

**WOOD-RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 25, 2019**

The Wood-Ridge Board of Education of the Borough of Wood-Ridge, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, convened for a Regularly Scheduled Public Meeting on March, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Wood-Ridge High School Auditorium.

This is a Public Meeting 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. Notification has been sent to The Record. Notification has also been posted in the Wood-Ridge Borough Hall, the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, [TAPinto.com](http://TAPinto.com) and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education's website.

**ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Biamonte, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Garvin, Mr. Monti and Mr. Nieves

**ABSENT:** Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Cipriano, Assistant Superintendent DeNobile, Board Secretary Murray and Board Attorney Roberts

Mr. Nieves read the following statement: The Wood-Ridge Board of Education now has a need to discuss issues regarding the following topic areas:

***Personnel Matters***

all of which fall within an exception to our policy entitled "Public and Executive Sessions", which permits this board of education to have private or closed discussions on topic areas which are exceptions contained in the Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A.10:4-12b.

I will entertain a motion to enter into closed session. On the motion of Mr. Biamonte seconded by Mr. Fallon, the meeting will be adjourned into closed session. The motion was passed unanimously. It is hereby resolved that the Board will now go into private or closed session to discuss:

***Personnel Matters***

Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practicable. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene the public meeting at the conclusion of the closed session.

At 7:27 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Biamonte seconded by Mr. Fallon, the Board voted unanimously to reopen the public meeting. The public meeting reconvened at 7:32 p.m. and Mr. Nieves read the following statement:

This is a Public Meeting 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. Notification has been sent to The Record. Notification has also been posted in the Wood-Ridge Borough Hall, the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, [TAPinto.com](http://TAPinto.com) and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education's website.

**ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Biamonte, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Monti and Mr. Nieves

**ABSENT:** Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Cipriano, Assistant Superintendent DeNobile, Board Secretary Murray and Board Attorney Roberts

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

**Acknowledgement and Accomplishments of Varsity Basketball Team and Competition Cheer Team  
Student Safety Data Presentation September 1, 2018-December 31, 2018 by Keith Lisa  
WRPEF Presentation**

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Cipriano updated the public on upcoming fundraisers. Student presentations were given out for Student of the Month for the High School and Intermediate School and Third Grade Spelling Bee Finalists.

***Approval of Minutes***

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meetings:

*Executive Session:* February 25, 2019

*Public Session :* February 25, 2019

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Fallon*

**ROLL CALL**

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

## ***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><i>Type of Meeting</i></b>	<b><i>Members</i></b>
Curriculum & Instruction	Mr. Christopher Garvin, Chairman Mr. Patrick Ambrosio Mr. Nicholas Cipriano Dr. Sue DeNobile
Personnel	Mr. Joseph Biamonte, Chairman Mr. Albie Nieves Mr. Nicholas Cipriano
Policy	Mr. Richard Fallon, Chairman Mr. Albie Nieves Mr. Nicholas Cipriano
Buildings & Grounds	Mr. Patrick Ambrosio, Chairman Mr. Joseph Biamonte Mr. Nicholas Cipriano Mrs. Jenine Murray
Finance	Mr. Christopher Garvin, Chairman Mr. Albie Nieves Mr. Nicholas Cipriano Mrs. Jenine Murray

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

### **Liaison Report –**

### **Hearing of Citizens (Resolutions Only) –**

*None*

## RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

### CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

#### **C&I 1 Approval of Evaluation Requests**

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

	<i>Student ID#</i>	<i>Type of Evaluation:</i>	<i>Vendor:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Requested By:</i>
a.	52006712	OT Initial Evaluation	CCL Therapy	\$300	CST
b.	9921	OT Reevaluation	CCL Therapy	\$320	CST
c.	52006457	OT Evaluation	CCL Therapy	\$300	CST

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon*  
*Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

#### **C&I 2 Approval of Related Services**

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

<i>Student ID#</i>	<i>Type of Evaluation:</i>	<i>Provided by:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Start Date:</i>	<i>Requested by:</i>
<b>52005524</b>	OT Therapy 1 hr/wk	Samantha DeFilippo (WR OT Therapist)	\$45.35/hr	March 12, 2019	CST

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon*  
*Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**C&I 3 (M) Approval of Out of District Placement**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following out of district placement:

<i>BOE</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Placement Location</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Dates</i>
M	52006841	<u>Windsor Prep HS</u> \$21,234.24 (pro-rated) 72 days @ \$294.92/day	SBJC Transport	March 4, 2019 – June 20, 2019

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**C&I 4 (M) Approval for CST Home Instruction**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CST Home Instruction:

<i>BOE</i>	<i>Case #</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Instructors</i>	<i>Dates</i>
M	<b>52006332</b>	CCBH Fairfield NJ	CCBH Inc/ Progressive Educators Up to 10 hours/week @ \$75/hr  *Note: CCBH Placement N/C to Wood-Ridge	Feb. 27, 2019 – June 30, 2019

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**C&I 5 Approval of Assistive Technology Equipment Purchase**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following assistive equipment purchase:

<i>Student ID#</i>	<i>Assistive Equipment Purchase:</i>	<i>Vendor:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Requested By:</i>
<b>52006267</b>	iPad Mini 4	Amazon	\$399	CST
<b>52006267</b>	Otterbox Defender Case for iPad Mini 4	Amazon	\$44.99	CST
<b>52006267</b>	Chat Bag (Carrying Backpack Case)	Chat Bag	\$50 (includes Shipping)	CST

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

**ROLL CALL**

*In Favor: 3*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**C&I 6 (M) Approval of CST Test Protocol Order**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CST Test Protocol Order:

Organization: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
 Product: Woodcock-Johnson IV Achievement Standard & Extended Test Record w/ISR Form A  
 Price: (2) @ \$131.09/ pkg of 25  
 Total: \$262.18

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

**ROLL CALL**

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**C&I 7 Approval of Professional Development Requests**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following professional development requests:

a.	<b>Staff Members Attending:</b>	Anthony Albro, Doyle School Principal
	<b>Title of Workshop:</b>	Strengthen Your RTI Program! Powerful Strategies to Increase the Success of Your Current Response to Intervention Program

	<b>Date(s):</b>	Monday, May 20, 2019 and Tuesday, May 21, 2019
	<b>Location:</b>	Wilton Hotel, Mount Laurel, NJ
	<b>Registration Fee:</b>	\$595.00
	<b>Travel Expense(s):</b>	\$104.53
	<b>Total Cost Not to Exceed:</b>	\$699.50 Using Title IIA funds (At No Cost to District)

b.	<b>Staff Members Attending:</b>	Deanna Cucuzza, Doyle School Grade One Danielle Larkins-Engel, Doyle School Grade Two Ann Marie Moccia, Doyle School Grade Three
	<b>Title of Workshop:</b>	NGSS:Beyond the Basics, Grades K-5
	<b>Date(s):</b>	Friday, March 8, 2019
	<b>Location:</b>	Montclair State University
	<b>Registration Fee:</b>	\$450.00 total
	<b>Travel Expense(s):</b>	\$13.40 total
	<b>Total Cost Not to Exceed:</b>	\$450.00 Using Title IIA funds (At No Cost to District) \$13.40 Using 11-000-223-580-04-00-060

c.	<b>Staff Member Attending:</b>	Laura Paniagua
	<b>Title of Workshop:</b>	HIB Certification for NJ for Anti-Bullying coordinators and Administrators
	<b>Date(s):</b>	March 28, 2019
	<b>Location:</b>	Educators Training Institute, Boys & Girls club of Lodi, 460 Passaic Avenue, Lodi, NJ
	<b>Registration Fee:</b>	\$150 Acct. 11-000-223-320-08-00-300 PO #19-1059
	<b>Travel Expense(s):</b>	n/a
	<b>Total Cost Not to Exceed:</b>	\$150

Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte

ROLL CALL

*In Favor: 3  
 Opposed: 0  
 Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**C&I 8 Approval of Student Teacher Observation**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following student teacher observation:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade/Subject</b>	<b>Teacher</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Requested By:</b>
Erica Lindner	Elementary School Counseling	Mrs. Laura Paniagua	3/12/19-5/15/19	Anthony Albro

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
 Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3  
 Opposed: 0  
 Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**C&I 9 Approval of Field Trip Chaperones**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the addition of parent chaperones, Vaso Pispitsos and Jenine Murray to the previously approved WRIS Choir to NJCU field trip on March 27, 2019.

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
 Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3  
 Opposed: 0  
 Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**C&I 10 (M) Approval of Field Trip Requests**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following field trip requests:

a.	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	The Bronx Zoo  Study of Animals
	<b>Dates of Trip</b>	May 31, 2019
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Ms. Focarino, Mrs. Pagliocca, Ms. Goodlin, Ms. Sanzari, Ms. Paskas, Ms. Humphrey  Para Professionals: Mrs. Rella, Mrs. Donato, Mrs. Scalone, Mrs. Mele, Mrs. Aviles
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	Mrs. Messina, Mrs. Sanzari, Mrs. Scalera, Mrs. Tucci, Mr. Lamaj, Mrs. Bogatch, Mrs. Campione

	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	Kindergarten
	<b># of Students</b>	72
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8:30 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	2:30 PM

b.	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Tenaflly Nature Center  Science: Nature Exploration
	<b>Dates of Trip</b>	May 22, 2019
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Mrs. Jupinka, Mrs. Franchini, Ms. Cortina, Ms. Cucuzza  Para Professionals: Mrs. Plaza
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	Mrs. Celentano, Mrs. D'Amico, Mrs. Sikora, Mrs. Torres, Mrs. Melis, Mrs. Buonomo, Mrs. DiPopolo, Mrs. Soontarodom, Mrs. Hayes
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	1st Grade
	<b># of Students</b>	89
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8:45 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	2:00 PM

c.	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Montclair State University  Cat in the Hat production
	<b>Dates of Trip</b>	April 4, 2019
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Mrs. Jupinka, Mrs. Franchini, Ms. Cortina, Ms. Cucuzza  Para Professionals: Mrs. Plaza
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	Mrs. Celentano, Mrs. D'Amico, Mrs. Sikora, Mrs. Torres, Mrs. Melis, Mrs. Buonomo, Mrs. DiPopolo, Mrs. Soontarodom, Mrs. Hayes
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	1st Grade
	<b># of Students</b>	89
	<b>Departure Time</b>	11:30 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	2:30 PM

d.	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Liberty Science Center – To supplement and support standards 5-PS3-1, 5-LS2-1, 5-ESS1-1 and 5-ESS1.A
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	05/23/2019
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Jamie Oppido, Kelly Muscle, Michele Palmieri, Raquel Ciliotta, Laurie Lanfranchi
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	Kelli Milne, Regina Wall, Nicole Buonomo, Aleydis Cubillos, Roseangela Guerriero, Lauren DiMascio, Christina Stasion, Thersa Santiago, Dana Gardella
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	<b># of Students</b>	88
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8:30 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	2:30 PM

e.	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Newark Museum (To supplement our curriculum on the Earth, Solar System, and the Universe through the museum’s planetarium presentation in addition to the exhibits on climate, geology, and fossils)
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	06/03/2019
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Alicia Molta, Kristin Borrelli, Monique Koernig, Kara Negro, Gabriella Panayoti, Betty Carroll
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	Keri Stellato, Kimberly Lange, Tiasha Lopez, Maryanne Scarimbolo, Lori Mascuch, Stefanie Cala, Vaso Pispitsos, Andrea Byrne
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
	<b># of Students</b>	82
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8:30 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	2:30 PM

<b>f. M</b>	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Museum for Jewish Heritage 36 Battery Place New York, NY Students will tour the Museum's various exhibits about the Holocaust including a special exhibit on the heritage, anti-Semitism and resistance within the context of the Holocaust. Students will then write an essay reflecting their experience.
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	5/29/19
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	M. Garvin
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	TBD
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	9
	<b># of Students</b>	21
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	2:35 PM

<b>g. M</b>	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Hayden Planetarium Rose Center for Earth & Space 200 Central Park West, NY Apply astronomy techniques to locate celestial objects and compare.
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	4/16/19
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	K. Perry
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	S. Turi/G. Kurz
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	Astronomy Class Grade 11 and 12
	<b># of Students</b>	30
	<b>Departure Time</b>	9 am
	<b>Return Time</b>	2 pm

**Items a - e only:**

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon*

*Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**Items f & g only:**

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**C&I 11 (M) Approval of Professional Development**

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves Dr. DeNobile, Assistant Superintendent, attend the New Jersey Association of School Administrators (NJASA) Spring Leadership Conference from May 15-17, 2019. Conference costs to include: registration of \$550.00 to be funded under Title IIA, lodging at \$100.00 per night (under NJ DOE waiver) and travel/meal expenses in accordance with OMB guidelines.

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**PERSONNEL**

**P 1 (M) Approval of Acceptance of Resignations**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following resignations:

a.	<b>Name:</b>	Michael Scarzafava
<b>M</b>	<b>Location:</b>	Wood-Ridge Jr/Sr High School
	<b>Position:</b>	Freshman Baseball Coach
	<b>Full-Time/Part-Time:</b>	Part-Time
	<b>Ending Date:</b>	March 1, 2019

b.	<b>Name:</b>	Victoria Garcia
	<b>Location:</b>	Catherine E. Doyle School
	<b>Position:</b>	Extended School Day Program - Grade 1 ELA
	<b>Full-Time/Part-Time:</b>	Part-Time
	<b>Ending Date:</b>	March 1, 2019

**Item a only:**

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**Item b only:**

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon*

*Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**P2 (M) Approval of Revision of Acceptance of Resignation**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepts the following personnel resignation:

<b><i>Name:</i></b>	Jessica Ardis
<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Child Study Team
<b><i>Position:</i></b>	School Psychologist
<b><i>Full-Time/Part-Time:</i></b>	Full Time
<b><i>Ending Date:</i></b>	March 20, 2019 <i>(revised from February 25, 2019 Board Meeting)</i>

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**P3 (M) Approval of Request for Paid Leave of Absence**

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

<b><i>Staff Member:</i></b>	Keri Parry
<b><i>Assignment:</i></b>	Jr/Sr High School Teacher

<b><i>Date to Begin Leave:</i></b>	May 29, 2019
<b><i>Anticipated Use of Accumulated Sick Days:</i></b>	15 Sick Days
<b><i>Anticipated Use of Accumulated Personal Days:</i></b>	3 Personal Days
<b><i>Date to Return to Duties:</i></b>	September 1, 2019

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

**ROLL CALL**

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**P 4 (M) Approval of Personnel Appointments**

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

a.	<b><i>Name:</i></b>	Yahnique M. Dawson
	<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Child Study Team
	<b><i>New Hire/Replacement/Transfer:</i></b>	Replacement (Jessica Ardis)
	<b><i>Position:</i></b>	School Psychologist
	<b><i>Full-Time/Part-Time:</i></b>	Full-Time
	<b><i>Compensation:</i></b>	\$58,730 (pro-rated) – WREA MA+30, Step 4
	<b><i>Starting Date:</i></b>	March 18, 2019
	<b><i>Ending Date:</i></b>	June 30, 2019

b.	<b><i>Name:</i></b>	Evan Villareale
	<b><i>Location:</i></b>	Districtwide
	<b><i>New Hire/Replacement/Transfer:</i></b>	New Hire
	<b><i>Position:</i></b>	Para (1:1)
	<b><i>Full-Time/Part-Time:</i></b>	Part-Time (not to exceed 29 hours/week)
	<b><i>Compensation:</i></b>	\$15.44/hr

	<b>Starting Date:</b>	March 19, 2019
	<b>Ending Date:</b>	June 30, 2019

c.	<b>Name:</b>	Donna Coldon
	<b>Location:</b>	Catherine E. Doyle School
	<b>New Hire/Replacement/Transfer:</b>	Revision of contracted hours/ adding 8 hours per week
	<b>Position:</b>	Coverage Nurse
	<b>Full-Time/Part-Time:</b>	Part Time not to exceed 20 hours per week
	<b>Compensation:</b>	\$45.00 per hour
	<b>Starting Date:</b>	TBD
	<b>Ending Date:</b>	6/21/19

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
 Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL  
 In Favor: 4  
 Opposed: 0  
 Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**P 5 (M) Approval of Coaching Appointments**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following coaching appointments:

**a. Name:** Robert Carcich  
**Location:** Wood-Ridge Junior/Senior High School  
**Position:** Assistant Baseball Coach  
**Compensation:** \$3,819.36  
**Dates of Season:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

**b. Name:** Mark Whaley  
**Location:** Wood-Ridge Junior/Senior High School  
**Position:** Volunteer Track Coach Coach  
**Compensation:** N/A  
**Dates of Season:** March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 – June 5<sup>th</sup> 2019

Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
Seconded by: Mr. Monti

**ROLL CALL**

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.

**P 6 Approval of Leave Replacement Extension**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following leave replacement extension:

<b>Name:</b>	Emma-Rose Trentacosti
<b>Location:</b>	Wood-Ridge Intermediate School
<b>New Hire/Replacement/Transfer:</b>	Leave Replacement
<b>Position:</b>	Teacher
<b>Full-Time/Part-Time:</b>	Full-Time
<b>Compensation:</b>	\$249.90/diem
<b>Starting Date:</b>	December 3, 2018
<b>Ending Date:</b>	June 21, 2019

Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte

**ROLL CALL**

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.

**P 7 Approval of Title I Extended School Day Substitute Teacher**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following extended school day appointment:

<b>Name:</b>	Monique Koernig
<b>Location:</b>	WRIS
<b>New Hire/Replacement/Transfer:</b>	New Hire
<b>Position:</b>	Title I Extended School Day Substitute Teacher
<b>Full-Time/Part-Time:</b>	Part-Time

<b>Compensation:</b>	\$45.35/Hour
<b>Starting Date:</b>	January 31, 2019
<b>Ending Date:</b>	May 23, 2019

Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
 Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte

**ROLL CALL**

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.

**P 8 Approval of Doyle Title I Extended Day Remediation Program Personnel**

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

<b>Name:</b>	Deanna Cucuzza
<b>Location:</b>	Catherine E. Doyle School
<b>New Hire/Replacement/Transfer:</b>	Replacement (Resignation of V. Garcia)
<b>Position:</b>	Grade 1 Extended Day Remediation ELA
<b>Full-Time/Part-Time:</b>	Part-Time
<b>Compensation:</b>	\$45.35/per hour x 1 hour x 15 = \$650.25 (Title I)
<b>Starting Date:</b>	March 7, 2019
<b>Ending Date:</b>	June 17, 2019

Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
 Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte

**ROLL CALL**

In Favor: 3

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.

**P 9 (M) Approval To Provide Orton Gillingham Services**

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

Name:	Jill Crawford
Location:	WRHS
Position:	Orton Gillingham Instruction – Student: 10493
Compensation:	\$63.27/HR

Hours:	(1) 60 min. session/week
Starting Date:	March 4, 2019
Ending Date:	June 21, 2019

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**P 10 Approval of Home Instruction Personnel**

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

BOE:	WR
Student Id No.:	<b>52005524</b>
School:	Permanent Home Instruction
Teachers/Subjects:	Douglas Hamway
Rate:	\$45.35/hr Up to 12 hours per week
Start Date:	Friday, March 1, 2019
End Date:	Friday, June 21, 2019

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon*

*Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**P 11 (M) Approval of Chaperones**

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

<b>Names:</b>	D. Greenaway 4/5 & 4/7 L. Ames 4/5 T. Baumgartner 4/6 D. Hausner 4/6 K. Millar 4/7
<b>Event:</b>	42 <sup>nd</sup> Street Musical
<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 4/5, Saturday, 4/6 and Sunday 4/7

<b>Compensation:</b>	4 hrs. each night at \$41.19/hr.
----------------------	----------------------------------

Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
 Seconded by: Mr. Monti

ROLL CALL

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.

**P12 (M) Approval of Volunteer**

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

<b>Name:</b>	Matthew Cupo
<b>Event:</b>	42 <sup>nd</sup> Street Musical at WR Jr. Sr. HS
<b>Date:</b>	3/12 -4/12
<b>Compensation:</b>	n/a - Volunteer

Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
 Seconded by: Mr. Monti

ROLL CALL

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.

**POLICY**

**POL 1 Approval of Policy(ies)**

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

	<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
<b>A</b>	P0141.1	Board Member and Term – Sending District		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>B</b>	P0141.2	Board Member and Term – Receiving District		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>C</b>	P2415.06	Unsafe School Choice Option		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>D</b>	P2422	Health and Physical Education		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>E</b>	P2431.3	Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation for School-Sponsored Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>F</b>	P2610	Education Program Evaluation		X	2/25/19	3/25/19

<b>G</b>	P4219	Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>H</b>	P5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>I</b>	P5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>J</b>	P5337	Service Animals		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>K</b>	P5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>L</b>	P5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>M</b>	P5612	Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>N</b>	P5613	Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>O</b>	P5756	Transgender Students		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>P</b>	P7440	School District Security		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>Q</b>	P8461	Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>R</b>	P8561	Procurement Procedures or School Nutrition Programs		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>S</b>	P8860	Memorials		X	2/25/19	3/25/19

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**POL 2 (M) Approval of Regulation(s)**

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

	<b>Regulation #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
<b>A</b>	R2460.8	Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>B</b>	R5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>C</b>	R5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote	X		2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>D</b>	R5530	Substance Abuse		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>E</b>	R5600	Student Discipline/Code of Conduct		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>F</b>	R5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses		X	2/25/19	3/25/19

<b>G</b>	R5612	Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>H</b>	R5613	Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>I</b>	R7440	School District Security		X	2/25/19	3/25/19
<b>J</b>	R8461	Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses		X	2/25/19	3/25/19

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
 Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**POL 3 (M) Approval of Policy**

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

	<b>Policy #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
<b>A</b>	P1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	X		3/25/19	4/29/19

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
 Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**POL 4 (M) Approval of Regulation**

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

	<b>Regulation #</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Revision</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
<b>A</b>	R1642	Earned Sick Leave Law	X		3/25/19	4/29/19

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
 Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

*None at this time.*

## FINANCE

### **F 1(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 March, 2019 in the amount of \$663,829.03
- b. Manual Checks from 02/26/2019 to 03/22/2019 in the amount of \$267,859.03
- c. Payroll Transfers for the month of February 2019 in the amount of \$1,637,243.90
- d. Enterprise Funds for the month of February 2019 in the amount of \$6,060.34

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

### **F 2 Approval of Acceptance of Donation**

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

<b>Donation Item</b>	<b>Purpose/Explanation:</b>	<b>Donated by:</b>	<b>Donated to:</b>
Tumblebooks (online library) subscription-March 2019-March 2020.	For use in any classrooms and in community homes. Access to online reading materials and activities.	Wood-Ridge Public Education Foundation  (WRPEF will pay invoice directly)	Doyle School.

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon*

*Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

### **F 3 (M) Approval for Renewal of Agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC for 2019-2020 School Year for continuing disclosure agent services and Independent Registered Municipal advisors (“IRMA”).**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board approves the agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC. The Continuing Disclosure Agent Service fee is \$1,000 – base fee and a \$200.00 initial fee for each new bond issue set up during the year. This agreement will begin on July 1, 2019.

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

ROLL CALL  
In Favor: 4  
Opposed: 0  
Motion Carried

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

### **BOARD OPERATIONS**

#### **BO 1 Approval of Art Kids Academy Program**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Doyle School Art Kids Academy Program

Kindergarten-Grade 1

Mondays 4/29/19, 5/6/19, 5/13/19, 5/20/19, 6/3/19, 6/10/19

Grades 2 and 3

Wednesdays 5/1/19, 5/8/19, 5/15/19, 5/22/19, 6/5/19, 6/12/19

All registration fees paid by each family directly to the Vendor and the programs are offered at no cost to the District.

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

ROLL CALL  
In Favor: 3  
Opposed: 0  
Motion Carried

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

#### **BO 2 Approval of W-R Lions Club Amblyopia Screening**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Wood-Ridge Lions Club to conduct its annual Amblyopia Screening of Kindergarten – Third Grade students on May 6, 2019 at the Doyle School.

This event has taken place at our school for the past five years. Permission slips are sent home to each Kindergarten – Third grade family making them aware of this free vision screening that helps to detect a variety of eye disorders. Only students who return permission slips are permitted to participate in the voluntary screening. No physical contact is made with the students, and no eye drops are used. The screening takes place via the use of a specialized camera.

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

ROLL CALL  
In Favor: 3  
Opposed: 0  
Motion Carried

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

#### **BO 3 Approval of Title I Summer Transition Program**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Title I Summer Transition Program for students in Grade 2 through Grade 8 from Monday, July 1, 2019 – Wednesday, July 3, 2019 and Monday, July 8, 2019 – Thursday, July 25, 2019. The Title I Summer Transition Program will be held Monday through Friday; (total of 17

days) from 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. The program will provide one hour of English Language Arts Literacy instruction and one of hour of Mathematics instruction daily for each grade level.

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon*  
*Seconded by: Mr. Biamonte*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 3*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent. Mr. Monti abstained.*

**BO 4 (M) Approval of the Extended School Year Program (ESY)**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the Extended School Year (ESY) Program as designated under student's IEPs from Monday, July 1, 2018 –July 25, 2019 (Off July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>); Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (total of 17 days)

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*  
*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**BO 5 (M) Approval of Agreement with South Bergen Jointure Commission for Transportation Services**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purpose of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53,P.L. for the time period 2019-2020 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission.

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*  
*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**BO6 (M) Approval of Donna Ricker Day Classic**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves hosting the Donna Ricker Day Classic. Entry Fee is \$175 and the proceeds will be donated to the Donna Ricker Foundation, as well as 2 \$500 scholarships to a Senior Softball player from Bergen County.

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*  
*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**BO7 (M) Approval of Rescheduled Winter Sports Awards**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the rescheduling of the Winter Sports Awards to March 19<sup>th</sup> 2019, 6pm at the Fiesta. All tickets are \$30.

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

**BO8 (M) Approval of Donation of Sick Days and Use of Sick Bank**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the donation of eighty (80) days from the Wood-Ridge Education Association into in the District Sick Bank to be used for Case #4136 beginning on April 1, 2019 and continuing through June 21, 2019.

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

**BO9 (M) Approval of Participation in the American Heart Challenge Event**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves that the WRHS seniors help Mrs. Rella’s physical education class with The American Heart Challenge event on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Transportation will be provided by the district and students must have permission slips to assist with the event.

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

**BO10 (M) Approval of Purchase of Kyte Learning**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the purchase of Kyte Learning professional development platform for use across the district. The platform includes training content, materials, group and member management features, and custom course builder access. Kyte Learning fee of \$2,300.00 to be paid under Title IIA (no cost to district).

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte  
Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

**BO11 (M) Approval of Purchase of Instructional Resources**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorization for payment to Dan Gutman, a children's author, for instructional resources/DVD on becoming an author and for a virtual/Skype visit with students. Fee of \$500.00 to be paid under Title IV (no cost to district).

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Monti*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 4*

*Opposed: 0*

*Mr. Ambrosio and Mr. Garvin were absent.*

**Communications** – Mr. Nieves addressed the audience regarding the budget and district size.

**Unfinished Business** –

**New Business** –

**Hearing of Citizens** –

Bonnie Taylor asked why the numbers provided were different than what appears on the NJDOE website. Mr. Cipriano responded the numbers he provided were as of last week. Mrs. Taylor noted prior years numbers also were different. Mrs. Taylor also questioned special education costs, the cost to send students to Bergen Academies & Tech. Mrs. Murray answered \$9,306 a student. She also questioned state aid numbers and other budget numbers. She also asked why in user friendly budget has categorized special ed remained at \$662,000? And why according to DOE is our state aid \$795,000. Mrs. Murray explained it is correct, we have not received an increase in categorical special ed aid until the 19-20 budget. There are other state aid categories together with special ed that make up the \$795,000. Mrs. Taylor also questioned the difference in enrollment numbers. Mr. Cipriano and Mr. Nieves explained that the numbers were from different points in time.

Ryan Guglielmotto said this was the fourth BOE meeting she has attended since her child is PreK age and she too is concern with the difference in the numbers presented and the NJ DOE website versus what the school provided versus what was provided to the mayor and council. Mr. Cipriano said he provided mayor and council with numbers which were at a different point in time then the NJ DOE. The numbers stated are the difference between transfers in town. Mrs. Guglielmotto also asked about test scores at WRIS. Mr. Cipriano told her we have made accommodations to correct this issue.

Melissa Crews asked when is the 3-5 year plan to be presented. Mr. Nieves said it will be presented with the budget presentation. Mrs. Crews asked about the mayor and council dismissing concerns about classroom space. Mr. Nieves addressed her concerns. She also asked if the responses could be included in the minutes. She also asked who would determine needs in the classroom.

Maureen Herman expressed concern regarding class size. Mrs. Herman also expressed concern with snow removal at WRIS. Mr. Cipriano informed her that he made his rounds in the morning and alerted Buildings & Grounds at 7:45 am to was to be cleared by dismissal. She also asked if we have active shooter drills for the teachers and asked about summer reading. Mr. Cipriano addressed that we have drills. The WR Police assist with the training. She also stated that summer reading is approaching and she is hoping that there has been some thought about bring the selections to the current centuries.

Nina Kedersha asked about extending Ms. Trentacosti's contract and if more information could be given. Mr. Cipriano stated as we had said, she will remain the classroom for consistency for the children, that is what's best and that he could not elaborate on anything else. Mrs. Kedersha also asked about kindergarten registration. Mr. Nieves said usually in the 70's. This year we are at 95.

Jerry Caputo gave his background to the board to help them better understand who he is and what he is looking for. He questioned the enrollment numbers not matching. Mr. Caputo commented on the growth in enrollment. He also asked for a joint meeting with the town and board of education for more transparency. Mr. Nieves addressed that he would speak to the mayor and council for more transparency and planning. Mr. Caputo asked how are we going to address the education of the growing population. Mr. Cipriano addressed the audience about enrollment data. He stated the mayor received the numbers from him then addressed that the numbers given were different between transfers in and out. Mr. Nieves would address about clarification of the number for the next meeting.

Bonnie Taylor stated that our special ed and economically disadvantaged students are not meeting their growth.

**Adjournment -**

At 8:52 PM, upon motion of Mr. Biamonte seconded by Mr. Fallon, the Board voted unanimously to close the Public Meeting and return to closed session with no action to be taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenine Murray,  
Board Secretary