

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILESGROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 18, 2008 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.

FLAG SALUTE

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

Mr. Baum 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: Mr. Baum, Mr. Crouch, Mr. Frazier, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Tierno, and Mr. Vail.

Members absent: Mrs. Duffield

Also in attendance: Dr. James Kerfoot – Interim Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Harold O'Neil – Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

STAFF/STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

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Ms. Cioffi, Mary Shoemaker School Principal, introduced Young Wolverines of the Month for December: Averi Long and Matthew Murphy.

Mr. Fagnoli, Middle School Principal, introduced Middle School Junior Wolverines for December: Amanda Chasten and Chad Robert Sobel.

Dr. Hoopes, High School Principal, introduced Wolverines of the Month of December: Christine Serwan and Sean Banger.

PROGRAM PRESENTATION

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Ms. Lori Raggio and Mr. Adam Hyland gave a presentation on the high school art department's project which studies the works of Gordon Parks, an American photographer, musician, poet, novelist, journalist, activist and film director.

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Mrs. Tierno, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 10-0 to approve the following minutes:

- November 13, 2008
- November 20, 2008
- November 25, 2008
- December 1, 2008

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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Motion by Mrs. Tierno, seconded by Mrs. Miller, 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 October 31, 2008, no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a). (see page ___)

Board Secretary

Date

The October 31, 2008 preliminary Report of the Treasurer of School Funds for the 2008-2009 school year is in agreement with the October 31, 2008 preliminary Report of the Board Secretary, pending audit. (see page ___)

The October 31, 2008 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 December 18, 2008, 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) Mr. Crouch, Mr. Frazier, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Tierno, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Tierno, 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 October 2008 and the additional transfers for the month of September 2008. (see page ___)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Tierno, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve EFT's for the month of November 2008, additional hand check payments for the month of November 2008, and payment list for the month of December 2008. (see page ___)

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

Motion by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Painter, and carried 10-0 to approve voiding the following checks:
Check #45404 dated 10/23/08, payable to Kaye Littleton Drill Concepts in the amount of \$1,200.00, issued under P.O. #473-09 due to incorrect vendor name. Check will be reissued under check #45496 to Keith Littleton.

Check #45645 dated 11/20/08, payable to The College Board MSRO in the amount of \$180.00, issued under P.O. #757-09 due to incorrect amount. Check will be reissued in the amount of \$175.00 under check #45800.

Check #45528 dated 11/20/08, payable to Melissa Cifaloglio in the amount of \$3,021.70, issued under P.O. #951-09 due to incorrect amount. Check will be reissued in the amount of \$511.52 under check #45677.

Motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 10-0 to accept the following reports:
Student Activity Account and Athletic Account for the month of November 2008 (see page ___)
Scholarships for the month of November 2008 (see page ___)
Odyssey of the Mind for the months of September, October and November 2008 (see page ___)
Cafeteria report for the month of October 2008 (see page ___)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, 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 November 2008. (see page ___)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION I – None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mr. Painter, and carried 10-0 to accept the election results of the 2008 special election which was held on December 9, 2008. (see page ___)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve the following:
High school field trips. (see page ___)

Acceptance of FY2008 NCLB Consolidated Grant funds for (Title I School Improvement Fund, Part A) in the amount of \$2,942. (see page ___)

Acceptance of FY2009 IDEIA Consolidated Formula Grant award in the amount of \$267,702 (Basic). (see page ___)

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

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Tierno, and carried 8-0-0 by roll call (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to accept the FY2009 IDEIA Consolidated Formula Grant award in the amount of \$8,065 (Preschool). (see page ___)

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

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Painter, and carried 10-0 to approve high school field trips. (see page ___)

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve home instruction for middle school student 7208984835 - administrative.

PERSONNEL

PERSONNEL (As Recommended by the Superintendent)

Motion by Mrs. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to appoint Stephanie Williams as an instructional assistant to replace Mirjam Biegen, effective December 9, 2008 through February 6, 2009, at the substitute teacher rate of \$80 per day, with no benefits. (Note: Ms. Williams is filling in for Ms. Biegen who is replacing a Shoemaker teacher on leave of absence.)

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

Motion by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Painter, and carried 10-0 to table the following items until the next Personnel Committee meeting:

Recommendation to approve the following Substitute List additions:
Stephanie Hill – teacher
Veronica Shute – teacher

Emergent hiring resolution for the following new employee:
Veronica Shute

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve Michelle Delaney as middle school MathCounts gifted/talented coach for a total of 12 hours at a stipend of \$26.50 per hour for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Painter, and carried 8-0-0 by roll call (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to appoint Mirjam Biegen as first grade teacher at Bachelor's, Step 1 (\$44,000), prorated per diem, with no benefits, effective December 8, 2008 through February 6, 2009. (Note: Mrs. Biegen will be filling in for Lisa O'Brien who is on maternity leave.)

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

Motion by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 9-0-1 to approve the following:

Substitute List additions:

Staci Herbert – teacher

Barbara Albertson – teacher and school nurse.

Training opportunity for listed Board member. (see page ___)

High school technology mentors for the 2008-2009 school year. (see page ___)

Roll Call: ayes: (9) Mr. Crouch, Mr. Frazier, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rey, Mr. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Tierno, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (1) Mr. Painter abstained to Ms. Albertson's substitute recommendation only.

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 9-0-1 by roll call to approve emergent hiring resolution for the following new employees:

Substitute List additions:

Staci Herbert

Barbara Albertson

Roll Call: ayes: (9) Mr. Crouch, Mr. Frazier, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rey, Mr. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Tierno, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (1) Mr. Painter abstained to Ms. Albertson only.

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

Shoemaker school volunteers. (see page ___)

Gifted/talented coaches. (see page ___)

Shoemaker/middle school technology mentors for the 2008-2009 school year. (see page ___)

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

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The Board reviewed the December 4, 2008 Educational Programs Committee Report submitted by Committee Chairperson, Mrs. Eileen Miller. The following recommendations were acted upon:

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Tierno, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve the following: 2009-2010 Program of Studies booklet. (see page ___)

Purchase of Naviance web-based program for the high school guidance office. (see page ___)

Establishment of new club at the high school, The Gabriel Project, and approval of Melissa Cifaloglio as the adviser. (Note: Ms. Cifaloglio will not receive a stipend for serving in this capacity.) (see page ___)

Request to maintain enrollment at Woodstown High School. (see page ___)

High school field trips. (see page ___)

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

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Tierno, and carried 8-0-0 by roll call (voting not applicable to sending district representative) to approve the Submission of the Preschool Expansion Program Five-Year Plan to the Department of Education. (see page ___)

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

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

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The Board reviewed the December 4, 2008 Personnel Committee Report submitted by Committee Chairperson, George Rey. The following recommendations were acted upon:

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mr. Crouch, and carried 10-0 to approve the following:

Substitute List additions:

Diane Zoppina – teacher

Casey English – teacher

Diana Hellick – teacher

Kelly Hoffman – teacher

Volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year:
Melvin Jones, III – Boys Basketball
Colleen McGowan – Winter Track & Field

Extra-duty appointments for the 2008-2009 school year: (see page ___)
Drama Producer
Assistant Golf Coach

Clinical practice requests. (see page ___)

Seminars, conferences, and training opportunities for listed Board, district and high school staff.
(see page ___)

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Tierno, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to appoint Elizabeth Puglia as a non-teaching assistant at the high school at \$8.00 per hour, 3.5 hours per day, with no benefits, effective December 1, 2008 through the end of the 2008-2009 school year.

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

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Tierno, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to appoint Patrick Sarracino as a high school biology teacher at Bachelor's, Step 1 (\$44,000), prorated per diem, with no benefits, effective January 5, 2009 through March 31, 2009. (Note: Mr. Sarracino will be replacing Michelle Williams who will be on maternity leave.)

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

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mrs. Tierno, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve emergent hiring resolution for the following new employees for the 2008-2009 school year:

Casey English
Diana Hellick
Elizabeth Puglia
Patrick Sarracino

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

Motion by Mr. Rey, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 7-0-1 (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve the following:

Retirement of Shoemaker school health/physical education teacher, Paula Golladay, effective July 1, 2009, with congratulations and regrets. (see page ___)

Seminars, conferences, and training opportunities for listed Shoemaker and middle school staff.
(see page ___)

Clinical practice requests. (see page ___)

Student teaching request. (see page ___)

Counseling internship request. (see page ___)

Targeted assistance coaches for the 2008-2009 school year. (see page ___)

Maternity/child rearing leave for Deanna Hoffman-Bowling, Shoemaker school instructional assistant, in accordance with appropriate statute and Article VII-F of the negotiated agreement, up to twelve weeks of which will be in accordance with the family leave act, effective February 26, 2009, through April 15, 2009. (see page ___)

Volunteers for the 2008-2009 school year:
Tricia Painter – middle school activities/trips
Julie Bailey – middle school activities/trips

Roll Call: ayes: (7) Mr. Crouch, Mr. Frazier, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rey, Mr. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Tierno, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (1) Mr. Painter

POLICY COMMITTEE

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The Board reviewed the December 2, 2008 Policy Committee Report submitted by Committee Chairperson, Debra Tierno. No recommendations were presented.

REFERENDUM DISCUSSION

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The Board discussed available dates for the referendum.

Motion by Mr. Painter, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0-2 to set the referendum date as March 10, 2009 and to give the Business Administrator permission to notify the Board of Elections that the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District will be holding a referendum election on March 10, 2009.

Roll Call: ayes: (8) Mr. Crouch, Mr. Frazier, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mrs. Tierno, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (2) Mr. Morris and Mr. Schermerhorn

FINANCE/FACILITIES / TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

FINANCE/FACILITIES TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Board reviewed the December 2, 2008 Finance /Facilities/ Transportation Committee Report submitted by Committee Chairperson, Doug Painter. The following recommendations were acted upon:

Motion by Mr. Painter, seconded by Mr. Rey, and carried 10-0-0 by roll call to approve the following:
NJSBA Superintendent Search Agreement in the amount of \$6,500. (see page ___)

Reports of the Fire Drills performed at the High/Middle School for the month of November 2008.
(see page ___)

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

Motion by Mr. Painter, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 8-0-0 by roll call (voting not applicable to sending district representatives) to approve the following:
Revised HollyDell tuition contract for elementary school student 6796610656 which includes one-to-one nurse coverage for the 2008-2009 school year. (see page ___)

Gloucester County Special Services School District one-on-one program for elementary school student 8692232997 in the amount of \$32,040 for the 2008-2009 school year. (see page ___)

Acceptance of donation in the amount of \$200 from the Bridgeton Onized Federal Credit Union to the sixth grade team for their Junior Achievement program. (see page ___)

Payment to Bridgeton Board of Education for home instruction for elementary school student 5418121914 at \$28.00 per hour beginning 10/23/08 through 11/5/08. (see page ___)

Reports of the Fire Drills performed at the Mary Shoemaker School for the month of November 2008. (see page ___)

OTHER REPORTS

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The following verbal reports were given:

Mr. Baum, Board President, stated that he appreciates the energy administration is putting forth for the referendum.

Dr. Kerfoot, Interim Superintendent of Schools, reported that he attended the various wonderful holiday concerts put on by the students.

Mr. O'Neil, Interim Business Administrator, presented the Safety Award issued to us from NJSBAIG. He also informed the Board that in their folder was a copy of the letter of thank you to Richard E. Pierson for his generous donation of topsoil for the track project.

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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Mr. Morris – Alloway Rep., had nothing to report.

Mr. Schermerhorn – Upper Pittsgrove Rep., reported that their solar panel system is installed but they are having trouble with the electrical inspectors.

SACC REPORT

SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE (SACC) REPORT - Mrs. Miller had nothing to report.

DELEGATE REPORT

DELEGATE REPORT – Mrs. Eileen Miller, Delegate, reported that Mrs. Duffield attended the Delegate meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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- January 6, 2009 – Policy Committee, 6:30 p.m., district office
- January 8, 2009 – Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m., district office
- January 8, 2009 – Ed Programs Committee, 7:30 p.m., district office
- January 13, 2009 – Finance/Facilities Committee, 5:30 p.m., district office
- January 22, 2009 – Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 pm. Mary Shoemaker School Library

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION I

Motion by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mrs. Miller 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. (8:18 P.M.)

- a. Negotiations
- b. Personnel Matters

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

RESUME PUBLIC PORTION

Motion by Mrs. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0 to resume the public portion of the meeting at 10:25 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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- Calendars
- Suspension Reports
- Enrollment Reports
- Shoemaker Spotlight
- Shoemaker Music Notes

December 18, 2008

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Tierno, seconded by Mr. Vail, and carried 10-0, there being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Harold E. O'Neil, Jr.
Interim SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

Date

Signature/BA