for the 2021-22 school year pending the approval of a waiver by the Acting Commissioner of Education and the Interim Executive Regional Superintendent.

Motion	C.Reymann	Second	H.Goldsmith
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		

R. ADJOURNMENT – 8:23 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Moran

Board Secretary