



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

1202 Eleventh Avenue
Dorothy, New Jersey

Date: February 21, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Zebedies, President
Mr. Zebedies called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

B. ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Dr. John B. Alfieri , Chief School Administrator	Present
Patricia Palmieri, SBA/Board Secretary	Present
William Cappuccio, Esq., Board Solicitor	Present

- C. SUNSHINE NOTICE** – Patricia Palmieri, Secretary

“Welcome to the regular meeting of the Weymouth Township Board of Education held on February 21, 2019. This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act by being advertised in the official newspapers and posted in two public places as required by laws of 1975, Chapter 231.”

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the January 17, 2019 Regular Meeting (Attachment #1)

Mrs. Doerr questioned whether there was a maximum expenditure placed on the law suit. Mr. Goldsmith pointed out the decision was not to have the cap because we can withdraw from the law suit at any time.

Motion	T.Seelman	Second	C.Reymann
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Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes		

E. CORRESPONDENCE

None

F. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Zebedies and Mr. Goldsmith attended the Cape May County School Board Meeting this past Tuesday. Weymouth made a presentation in reference to the lawsuit and resolution and circulated the resolution.

G. COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS/REPORTS

1. Negotiations -- none

2. Finance/Facilities/Security

Mr. Goldsmith discussed the Resolution.

He commented that we are struggling with how to approach the budget and that we are exploring all options in light of the cuts.

We have joined seven other school districts in a law suit against the State Department of Education to dispute the state aid cuts. Hearing dates are set for May 6 and May 13.

Mr. Goldsmith reviewed projects of the last year.

3. Policy

Miss Reymann reported there are approximately twenty policy updates to be reviewed with Dr. Alfieri in the packet from Strauss Esmay. She is meeting with Dr. Alfieri on February 26 and will report at the next Board meeting.

4. Curriculum/Instruction – none

H. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Buena Board of Education – none

2. Weymouth Township – Municipal

Mr. Goldsmith attended the meeting two weeks ago, and there were few items of interest. The county will put up new flashing lights road signs near the school.

3. Mayor's Moment

Mayor Haeser reported the Shred-a-thon will be Saturday, April 6, and the Rabies Clinic will be March 30.

4. H.S.A. Update

Mrs. Specht reported the fundraiser ends February 22 for the paint party in March.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT – LIMITED TO AGENDA ITEMS ONLY EXCEPT ANYTHING ASSOCIATED WITH BOARD RESPONSE TO S2 INITIATED CUTS. (SEE BELOW)

Mrs. Specht asked if the District Goals will be public.

J. RESOLUTION

The New Jersey School Boards Mission Statement

The New Jersey School Boards Association, a federation of boards of education, provides training, advocacy and support to advance public education and promote the achievement of all students through effective governance.

WHEREAS New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) must represent all member School Boards equally and equitably in all areas impacting a student's Thorough and Efficient education and is committed to providing advocacy for all students through effective governance and

WHEREAS ~~the NJSBA afforded a grass roots advocacy group (Fair Funding Action Committee) support via forum exposure [as a silent proponent] to introduce action resulting in S2~~ which took funding from perceived "over-funded" districts and redistributed those funds to perceived "under-funded" districts which led to over 150 member districts of the NJSBA including Weymouth Township being scheduled to see substantial reductions in state funding over the next six education years and perpetually thereafter and

WHEREAS the formulas used to calculate State aid are seriously flawed and result in inequities throughout the State and full implementation of Senate Bill S-2 will result in severe hardships to the students and taxpayers of Weymouth Township and many other New Jersey school districts and

WHEREAS, The Delegate Assembly is the official policymaking body of the New Jersey School Boards Association; and Education-related policies resulting from prior Delegate Assemblies and Board of Directors actions are codified in the NJSBA's Manual of Positions and Policies on actions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the NJSBA will immediately adopt a policy to assist all districts in maintaining state aid at pre-S2 levels (adjusted annually) and to lobby State government to hold harmless districts where further loss of aid would cause hardships to students and citizens of their community and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NJSBA will advocate that the State school funding formula should address the financial needs of school districts in which exceptional circumstances involving the community's tax base prevent the calculation of a fair and accurate "local share," which determines the district's school aid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, when a community's ability to raise the school tax levy is impeded by discrepancies between aggregate income, as defined by the State school funding formula, and taxable property, as identified by state tax law, the NJSBA will advocate that the State should provide the resources necessary to ensure a fair and equalized allocation of state aid.

Mr. Zebedies gave a brief explanation, and Mr. Goldsmith added to the explanation. Wording was changed as indicated.

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Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes		

K. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. John B. Alfieri, Superintendent

1. Informational Matters

Dr. Alfieri thanked the public for attendance.

He congratulated Mr. Dan Henderson for being chosen as Teacher of the Year.

He recognized the Students of the Month (chosen for being Good Citizens), the Reader of the Month, and the Writer of the Month.

He reported that the District Goals will go out February 22.

A. Enrollment as of 01/31/19

Grade	PreK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Enroll	18	21	12	15	21	14	18	15	18	16	168

B. Student Suspensions as of 01/31/19

# of Suspensions	# of Days
1	2.5

C. Safety Drills as of 01/31/19

Type of Drill	Fire	Lockdown
Date	01/23/19	01/31/19
Time	1:06 pm	1:19 pm
Duration	56 sec	32 sec

2. Recommendations

- A.** Approve the Preschool Program Plan and budget submission for the 2019-2020 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education. (Attachment # 2)

Motion	T.Seelman	Second	P.Doerr
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Jaclyn Carugno	Absent	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes		

- B.** Approve Alicia Schwarzenbach hourly wage increase from \$14.00 to \$15.50 per hour as recommended by the Finance /Facility/Safety Committee upon successful completion and granting of license through the Bureau of Boiler Pressure and Vessel Compliance (Black Seal License) as of February 1, 2019. (Attachment #3)

Mrs. Doerr asked whether there is a policy in place concerning salary increase for black seal. Dr. Alfieri responded that there is not currently.

Motion	C.Reymann	Second	K.Mandradjieff
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Jaclyn Carugno	Absent	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes		

- C. Motion to approve the 2019-2020 Waiver Request for the Special Education Medicaid Initiative, due to less than forty Medicaid eligible students. (Attachment #4)

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Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Jaclyn Carugno	Absent	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjjeff	Yes		

- D. Approve the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials – 2019 Revisions. (Attachment #5)

Mr. Goldsmith expressed that this is an outrageous infringement on the rights of individual school boards and is opposed.

Motion	T.Seelman	Second	C.Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Jaclyn Carugno	Absent	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	No	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjjeff	No		

- E. Motion to appoint retired teacher, Joyce Dworkin, as substitute teacher at a rate of \$100/Diem pending paperwork and background check. To approve the hiring of Michael Munsell as substitute teacher at a rate of \$85/Diem pending paperwork and background check.

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

L. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Informational Items

- After/Before School Care Financial Report(Attachment #6)
- Budget Update/Discussion – deferred to S2 discussion

2. Recommendations

- The certification of the Business Administrator that pursuant to NJAC 6A:23A:16.10(C)3, as of February 28, 2019, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial reports (revenue and appropriation sections), no major account of fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 23A:16:10(C)4, and there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts so that sufficient funds may or may not be available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

The Business Administrator recommends:

- Motion to approve the Bill List – February 21, 2019 (Attachment #7)

Mrs. Doerr inquired about the Hamilton invoices as well as the Watchung and Wright Choice invoices.

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Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjjeff	Yes		

- To approve the tuition contracts with Lower Cape May Regional School District for the 2019-2020 school year for the following: (Attachment #8)
 - Extended School Year Program - June 25, 2019 through August 6, 2019 in the amount of \$7,644.
 - 2019-2020 School Year – September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in the amount of \$72,283 plus hourly fee for aide during extra- curricular activities.

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Jaclyn Carugno	Absent	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes		

- d. Use of Facilities for WACYL on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 from 5:30 pm to 7:45 pm for Basketball Finale. (Attachment #9)

Motion	T.Seelman	Second	C.Reymann
Motion passed by voice vote of 7-0-0.			

- e. To approve Patricia Palmieri, Business Administrator attending the NJASBO Annual Conference from June 5, 2019 through June 7, 2019 in Atlantic City, NJ at a cost of \$275.00 plus travel. (Attachment #10)

Motion	H.Goldsmith	Second	C.Reymann
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Jaclyn Carugno	Absent	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes		

- f. Motion to approve payments to Andrew Lopez for labor and materials on the Camera Project Installation which is part of the Capital Budget. This work is in addition to the general services contract. The labor rate is \$55.00 per hour and all materials are billed at cost less any taxes and are the property of the school district. The total for the project for January 2019 is \$550.00. (Attachment #11)

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

M. BOARD SECRETARY REPORT

1. It is recommended that the Board approve the following financial reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report for the months of December 2018. (Attachment #12)
- b. Board Secretary's Reports for the month of December 2018. (Attachment #13)
- c. NutriServ Financials for the month of January 2019 (Attachment #14)
- d. Revised Board Secretary's Reports from July 2018 through November 2018 (Attachment #15,16,17,18,19)

Motion	P.Doerr	Second	T.Seelman
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Jaclyn Carugno	Absent	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes		

- e. Motion to approve and accept the Weymouth Township School District 2017-2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Management Report submitted by Ford, Scott and Associates LLP. (Attachment #20)

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

- f. Motion to approve and accept the annual audit recommendations by Ford, Scott and Associates, LLP and approve the district's 2017-2018 Corrective Action Plan as presented. (Attachment #21)

Motion	P.Doerr	Second	H.Goldsmith
Daniel Ardito	Yes	Constance Anne Reymann	Yes
Jaclyn Carugno	Absent	Teresa Seelman	Yes
Patricia Doerr	Yes	Deborah Shurig	Absent
Henry Goldsmith	Yes	Edward Zebedies	Yes
Karin Mandradjieff	Yes		

- g. Accept the donation of 578 books to the school by Bridge of Books NJ secured by Ms. Gurmankin. (Attachment #22)

The Board thanked Ms. Gurmankin for securing this donation. Ms. Gurmankin explained that Bridge of Books donates to schools with certain financial needs, three books per child, with the stipulation that the books go home with the students at the end of the year.

Motion	T.Seelman	Second	C.Reymann
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Motion passed by voice vote of 7-0-0.

N. BOARD RESPONSE TO S2 CUTS

- a) Board presentation

Mr. Zebedies reviewed the distributed handout. Mr. Goldsmith gave an overview of the lawsuit. Mr. Zebedies discussed the current challenges facing the budget process – areas of transportation, pre-k, salaries and benefits.

- b) Open Discussion – 20 minutes

Mrs. Linville asked if we could send out pre-k information to all parents.

Mrs. DeFeo suggested advertising on the 11th Avenue sign.

Mayor Haeser commended the Board for joining the law suit. He discussed a meeting with Mr. Sweeney in which Mr. Sweeney expressed the underlying purpose to force regionalization of schools, wanting every district to be K-12 to “save taxpayers money.” Mayor Haeser offered any help that we need from him and asked if we had a “Plan B.”

Mr. Ardito expressed the need to get the public informed and involved.

Mr. Zebedies explained that Buena and Greater Egg Harbor are options for consolidation but that Estell Manor seems to be an option no longer available.

Mrs. Specht expressed that cutting teachers and cutting pre-k are not good alternatives and asked what we could cut, commenting that we do not have extra programs to cut. She suggested joining with other districts such as Upper Township.

Mrs. Cottrell asked about busing as some people are not using busing.

Mrs. Doerr commented that the transportation committee is researching options.

Mrs. Lechner asked about what type notice families would receive regarding a merger and what the time frame would be.

Mrs. Hawk asked if the choice came down to losing busing or losing pre-k, would this question be put to the community. She also suggested a half-day pre-k and half-day kindergarten.

Miss. Reymann commented that she does not want to cut any teacher or program. She will advocate for children and is willing to pay more taxes for the sake of the children. She emphasized that all voices are as important as the Board's.

Mr. Egbert expressed his appreciation for the Board and commented that an increase in taxes would be a serious concern.

O. PUBLIC COMMENT- AGENDA ITEMS OR ANY OTHER BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

None

P. OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Doerr asked about ID pictures.

Q. NEW BUSINESS -- None

R. DISTRICT GOALS (Attachment #23)

Miss Reymann pointed out that communication is not limited to Facebook

A. Motion to accept Weymouth Township School District Goals 2018-2019

Motion	T.Seelman	Second	P.Doerr
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Motion passed by voice vote of 7-0-0.

S. ADJOURNMENT 8:17pm

Motion	P.Doerr	Second	C.Reymann
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Motion passed by voice vote of 7-0-0.

Next Meeting - Regular Meeting – Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 pm

Minutes submitted by: _____

Patricia Palmieri, MBA