

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

1202 Eleventh Avenue  
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: April 23, 2020  
Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

**B. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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. PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

**E. PRESENTATIONS** - none

**F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Minutes of the March 19, 2020 Regular Board meeting (Attachment #1)

<b>Motion</b>	<b>H.Goldsmith</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>C.Reymann</b>
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** – None

**H. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**I. COMMITTEES REPORTS**

1. Finance – Patricia Doerr reported reviewing the March’s bills list.
2. Personnel & Negotiations – Constance Anne Reymann reported reviewing the Superintendent’s and B.A.’s 2020/21 contracts for submission to the County office for approval.
3. Facilities & Security – no report at this time.
4. Policy & Student Matters – no report at this time; scheduled to meet in June.
5. Curriculum & Instruction – virtual committee meeting is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>.

6. Transportation – Patricia Doerr will be schedule with the Superintendent and B.A. to review the bus routes. Discussions of reduced payment arrangements to Greater Egg Transportation Consortium for remainder of school year.
7. Government Relations & Delegate Assembly – No report

**J. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Buena Board of Education – the Buena BOE meeting was not attended this month.
2. Weymouth Township – Municipal
3. Mayor’s Moment – Kenneth Haeser reported the following:
  - The Weymouth Township Committee held its monthly meeting via a conference call on April 15, 2020.
  - Due to COVID 19, the Dorothy Volunteer Fire Company has cancelled its annual chicken barbeque, its main annual fundraiser. Coin drops have also been cancelled. To fill the funding void the Township Committee will be sending out a letter to the residents of all of Weymouth, Estell Manor and Milmay asking for donations in the place of the twelve dollars ticket cost for the barbeque.
  - The Township hired a new land use secretary, Alex Bauer. Mr. Bauer is currently the Township’s code enforcement officer and carries numerous municipal certifications to include storm water management, tax assessment and zoning.
  - The Township passed a fiscally responsible budget with only a .008 cent tax increase.
  - Work has begun on the Belcoville sidewalk replacement project.
  - The drains have been installed on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue; the avenue is now ready to pave.
  - The paving along Riverside Drive to begin late this summer.
  - On Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, the Easter Bunny (Sylia Haeser) visited Dorothy spending time on the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and South Jersey Avenues greeting passersby.
4. H.S.A. Update – John Specht reminded all the H.S.A. still need volunteers to keep the Association running.

**K. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT/BOARD SECRETARY REPORT**

**1. Informational Items**

ASC/BSC Financial Report

**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 March 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 March 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 March 2020.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>C.Reymann</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>T. Seelman</b>
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		

c. To Approve Expenditures

To approve March's expenditures as listed in the amount of \$ 136,293.04 (Attachment #2).

<b>Motion</b>	<b>H.Goldsmith</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>P. Doerr</b>
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		

d. To approve the following Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report – March (Attachment #3)
2. Board Secretary's Report – March (Attachment #4)
3. Nutri-Serve Financials for February (Attachment #5)

<b>Motion</b>	<b>T.Seelman</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>C.Reymann</b>
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
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e. To approve the tuition contract agreement for one Grade 10 homeless student placement, J.F., attending Absegami High School of the Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District for the 2019-2020 school year commencing October 2, 2019 and terminating on June 30, 2020 for a total tuition at 159 days of \$14,575.53. (Attachment #6)

f. To approve the joint transportation agreement between Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District and Weymouth Township School District for the 2019-2020 school year. The joint agreement involves the transport of one Weymouth Township School District student to Absegami High School (Route 05) for a cost of \$2,623.84 adjusted for days not transported. (Attachment #7)

<b>Motion</b>	<b>P. Doerr</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>T. Seelman</b>
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		

h. Resolution Opposing Delay in Transmission of Quarterly Property Tax Revenue to School Districts (Attachment #8)

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the quarterly transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Weymouth Township Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Weymouth Township Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the First Legislative District’s representatives: Senator Michael Testa and Assemblymen Antwan McClellan and Erik Simonsen; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>H.Goldsmith</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>C.Reymann</b>
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjeff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

L. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mary Lou DeFrancisco

1. Informational Items: President Zebedies asked that I put in numbers associated with enrollment and suspensions for not only this year but also last year at this date.

a. Enrollment as of 02/29/2020

Grade	PreK 3	PreK 4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Current Enrollment 2020	13	12	17	20	12	14	26	11	19	13	15	172
<i>2019 Enrolled</i>	0	18	21	12	13	21	14	19	15	19	16	168

b. Student Suspensions as of 03/31/2020

Number of Suspensions	Number of Days
0	0
<i>03/31/2019</i>	<i>02/28/2019</i>
1	1

c. Safety Drills as of 03/31/2020

Type of Drill	Fire	Lock Down
Date	03/05/2020	03/09/2020
Time	10:13 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Duration	5 minutes	3 minutes

d. HIB Report as of 03/31/2020

Grade	HIB Yes/No	Disposition
	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. April 2020 Events/Activities:

- 1) April 8 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking period ends.
- 2) April 9 – Single Session prior to Spring Break
- 3) April 10 through 17 - Spring Break
- 4) April 22 – Report Cards issued

g. May 2020 – No school activities/events at this point in time. As of this writing no information has been received as to when the Governor will reopen schools. As you may know, Governor Murphy has extended the original orders that ended. He will reevaluate school opening or remaining closed May 15<sup>th</sup>.

2. Recommendations

a. Personnel – None at this time.

b. Policy – None at this time.

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

3. Use of Facilities – None at this time.

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

N. **OLD BUSINESS**

To approve the Eagle Scout project as submitted by Colby Weiss subject to compliance with any Governor’s or President’s executive orders relative to the pandemic.

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	C.Reymann
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Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

O. **NEW BUSINESS** - none

P. **CLOSED SESSION**- For the purposes of personnel matters – 7:30 p.m.

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

**Q. OPEN SESSION** - 7:37 p.m.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>D.Ardito</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>H.Goldsmith</b>
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Passed by voice vote of 8-0-0.

1. To approve submitting the 2020/21 Superintendent's contract to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>H.Goldsmith</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>C.Reymann</b>
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		

2. To approve submitting the 2020/21 Business Administrator's contract to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>H.Goldsmith</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>C.Reymann</b>
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	No	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	John Specht	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	No	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Constance Anne Reymann	Yes		

**R. ADJOURNMENT** – 7:43 p.m.

<b>Motion</b>	<b>T.Seelman</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>H.Goldsmith</b>
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Passed by voice vote of 8-0-0.

Next Meeting – Public Hearing on the Budget - Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Steven Moran*

Board Secretary