

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILES GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 22, 2007 AT THE MARY SHOEMAKER SCHOOL AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Baum, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Bumpus led the group in a moment of silence to recognize a 1960's graduate Solomon Brown Watson IV in recognition of Black History month.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Baum then led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Baum, President, read the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Today's Sunbeam, Elmer Times, Borough of Woodstown Municipal Hall, Township of Pilesgrove Municipal Hall, general offices and faculty rooms of the district's three schools, the school district's central office, and with the Borough of Woodstown Clerk and the Township of Pilesgrove Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum. Mr. Crouch arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Members absent: Mr. Mortimer.

Also in attendance: Mr. Robert Bumpus – Superintendent of Schools and Christopher J. Russo – School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Administrators in attendance: Dr. Hoopes, Mrs. Cioffi, Mr. Paolizzi and Mrs. Braxton.

PRESENTATIONS/ RECOGNITIONS

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Ms. Cioffi, Mary Shoemaker School Principal, introduced Students of the Month for February: Michelle Miles and Nicholas Painter.

Dr. Hoopes, High School Principal, introduced Junior Wolverines for February: Emily Runzer and Nicholas DiPietropolo.

Dr. Hoopes, High School Principal, introduced Wolverines of the Month for February: Ashley Engel and Wesley Asher.

Mr. Merkle, Athletic Director, introduced and recognized physical education teacher Gail Remster for going "Above and Beyond."

Dr. Hoopes, High School Principal, introduced the following high school award winning students:
Ashlee Nichols – "World Class Student"
Nicholas Malos – "Honorable Mention, Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museums Essay Contest". Mr. Malos then read his essay to the Board.

Dr. Hoopes introduced Mr. Mazzagatti, High School Mock Team Trial Coach, who introduced some of the team members. The team members then demonstrated a mock trial for the Board.

Mr. Merkle, along with team coaches, presented awards to students of the following championship teams:
Girls Cross Country, Mr. Frassenei, Coach
Girls Soccer, Mr. Morgan, Coach

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 9-0-1 to approve the Regular and Executive minutes of the following Board of Education meeting:

January 25, 2007

Roll Call: ayes: (9) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Frazier; nays: (0); abstentions: (1) Mr. Baum

FINANCE/FACILITY REPORT

FINANCE/FACILITIES

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve the following Business Administrators recommendations:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3, I certify that as of December 31, 2006, no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a). (see page 6 thru 30)

Board Secretary

Date

The December 31, 2006 preliminary Report of the Treasurer of School Funds for the 2006-2007 school year is in agreement with the December 31, 2006 preliminary Report of the Board Secretary, pending audit. (see page 31)

The December 31, 2006 Preliminary Reports of the Board Secretary and Board Treasurer and, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4, certify that as of February 22, 2007, after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (revenue and appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Roll Call: ayes: (10) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

Motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 10-0 to approve the transfer of funds as previously approved by the Superintendent, pursuant to 18A:22-8.1, for the month of December 2006. (see page 32)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Painter, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve the EFT's for December 2006, additional hand check payments for December 2006, and payment list for the month of February 2007. (see page 33 through 40)

Roll Call: ayes: (10) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

Motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 10-0 to accept the following reports:
Cafeteria Report for the month of January 2007 (see page 41)
Student Activity Account and Athletic Account for the month of January 2007 (see page 42 thru 44)
Odyssey of the Mind for the months of January 2007 (see page 45)

Motion by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to accept the Woodstown Community School report for the month of January 2007. (see page 46)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION I – None

OLD BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

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Motion by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0 to approve and authorize the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the needs assessment and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan. (see page 47)

Motion by Mr. Painter, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 10-0 to approve the following 2007-2008 school election matters:

That Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. be set as the date and time of the election. Voting locations to be determined by the County Board of Elections.

That the Public Hearing on the budget for the 2007-2008 school year be held on Thursday, March 29, 2007, 6:00 p.m., at the Mary Shoemaker School.

That the drawing of names for position on the ballot be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2007, at the Board office at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Mrs. Bailey, seconded by Mr. Painter, and carried 10-0 to approve home instruction for the following high school students:

- A.B. – administrative
- A.B. – administrative

PERSONNEL

PERSONNEL (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to accept the resignation of Joseph Ursino as assistant tennis coach for the 2006-2007 school year. (see page 48)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 8-0-0 by roll call (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to appoint Joan Hackl as an elementary school teacher at Bachelor's, Step 1 (\$38,401), retroactive to January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

Roll Call: ayes: (8) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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The Board reviewed the February 8, 2007 Educational Programs Committee Report submitted by Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Eileen Miller. The following recommendations were acted upon:

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to approve out-of-district placement for classified student S.G. with Creative Achievement effective February 12, 2007 through the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year at an anticipated tuition cost of \$13,650.12. (see page 49)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0 to approve the following overnight field trips:
Band trip to Baltimore, Maryland, March 11-13, 2007
FFA trip to the state convention in New Brunswick, NJ, May 22-24, 2007

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to approve limiting the acceptance of incoming students to the Communications Academy at fifteen for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to approve home instruction for the following high school students:

- M.H. – administrative
- J.L. – medical

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve home instruction for the following middle school student:
S.C. – administrative

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve out-of-district placement for classified student A.B. with Pineland Learning Center effective January 10, 2007 through the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year at a per diem of \$199.60 for an estimated tuition cost of \$20,359.20. (see page 50)

PERSONNEL
COMMITTEE

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The Board reviewed the February 8, 2007 Personnel Committee Report submitted by Committee Chairperson, George Rey. The following recommendations were acted upon:

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to appoint Robert L. Morgan to the position of district electrician at \$50,000 per annum plus an annual stipend of \$4,975 for applicable license, prorated, effective March 19, 2007 through June 30, 2007.

Roll Call: ayes: (10) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to remove substitute B.D. from the approved Substitute List. (see page 51)

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to approve the following Substitute List additions for the 2006-2007 school year:

Billy Bobbitt – teacher
Kathryn Cook – instructional assistant

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve emergent hiring resolution for the following new employees for the 2006-2007 school year:

Robert L. Morgan
Billy Bobbitt
Kathryn Cook

Roll Call: ayes: (10) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0 to accept the resignation of Matthew Liber as a custodian, effective February 2, 2007. (see page 52)

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to approve the following volunteer for the 2006-2007 school year:

Jeremiah Jamison – Odyssey of the Mind

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0 to approve the following extra-duty appointment for the 2006-2007 school year:

John Adams – Assistant Boys Track and Field Coach, Step 1 at a stipend of \$2,434 (to be adjusted upon completion of negotiations).

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to approve payment to listed high school staff for after-hours workshop participation. (see page 53 through 54)

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve payment to listed Shoemaker and middle school staff for after-hours workshop participation. (see page 55 through 58)

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve Sue Chapman as a gifted/talented Scrapbook coach, 8 hours, with a stipend of \$22.77 per hour (stipend to be adjusted upon completion of negotiations).

(Note: Ms. Chapman will replace Ms. Christine Nowmos who was previously appointed to this position.)

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to appoint the following staff members as mentors for first-year teachers at a stipend of \$550, prorated, (stipend to be adjusted upon completion of negotiations) effective January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007 Stipend to be paid from Title II Part A:

Cherie Lower for Kristin Schlichter
Christy Carpenter for Joan Hackl
Rebecca Schalick for Kathleen Biel

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve classroom observation and practicum placement requests. (see page 59 thru 60)

POLICY COMMITTEE

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The Board reviewed the February 1 and 6, 2007 Policy Committee Report submitted by Committee Chairperson, Chapman Vail. The following recommendations were acted upon:

Motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to adopt the following policies on second reading: (see Policy book)

Series 4000 – Support Staff Members
Policy #3362 – Sexual Harassment – Teaching Staff Member

(Note: As per Policy Committee minutes, Policy #4219 (Commercial Driver...) has been removed from the 4000 series.)

Roll Call: ayes: (10) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

Motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve the following policies for a first reading:

Series 5000 – Pupils

(Note: Attachment includes only those policies which have suggested revisions.)

Roll Call: ayes: (10) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

FINANCE/FACILITIES /
TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE

FINANCE/FACILITIES TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed the February 13, 2007 Finance/Facilities/Transportation Committee Reports submitted by Committee Chairperson, Mr. Frank Frazier. The following recommendations were acted upon:

Motion by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 9-1-0 by roll call to approve the following:

Whereas, the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education must, by law, set the tuition rates for 2007-2008, and

Whereas, the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education must, by law, use the forms devised by the Commissioner of Education for the calculation of same.

Therefore, the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education adopts the tuition rates for the 2007-2008 school year as follows:

Regular High School	\$10,543.00
Share-Time High School	\$5,271.50
Grades 6 – 8	\$7,965.00
IPS and World Language	\$996.00
Grades 1 – 5	\$7,732.00
Kindergarten	\$6,962.00
Multiply Disabled.....	\$11,838.00
Preschool Disabled	\$16,528.00
Resource Room	\$11.98/hr. and

Therefore, authorizes the Board Secretary/Business Administrator to enter into contracts with all districts for the purpose of tuition payment for the 2007-2008 school year.

Roll Call: ayes: (9) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (1) Mr. Morris; abstentions: (0)

Motion by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0 to approve the following:

Contract with Salem County Board of Vocational Education for Tech Prep Services for the 2006-2007 school year. (see page 61 through 62)

Contract with B.R. Williams Inc. (quote) for high school special education student D.R. to be transported to and from John Campbell Family Center Alternative High School beginning January 2, 2007 through June 30, 2007 at a per diem of \$90.00 (mileage increase/decrease rate of \$1.50) for 108 days for a total cost to the district of \$9,720.00. (Note: Total cost is under bid threshold.)

Accept reports of the Fire Drills performed at the High/Middle School for the month of January 2007. (see page 63)

Motion by Mr. Frazier, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve the following:

Accept reports of the Fire Drills performed at the Mary Shoemaker School for the month of January 2007. (see page 64)

OTHER REPORTS

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The following verbal reports were given:

Mr. Baum, President, reported on the following:

- Commended Administration and the Board office for their work on the budget.
- Task Force to present plans at a March meeting.

Mr. Bumpus, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following:

- Public relations campaign to inform public of 08 budget.
- Making good progress on the comprehensive revision of the policy manual and should be complete according to plan.

Mr. Russo, Board Secretary, reported on the following:

- Task Force meetings concluded on February 15th. Two plans will be presented at an upcoming meeting.
- Reviewed budget timelines and caps.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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The Administrative Reports were attached to Superintendent's Monthly Report and delivered under separate cover.

SENDING DISTRICT REPORTS

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Mrs. Ronnie Merriel – Upper Pittsgrove Rep. – Nothing to report.
Mr. Richard Morris – Alloway Rep. – Nothing to report.

SACC REPORT

SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE (SACC) REPORT (Mrs. Julie Bailey) – Nothing to report.

DELEGATE REPORT

DELEGATE REPORT (Mr. George Rey) – Nothing to report.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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February 24, 2007 – Facility walk-thru, meet at district office at 9:00 a.m.
February 28, 2007 – Policy Committee, 7:00 p.m., district office
March 1, 2007 – Finance/Facilities Committee, 7:00 p.m., district office
March 6, 2007 – Special Board meeting to adopt budget, 7:00 p.m., district office
March 8, 2007 – Personnel Committee, 6:00 p.m., district office
March 8, 2007 – Ed Programs Committee, 7:30 p.m., district office
March 22, 2007 – Special Board meeting for Task Force presentation, 7:00 p.m., high school auditorium
March 29, 2007 – Public Hearing & Regular Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., Mary Shoemaker School Library
April 12, 2007 – Special Board meeting, 6:00 p.m., district office, light dinner will be served (superintendent's evaluation, etc.)

IMPORTANT DATES

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION I

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail and carried 10-0-0 by roll call, that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss items in accordance with NJSA 10:4-12B. Matters discussed in executive session will remain confidential until such time the need for confidentiality no longer exists. (9:05 P.M.)

a. Student Personnel Matter

Roll Call: ayes: (10) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

RESUME PUBLIC PORTION

Motion by Mr. Painter, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 10-0 to resume the public portion of the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Painter, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to extend the suspension of D.W. beyond first regular board meeting after pending court release and after a CST examination.

Roll Call: ayes: (10) Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Merriel, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Vail, Mr. Frazier and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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The Board received the following:

- Calendars
- Suspension Reports
- Enrollment Reports
- Shoemaker Spotlight

COMMUNICATIONS

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Thank you from Audrey Cleary (see page 65)

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bailey, and carried 10-0, there being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Christopher J. Russo
School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Approved by Motion of the Board

Date

Signature/BA