

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

1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: January 7, 2021
Time: 6:30 p.m. (*immediately
following Organization Meeting*)

A. CALL TO ORDER – Board President, Edward Zebedies

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 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. Instructions on accessing the virtual Board meeting remotely has been posted on the District's website.

D. PRESENTATIONS

The following Board proclamation was presented to Colby Weiss:

Whereas, Colby Weiss has completed his Eagle Scout project with the installation of a multi-tier planter bed landscaping the area around the Weymouth Township School's announcement sign, making the school's 'front yard' more aesthetically pleasing for all to enjoy. The Board of Education commends Colby for his perseverance, creativity, and efforts. We thank him for his service to our school.

THE WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCLAIMS, and recognizes the work of Colby Weiss, and do hereby applaud his efforts to beautify our Community.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to agenda items only; there was no public comment in this first session.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the December 17, 2020 Regular Board meeting *(Attachment #1)*

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

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

H. PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Zebedies reported that the school is moving forward with return of in-person instruction starting Monday, January 11th.

I. COMMITTEES REPORTS – with the 2021 Committee assignments having been set earlier this evening at our annual organization meeting; there are no committee reports at this time.

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buena Board of Education – Buena’s School Business Administrator, Pat Yacovelli, will be sending 2021 meeting notices to Mr. Daniel Ardito, our district liaison to the Buena Board of Education.
2. Weymouth Township – Municipal – Henry Goldsmith reported our Mayor Ken Haeser was re-elected to another term in office. At its meeting the Township Committee spoke of the rising incidents of COVID cases in the community.

K. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

To Approve Expenditures:

To approve January’s expenditures as listed in the amount of \$153,432.64.

(Attachment #2)

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

L. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mary Lou DeFrancisco

1. Informational Items:

a. Enrollment as of 12/31/2020

Grade	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Current Enrollment 2020	14	9	14	17	12	12	23	12	17	13	143
In-Person	13	9	12	16	10	11	19	8	16	7	121
Remote	1	0	2	1	2	1	4	4	1	6	22
Enrollment 2019	22	17	20	11	14	26	11	18	13	14	166

b. Student Suspensions as of 12/31/2020

Number of Suspensions	Number of Days
0	0

c. Safety Drills as of 12/31/2020

Type of Drill	Fire	Shelter in Place w/Emergency
Date	12/04/2020	12-15-2020
Time	10:25 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Duration	3 minutes	5 minutes, 39 seconds

d. HIB Report as of 12/31/2020

Grade	HIB Yes/No	Disposition
N/A	N/A	N/A

e. Superintendent Presentation/Recognition

Congratulations and ‘Well done’ to the winners in our ‘Home for the Holidays’ Art Contest:

1st Place – Morgan Lechner #6

2nd Place – Remi Zebedies #1

3rd Place – Alyssa Castellini #5

Honorable Mentions - Cody Markiano #4 & Emma Pietrosante #9

Thank you, Ms. Farrell, for conducting this artistic opportunity for our students.

f. December 2020 Activities Highlighted

December 1 – Student make-up pictures

December 16-23 – School Open with Remote Learning model only – All Students

December 24-31 – School Closed for Winter Break

g. Upcoming January 2021 Events

January 1 – New Year’s Day – School Closed

January 4-8 – School Reopens with Remote Learning model only – All Students

January 11 – School Open with Hybrid Learning model – unless directed otherwise

January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – School Closed

January 29 – End of 2nd Marking Period

2. Recommendations:

a. Personnel - No recommendations at this time.

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

(Attachments #3a-r)

#	Policy/ Reg. Number	Description	Adopt	Revised	Notes
a	P 1620	Administrative Employment Contracts (M)		X	Revised to require a public notice and hearing when referring to administrative contract that is rescinded or terminated by the Board before it expires and the parties agree to new employment terms. Also reflects abolished Superintendent salary caps and made several revisions related to those caps. It is now a mandated policy based on the Appellate Court Case.
					Requires schools with grades 6-12 to establish and implement an emergency action plan for responding to a serious or life threatening sports related injury. Language changes = pg.2 #1. - N/A Option 2. B is recommended on pg.2 to read “A student in grades 5-8 is eligible for

b	P 2431	Athletic Competition (M)		X	participation in school district sponsored programs of athletic competition if he/she passed all courses required for promotion or graduation and is in good disciplinary standing – no suspensions in the preceding marking period. Home schooled children in grades 5 – 8 are NOT eligible to participate in school district sponsored programs of athletic competition of this district. Page 3 insert 7 school days in any marking period. Insert unexcused absence may not participate... Insert A student serving in-school or out-of-school suspension may not participate... Include 4 (but now becomes #3). Page 6 N/A.
c	R 2431.1	Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity (M)		X	Recommended as revised.
#	Policy/ Reg. Number	Description	Adopt	Revised	Notes
d	P 5330.05	Seizure Action Plan (M)	X NEW		Recommended as presented. Requires the parent of a student with epilepsy or a seizure disorder to submit the student's seizure action plan on an annual basis to the school nurse.
e	R 5330.05	Seizure Action Plan	X NEW		Recommended as presented.
f	P 6440	Cooperative Purchasing (M)		X	Revised to reflect changes in Public School Contracts Law. Been revised to include updated definitions for "lead agency", "registered members", "cooperative purchasing system", and joint purchasing system". Language has been removed from the policy that was redundant. Legal cites updated. Recommended as presented.
g	P 6470.01	Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification (M)	X NEW		NJ Dept. of Community Affairs (DCA) provided guidance to public entities including BOE and Charter School Boards on the use of electronic funds transfer (EFT) for payment of claims electronically. Updated admin. Code implementing provides the details for a school district using an EFT technology for payment of claims electronically in lieu of paper checks. A policy is required specifying the EFT methods that may be used. Recommended as presented.
h	R 6470.01	Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification (M)	X NEW		Recommended as presented.
i	P 7440	School District Security (M)		X	Requires school districts to conduct annually a school safety audit using a checklist developed by the NJ Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. Recommend as presented.
j	R 7440	School District Security (M)		X	Recommended as presented.
k	P 7450	Property Inventory (M)		X	Update in accordance with "Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for NJ Public Schools and Approved Private Schools for Std. with Disabilities" Revised to more accurately reflect definitions of "equipment" and "supply". Also and outdate NJ admin. Code cite was removed. Recommended as presented.
L	P7510	Use of School Facilities (M)		X	Has been revised to include a statement that the Board shall provide the safety and security information to the organization that sponsors the youth program in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:41-7. Recommend with following included: Paragraph 2 blank completed to read, "CSA or His/h designee". Number items in the order presented. Page 2. Recommend including the optional language regarding not for profit... Bottom of page 2 #1. Include "optional" language to be the HSA or local or state government/community service agencies. Page 3 as presented.
					Page 1 - A.1. = 1, 2; A.2 – 3, 4, 5; A.3 = 6, 7, 8. Pg. 2 B.1 = CSA or Business Administrator; B.2 CSA or h/h designee – 10 working days, submitted not less than 30 working days, not less than 20 days before the date requested. [Feel free to change # of

m	R 7510	Use of School Facilities (M)		X	days to what you think is best.] C.1. The Business Administrator or h/h designee. Pg. 3 #2. BA or designee. Pg. 3 #3 BA or designee; CSA or designee. #4 use second option. Pg. 4 #5. CSA or BA or designee. #11 must inform the school via “phone call and email” Failure to inform the “BA or designee” of a cancelled use at least “2” working days in advance... Pg. 5 D.3a-c You currently use the amounts of \$500,000.00 in each category. Pg. 9 F. Fee Schedule 2.b. Custodial costs: Hourly rate x # of hours. Pg. 10 Recommend charging Class II & Class III rental fees - \$100/per 4 hrs. for APR (All Purpose Room) use and \$50/per 4 hrs. for Classroom use.
n	P 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations (M)		X	New law requires school district to ensure that individuals employed in the school district in a substitute capacity are provided information and training on the school district’s practices and procedures on school safety and security. Recommended as presented.
#	Policy/ Reg. Number	Description	Adopt	Revised	Notes
o	P 8561	Procurement Procedure for School Nutrition Programs (M)		X	Revisions are based on changes to federal/ state regulations. Pg. 3 #3 Check – state contract. Pg.8 #6 fill in with 5 days. Recommended as presented.
p	P 1648	Restart and Recovery Plan (M)		X	Recommend as presented. As to “Appendices” I recommend referring to posted Restart and Recovery Plan located on the district website.
q	P 1648.02	Remote Learning Options for Families (M)	X NEW		Pg. 1 add language at the end of the first paragraph last sentence “district shall accommodate – to the best of their abilities and resources. Pg. 2 B2. Check “at the beginning of a marking period.” Pg. 4 #6 fill in “10” calendar days. Pg. 5 D1 – 14 days. D2 – at the beginning of marking period. Pg.6 #4 – Check “one marking period in remote learning before being eligible to transition in the school district’s in-person program.
r	P 1648.03	Restart and Recovery Plan – Full Time Remote Instruction (M)	X NEW		Recommend as presented.

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

d. Use of Facilities: None at this time.

M. PUBLIC COMMENT- Limited to agenda items and any other Board of Education business matters.

Mrs. Jackie Specht asked about the reopening of the school on Monday, January 11th for in-person instruction. Mary Lou DeFrancisco ensured her the all the requisite safety protocols are in place with the classrooms and common areas being sanitized in a daily basis. Mrs. Specht inquired whether we have enough substitute teachers to cover our teachers should they call out. Mrs. DeFrancisco replied that we do have a sufficient pool of vetted substitute teachers should the need arise.

N. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS – No items of old business/new business were discussed at this meeting.

O. CLOSED SESSION- There was no need for a closed session at this meeting.

P. ADJOURNMENT – 7:40 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Moran

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Next Meeting – Thursday, February18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
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