

**WOOD-RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOOD-RIDGE, NEW JERSEY 07075  
PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA  
MAY 22, 2023**

***Call to Order***

***Open Public Meeting Statement***

This is a Regularly Schedule Public Session of the Wood-Ridge Board of Education and is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, also known as the Sunshine Law. This meeting has been approved by resolution adopted at the Re-Organization Meeting held on January 3, 2023. Notification has been sent to The Record. Notification has also been posted in the Wood-Ridge Borough Hall, the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, TAPinto.net and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education website.

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***Roll Call***

	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>	<b>Mr. O’Byrne</b>	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>
<b>Present</b>						
<b>Absent</b>						

***Executive Session:***

***Student Matters***

***Negotiations***

***Call to Order (reopen of public meeting)***

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***Presentation(s)/Recognition(s)/Award(s):***

***Student Representative Report – Emilie Dine***

***Student of the Month –May***

***Presentation(s)/Recognition(s)/Award(s) – Teachers of the Year:***

***Colleen Kozibroda - Wood-Ridge Junior/Senior High School***

***Laurie Lanfranchi – Wood-Ridge Intermediate School***

***Brittany Franchini – Catherine E. Doyle School***

***Retirement Recognition – Angela Daniele***

***Superintendent’s Report***

***Approval of Minutes*** – Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved minutes of the following meeting:

*Executive & Work Session Meeting:*  
*Executive & Public Session Meeting: April 24, 2023*

**MOTION,**

**SECOND**

		<b>In Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O’Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

***Motion Carried***

## **Committee Reports**

The Board of Education takes official action at its Business Meetings. Prior to the Board taking action at its business meetings, committee meetings are scheduled where in-depth approval occurs. At each committee meeting, the Board discusses recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools and other relevant items. Committee approval authorizes resolutions to be placed on the agenda of the next appropriate business meeting and/or possible formal action.

At the Board of Education's committee meetings, no formal action is taken. The typical schedule of meetings is as follows;

<b>Type of Meeting</b>	<b>Members</b>
Curriculum & Instruction	Mr. Christopher Garvin, Chairman Mr. Richard Fallon Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Albro
Personnel	Mr. Joseph Biamonte, Chairman Mr. Albie Nieves Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Albro
Policy	Mr. Richard Fallon, Chairman Mr. Dylan O'Byrne Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Albro
Building & Grounds	Mr. Joseph Biamonte, Chairman Mr. Dylan O'Byrne Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Albro Mrs. Jenine Murray
Finance	Mr. Christopher Garvin, Chairman Mr. Albie Nieves Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Albro Mrs. Jenine Murray

*(Each of these meetings may include an Executive Session for the Discussion  
Of Approval of matters that may be appropriate for Executive Session.)*

***New Business – Items for Discussion  
Hearing of Citizens (Resolutions Only)  
Hearing of Citizens  
Consent Agenda  
Communications  
Unfinished Business  
Hearing of Citizens  
Adjournment***

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PUBLIC SESSION AGENDA  
May 22, 2023**

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Mr. Christopher Garvin, Chairman**

**C&I 1: Approval of Home Instruction - Termination**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves termination of nursing companies/replacing nurse companies:

<b>Student ID</b>	<b>Attending School</b>	<b>Nursing Services Terminated</b>	<b>Nursing Services Replaced By:</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
52005550	St. Joseph School for the Blind	<p><b>Bayada</b> 3 day/Mon,Tue,Fri RN Rate: \$60/hr Up to 8hrs/day Starts: 2/13/23 <b>Terminate: May 5, 23</b></p> <p><b>Team Select Nursing</b> 2 days/Wed &amp; Thursday LPN Rate \$55/hr RN Rate \$62/hr Up to 8 hrs/day <b>Terminate: May 11, 23</b></p>	<p><b>New Service Replacing Bayada:</b></p> <p><b>TBD</b> <b>New Search In Progress for Mon/Tue/Fri Nurse</b></p> <p><b>New Service Replacing Team Select:</b> <b>Aveanna Healthcare (Loving Care Agency)</b> LPN: \$65/hr RN: \$70/hr Note: Nurse from Team Select will continue with Aveanna 2 Days/Wed/Thurs (LPN) Up to 8 hrs/Day</p>	<p><b>Start: TBD</b></p> <p><b>Loving Care Contract Start: 5/10/23</b></p>

**C&I 2: Approval of Temporary Home Instruction**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves temporary home instruction and related services during nurse search:

<b>Student ID</b>	<b>Attending School</b>	<b>Home Instruction</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Related Services</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
52005550	<b>St. Joseph School for the Blind Tuition</b> Hold - Charged for only days in school (average 2 days/wk only)	<b>BCSS</b> Educational Enterprises Up to 5/hrs/wk @ \$75/hr Tutor: N. VonEnde	<b>SBJC</b> Wed/Thurs Only Mon/Tues/Fri On Hold/Billable	<b>SBJC</b> OT 1x/wk/30 min PT 3x/wk/30 min  Rate: \$75/session	<b>Start:</b> 5/8/23  <b>Terminate:</b> TBD or 6/30/23

**C&I 3: Approval of Home Instruction**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following request for home instruction:

<b>Student ID #</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
52006256	Wood-Ridge Intermediate School	05/16/23	TBD
52006852	Wood-Ridge Intermediate School	5/18/23	TBD or by 6/16/23

**C&I 4: Approval of Evaluation Request**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following evaluation request:

<b>Student ID#</b>	<b>Type of Evaluation</b>	<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
52007502	Initial OT Evaluation	CCL	\$325	CST

**C&I 5: Approval of Guest Speaker – Journalism Club**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves Josh Martinez as a Guest Speaker. Mr. Martinez is a Z100 radio personality, representative of iHeartMedia, Inc. and he is scheduled to come in and speak with the students during their June 6, 2023 - Journalism Club meeting at WRIS.

**MOONACHIE INCLUDED: C&I – None**

**WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: C&I – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5**

**MOTION \_\_\_\_\_, SECOND \_\_\_\_\_**

		<b>In Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O’Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

*Motion Carried*

**PERSONNEL - Mr. Joseph Biamonte, Chairman**

**P1: (M) Approval of Personnel Appointment**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following personnel appointment:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>New Hire Replacement Transfer</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Compensation</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Stephen Lovretin	B&G	New Hire	Custodial Shift Differential	\$6,003.00	7/1/22	6/30/23
Richard Kirkman	B&G	New Hire	Night Custodial Supervisor	\$1,897.94	7/1/23	6/30/24
Stephen Lovretin	B&G	New Hire	Custodial Shift Differential	\$6,130.00	7/1/23	6/30/24
Danyel Garcia	B&G	New Hire	Summer Worker	\$15 per hour	6/19/23	8/31/23
Klejudi Elezaj	B&G	New Hire	Summer Worker	\$15 per hour	6/19/23	8/31/23
Matthew Murray	B&G	New Hire	Summer Worker	\$15 per hour	6/19/23	8/31/23
Marc Fazio	WRHS		Teacher Summer Learning Acceleration	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23



			Program - Math			
Kim Millar	WRHS		Teacher Summer Learning Acceleration Program - English	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23

**P2: (M) Approval of Student Volunteers for Community Hours for the After Care Program for the 2022-2023 School Year**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following students to volunteer community hours:

1. Shamir Shah
2. Gabriela Vazquez
3. Nashely Uceta
4. Aileen Liz
5. Matthew Habib
6. Kiriakos Tsocanos

**P3: Approval of Request for Leave of Absence**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following request for leave of absence:

Staff ID	Assignment	Leave Begins	Use of Sick Days	Use of Personal Days	Use of Unpaid Days	Return Date
4193-3985	Teacher	5/15/23	22	0	0	9/1/23

**P4: (M) Acknowledgement of Retirement – Angela Daniele**

**WHEREAS**, Angela Daniele been an employee of the Wood-Ridge School District for twenty-five years;

**AND WHEREAS**, Angela Daniele has served with distinction and dedication as a teacher for the Wood-Ridge School District;

**AND WHEREAS**, Angela Daniele has given notice of her retirement effective June 30, 2023;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Wood-Ridge Board of Education recognizes the contributions of Angela Daniele and extends their sincere gratitude and appreciation to her and wishes her a long and happy retirement.

**P5: (M) Approval of Appointment of Substitute**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following request for appointment of substitute:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Substitute Position</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
Lisa Pedulla	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Tony Albro

**P6: Approval of Summer Acceleration Learning Personnel Appointments**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following personnel appointments

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Compensation</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Jaime Oppido	WRIS	Grade 4/5 Math	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Laurie Lanfranchi	WRIS	Grade 4/5 ELA	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Jessica Finley (pending student enrollment)	CED	Teacher- Summer Learning Acceleration Program	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Meghan Neumuller (pending student enrollment)	CED	Teacher- Summer Learning Acceleration Program	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Ashlyn Cortina (pending student enrollment)	CED	Teacher- Summer Learning Acceleration Program	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Ann Marie Moccia (pending student enrollment)	CED	Teacher- Summer Learning Acceleration Program	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Kelly Manicone (pending student enrollment)	CED	Teacher- ESL Summer Learning Acceleration Program	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Natalia Lorenzo (pending student enrollment)	CED	Teacher- ESL Summer Learning Program	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23

Brittany Franchini	CED	Substitute- Summer Learning Acceleration Program	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Erica Lindner	CED	Substitute- Summer Learning Acceleration Program	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23
Theresa Trivigno	CED	Nurse	\$63.27 per hour	06/21/23	07/26/23

#### **P7: Approval of Home Instruction Personnel**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following home instruction personnel:

<b>Student ID #</b>	<b>Teacher/Subject</b>	<b>Compensation</b>	<b>State Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
52006852	T Prudente (WR Teacher) Math/English/Soc.Study /Science	\$45.35/hr Up to 10 hours/wk Lessons at WR Library	5/18/23 (estimated start date)	TBD or by 6/16/23
52006256	Roberta Blender - WRIS	\$45.35 per hour/10 hours per week	05/16/23	TBD

**MOONACHIE INCLUDED: P – 1, 2, 4, 5**

**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_, **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_

		<b>In Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O’Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

*Motion Carried*

**WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: P - 3, 6, 7**

**MOTION**\_\_\_\_\_, **SECOND**\_\_\_\_\_

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O’Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

*Motion Carried*

**POLICY – Mr. Richard Fallon, Chairman** - None at this time

**BUILDING & GROUNDS - Mr. Joseph Biamonte, Chairman**

**B&G 1: (M) Approval of the Statement of Assurance for the 2022-2023 Lead Testing Program for submission to the County Office**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the Statement of Assurance for 2022-2023 Lead Testing Program for submission to the county office.

**MOONACHIE INCLUDED: B&G – 1**

**MOTION**\_\_\_\_\_, **SECOND**\_\_\_\_\_

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O’Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

*Motion Carried*

**WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: B&G - None**

## **FINANCE - Mr. Christopher Garvin, Chairman**

### **F1: (M) Approval of Bills List**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the following:

- a. Bills List for Month of May 2023 in the amount of \$ 400,800.40
- b. Manual checks from 04/21/2023 to 05/17/2023 in the amount of \$316,648.93
- c. Payroll Transfers for the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$1,702,126.24
- d. Enterprise Funds for the month of April 2023 in the amount of \$0.00

### **F2: (M) Approval of Fund Raiser**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following donations:

<b>Description of Activity &amp; Role of Students</b>	<b>Name of Organization</b>	<b>Staff Member/Sponsor</b>	<b>Date/Time/ Location</b>
Golf Outing at Mine Brook Country Club 500 Schooleys Mountain Rd. Hackettstown, NJ \$125/golfer	WR Boys Basketball	J. Maher	6/29/23 – 7:30 am – 2 pm
Blue Devils Basketball Basketball Camp WRHS Gym \$125/camper \$200/family	WR Boys Basketball	J. Maher	6/19/23-6/22/23 8:45 am – 12 pm

### **F3: Approval of Acceptance of Donations**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the following donations:

<b>Donation Item(s)</b>	<b>Purpose/ Explanation</b>	<b>Donated by</b>	<b>Donated to</b>
Gaga Ball (provided by Funtime Entertainment)	Field Day	Buonomo, Scalera, Ayres, Bellini, Cannizarro, Cata, DiPopolo, Wall, LaRosa and Wright Families	WRIS
Italian Ice (provided by Lyndhurst Pastry Shop)	Field Day	Vicki's Bar and Liquor, AnnaBellas House of Mozzarella, Q-2 Communications, , 7and Gadaletta Cooling and Heating	Doyle

Funtime Entertainment Bounce Houses	Field Day	The following families: Crews, Chinni, Rennie, Maher, Caputo, Tacinelli , DeMaio, LaRosa, Wright, McGuire, Cata, Formisano, Scarvaglione, DeCandia, Allshouse, Kruczek, Le	Doyle
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**MOONACHIE INCLUDED: F 1, 2**

**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_, **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_

		<b>In Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O’Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

*Motion Carried*

**WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: F 3**

**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_, **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_

		<b>In Favor</b>	<b>Opposed</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O’Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

*Motion Carried*

## **BOARD OPERATIONS**

### **BO1: (M) Approval of the Ratification of May 8, 2023 Public Session Board Meeting Resolutions**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves of the ratification of all resolutions appearing on the May 8, 2023 Public Session agenda of the Wood-Ridge Board of Education.

### **BO2: (M) Approval of the Agreement with New England Institute of Technology for Occupational Therapy Internships**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education hereby approves of the agreement with New England Institute of Technology for Occupational Therapy Internships for the purpose of having the Wood-Ridge School District serve as a site for the Fieldwork training of Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants.

### **BO3: (M) Approval to submit an amendment to the 2022-2023 Application for ESEA-ESSA**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Amendment for ESEA-ESSA Carry Over Funds from the 2021-2022 ESEA-ESSA Final Report. Changes to the original 2022-2023 Title Fund categories are as follows:

	Original	Carry Over	Total Funds
Title I	\$49,512	\$ 6,709	\$ 56,221
Title II	\$20,084	\$ 3,903	\$ 23,987
Title III*	\$23,320	\$ 24,555	\$ 47,875
Title III Immigrant	\$ 4,707	\$ 2,533	\$ 7,240
Title IV	\$10,000	\$ 9,749	\$ 19,749

\*Includes Consortium funds

### **BO4: (M) Approval of Food Service Management Contract for 2023-2024 School Year**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education has received written notification from the firm of Nu-Way Concessionaires, Inc., of Kearny, New Jersey, indicating their desire to enter into the Fifth Renewal (contract year 5 of 5) of their contract for Food Service Management with the Wood-Ridge Board of Education for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 as per the terms and conditions of the contract and incorporated herein by reference; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent awards the Food Service Management services to NuWay Concessionaires for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

The Food Service Management Company shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, a Management Fee of \$0.260 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalents to compensate the Food

Service Management Company for management and administrative costs. These fees shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The Local Education Agency guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the Food Service Management Company.

The estimated cost of the 2023-2024 contract is \$545,616.80. There will be no guarantee required for this contract year.

**BO5: (M) Approval of Breakfast/Lunch Prices for the 2023-2024 School Year**

The Board of Education approves the price for breakfast/lunch for the 2023-2024 school year, with increases. Prices are as follows:

Breakfast - \$2.00 - (grades 7th – 12th only)

Lunch - \$3.50

**BO6: (M) Approval of District Support for Approval of Bills S3203/A4835**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey (“Board”), has experienced and continues to experience a severe hardship and shortage in employing bus drivers on a part-time and full-time basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for transportation of students due to homelessness, emergency relocation and out-of-district placements combined have increased significantly since the school year 2021-22; and

**WHEREAS**, the increase in demand has caused the Board, in part, to resort to hiring bus drivers from other school districts thereby significantly increasing the salary and/or hourly pay of bus drivers to the detriment of the Board and other school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, at times, the Board has had to cancel, postpone and rearrange student field trips, sporting events or extracurricular activities due to bus driver shortages, call-outs and illnesses; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has exhausted creative solutions to fulfill the needs of districtwide student transportation, including, but not limited to, requiring custodians to obtain bus driver license endorsements (and paying for training and time-off to qualify), hiring municipal employees part-time and paying parents/guardians to transport their own child(ren); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, in part, meets the current need for student transportation by utilizing school vehicles with a maximum capacity of nine (9) passengers or less (excluding the driver); and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Legislature has a bill, A4835/S3203, before it that would permit certain persons to operate Type S school buses, without obtaining a commercial driver license,



passenger endorsement, or school bus endorsement that would help alleviate the Board's severe hardship and shortage in employing bus drivers on a part-time and full-time basis;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BOROUGH OF WOOD-RIDGE, COUNTY OF BERGEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, THAT:**

1. The Board urges the New Jersey Legislature to approve bill A4835/S3203; and
2. The Board urges the Governor of the State of New Jersey to sign bill A4835/S3203 making it law of the State of New Jersey and that the law be effective as soon as possible.

**MOONACHIE INCLUDED: BO – 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_, **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O'Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

*Motion Carried*

**WOOD-RIDGE INCLUDED: BO – 2**

**MOTION** \_\_\_\_\_, **SECOND** \_\_\_\_\_

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	<b>Mr. Fallon</b>			
	<b>Mr. Garvin</b>			
	<b>Mr. O'Byrne</b>			
	<b>Mr. Vaccaro</b>			
	<b>Mr. Biamonte</b>			
	<b>Mr. Nieves</b>			

*Motion Carried*