

**WEYMOUTH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET &
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: May 7, 2020
Time: 6:30 p.m.

A. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Zebedies, Board President – 6:33 p.m.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

Daniel Ardito	Present	Teresa Seelman	Present
Patricia Doerr	Present	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Present	John Specht	Present
Karin Mandradjieff	Present	Edward Zebedies	Present
Constance Anne Reymann	Present		

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

C. SUNSHINE NOTICE

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 2020/21 Budget Presentation

E. PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to agenda items only & 2020/21 budget questions

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Minutes of the April 23, 2020 Regular Board meeting (Attachment #1)

Motion	T.Seelman	Second	H.Goldsmith
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

G. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from NutriService Food Management regarding their recalling of employees laid off due to the pandemic was discussed. As our school runs a relatively small food service program, the reduced workforce in the kitchen has proven more than adequate to meet our needs in the modified food distribution program we are now running.

H. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I. COMMITTEES REPORTS

1. Finance – Patricia Doerr review this month’s bills list and reported to the Board
2. Personnel & Negotiations – Constance Anne Reymann reported a virtual committee meeting was held on April 29th. Staff salaries for the 2020-21 school year were discussed.
3. Facilities & Security – Henry Goldsmith – no report this month.

4. Policy & Student Matters – scheduling of policy committee reviews will be discussed in June per Constance Anne Reymann
5. Curriculum & Instruction – Patricia Doerr reported the committee met virtually on April 30th. Self-contained classrooms were discussed.
6. Transportation – Patricia Doerr – the ACSSSD 2020-21 transportation agreement was included in the Board attachments for review and approval.
7. Government Relations & Delegate Assembly – a virtual meeting is scheduled for June, Henry Goldsmith will attend.

J. BOARD OF EDUCATION AFFILIATIONS

1. Buena Board of Education – the April’s virtual Board meeting was not attended. Dan Ardito will download the link to attend in future months’ meetings.
2. Weymouth Township – Municipal – Henry Goldsmith defers to Mayor Haeser.
3. Mayor’s Moment - Kenneth Haeser reported the following:
 - The storm drainage project on 14th Avenue and Tuckahoe Road is completed; now the paving will be commence.
 - The sidewalk installation project is underway in Belcoville section of the Township.
 - The telephone pole replacement project continues throughout the Township and County.
 - Mr. Haeser and his fellow Atlantic County Mayors are developing a re-opening plan for Atlantic County municipalities with the help of County Executive Dennis Levinson.
 - The Township Committee will be sending a letter to residents of all three communities, Weymouth, Estell Manor and Milmay asking for donations to support the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company in the place of the twelve dollars ticket cost for the annual barbeque which has been cancelled and to supplement coin drop donations which have also ceased.
 - The Mayor complimented the school’s administration on their prudent submission of the 2020-2021 budget in the wake a significant cuts in State Aid.
4. H.S.A. Update – John Specht reminded all that volunteers still needed to assure the continuation of the Association.

K. SUPERINTENDENT’S CONTRACT RENEWAL for 2020-2021

To approve the Interim Superintendent’s contract for Mary Lou DeFrancisco for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$600 per diem based on 3 days per week as approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

Motion	P. Doerr	Second	C.Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

K. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

1. Recommendations

- a. To Approve Expenditures
To approve April’s expenditures as listed in the amount of \$112,480.54 (Attachment #2).

Motion	T.Seelman	Second	C.Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

- b. To approve NutriServe Food Management to provide food service management services to the Weymouth Township Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year, in accordance with the terms and conditions of

the base year contract, for a flat fee of \$11,635.93 with the addition of a qualifying clause for Unforeseen Events: *'In the event of an unforeseen occurrence including, but not limited to, natural disaster, pandemic or war, the terms of this contract may be re-negotiated should the resultant service level as described in this contract increase, decrease or substantially change.'* (Attachment #3)

Motion	P.Doerr	Second	H.Goldsmith
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjjeff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

- c. To approve a 2020-2021 tuition contract with Cape May County Technical School District for one student in the amount of \$25,397.00. (Attachment # 4)

Motion	C.Reymann	Second	P.Doerr
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjjeff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

- d. To approve the participation in a Joint Transportation Agreement with Atlantic County Special Services School District for the 2020-2021 schoolyear. (Attachment #5)

Motion	C.Reymann	Second	T.Seelman
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjjeff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

- e. To approve renewing our dental insurance with Delta Dental through Allen & Associates effective July 1, 2020 June 30, 2021 with a 2.75% increase over current year rates. (Attachment #6)

Motion	P.Doerr	Second	K.Mandradjjeff
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjjeff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

- f. To approve the engagement letter contracting with Ford-Scott, LLC for audit services for the 2019-2020 school year in an amount not to exceed \$13,000 as reviewed by our Board solicitor. (Attachment #7)

Motion	K.Mandradjjeff	Second	C.Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjjeff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

Current Enrollment 2020	13	12	17	20	12	14	26	11	19	13	15	172
2019 Enrolled	Not Noted In Prior Year Report											

b. Student Suspensions as of 04/30/2020

Number of Suspensions	Number of Days
0	0
<i>04/30/2020</i>	<i>04/30/2020</i>
None noted	None noted

c. Safety Drills as of 03/31/2020

Type of Drill	Fire	Lock Down
Date	04/01/2020	04/21/2020
Time	10:43 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
Duration	2 minutes	1 hour 5 minutes

d. HIB Report as of 04/30/2020

Grade	HIB Yes/No	Disposition
	None	None

e. Superintendent Presentation/Recognition – Thank you to all staff who have been working either remotely and/or on site to meet the needs of our students and families. Their efforts are appreciated and recognized.

f. May 2020 Events/Activities: None listed due to school closure for COVID 19

g. June 2020 – No school activities/events at this point in time.

2. Recommendations:

a. Personnel

2020-2021 Certificated Staff (Tenured)			
Name	Position	Name	Position
DeFeo, Lori	Teacher	Mottershead, Robin	Teacher
Farrell, Barbara	Teacher P/T	Mounier, Jerilyn	Teacher
Gianfortune, Amanda	Teacher P/T	Ricci, Michelle	Teacher
Lopez, Phillis	Teacher	Sack, Shelly	Teacher
Merusi, Karen	Teacher	Salvucci, Michelle	Teacher
Moffa, Raymond	Teacher	Wheaton, Alice	Nurse
Morrison, Susan	Teacher		
2020-2021 Certificated Staff (Non-Tenured)			
Name	Position	Name	Position
Coleman, Chanté	Teacher	Quidachay, Jose	Teacher
Henderson, Daniel	Teacher (Year 4)	Smith, Justyna	Teacher
Nelson, Dana	Teacher		

2020-2021 Support Staff

Name	Position	Name	Position
Cekada, Anthony	Van Driver	Quattrone, Linda	Secretary - Main Office & CSA
Curcio, Lauren	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d)	Reingruber, Amy	Playground Aide (2.25 hours p/d)
D'Amore, Debra	Treasurer	Rodriguez, Oswaldo	Van Driver
Feneli, Carol	Child Study Team Secretary (25 hours p/w)	Schwarzenbach, Alicia	FT Custodian/Black Seal (5.9 hours p/d)
Merlock, Judith	Instructional Aide FT	Slamb, Jacqueline	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d)
Needleman, Judith	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d)	Wickliff, Samantha	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d)
Nicosia, Billee	Instructional Aide (5.9 hours p/d)	Wolfe, Susan	Custodian/Black Seal
Ordille, Donna	Secretary to the SBA		

2020-2021 Administration

Name	Position	Name	Position
Fullmer, Helene	Instructional Supervisor/ Student Support Svcs. (T)	Palmieri, Maria	CST Director/LDTC (NT)
Merlock, Kenneth	Facilities Manager/Black Seal		

Certified Staff:

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	C.Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
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Support Staff:

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Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

b. Policy – None at this time.

c. Education/Curriculum/Professional Development – None at this time.

3. Use of Facilities requests: None at this time.

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

Mrs. Jackie Specht inquired about the continuation of the music program with the retirement of Mr. Netherby. Mary Lou DeFrancisco assured Mrs. Specht the music program will continue, Mr. Netherby will be replaced.

- N. **OLD BUSINESS** – Mrs. Doerr questioned the annual salary increase percentage for support staff and administrators not covered under the teachers’ contract. Mary Lou DeFrancisco responded that all district employees will be receiving the same percentage increase as the teachers.

The Superintendent’s goals for her annual Board evaluation were discussed. These goals were posted on the district’s website in October 2019 and outlined in tonight’s budget presentation. Mary Lou DeFrancisco remains on target with her goals, following the plan and making great strides in the area of social emotional learning.

- O. **NEW BUSINESS** – Mr. Goldsmith reported hearing parents’ compliments on the administration’s handling of the school closure and it’s seamless transition to remote learning while still addressing individual student needs.

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	K.Mandradjieff
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Passed by voice vote of 8-0-0.

*The Thursday, May 21, 2020 meeting has been cancelled.
Next Meeting -- Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm*