

**WOOD-RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 29, 2019**

This is a Regularly Scheduled 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. Notification has been sent to The Record. Notification has also been posted in the Wood-Ridge Borough Hall, the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, TAPInfo.com and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education's website.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mr. Ambrosio, Mr. Biamonte, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Nieves

ABSENT: Mr. Garvin and Mr. Monti

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

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

Personnel Matters
Legal 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. Fallon seconded by Mr. Ambrosio, 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
Legal 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 7:20 p.m., upon motion of Mr. Ambrosio, seconded by Mr. Fallon the Board voted unanimously to reopen the public meeting. The public meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m. and Mr. Nieves read the following statement:

This is a Regularly Scheduled 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. Notification has been sent to The Record. Notification has also been posted in the Wood-Ridge Borough Hall, the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, TAPInfo.com and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education's website.

ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Mr. Ambrosio, Mr. Biamonte, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Nieves

ABSENT: Mr. Garvin and Mr. Monti

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

**Presentation(s)/Recognition(s)/Award(s):
2019-2020 Budget Presentation**

Mr. Nieves presented the budget to the public addressing the following key-points:

- Review of the budget
- Highlight success
- Mission statement

Mr. Nieves continued the presentation with announcing the District's goals in the following categories:

- Fiscal
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Partnerships
- Long Range Plan

Superintendent's Report - None

New Business – Items for Discussion - None

Hearing of Citizens (Resolutions Only)

Bonnie Taylor asked how many additional grants have we applied for. Mr. Cipriano responded 7-10 grants per year.

Nina Kedersha asked how has state aid increased? Mr. Nieves confirmed state aid has increased. The changes are mostly driven by the funding formula. She also asked why has tuition revenue decreased? Ms. Murray responded by explaining Moonachie and Pre-K 3 are the two major factors impacting tuition the revenue decrease.

Ryan Guglielmotti requested information regarding Long Range Plan. Mr. Nieves addressed her questions and concerns. Ms. Guglielmotti also shared with the Board the idea of the District becoming a Paperless District. Ms. Guglielmotti shared her experience by stating, in the long run, it was more expensive. Ms. Guglielmotti also commented about Pre-K

Bonnie Taylor wanted to know why our District is being compared to Ridgewood. Ms. Taylor wanted to know if Ridgewood is in our factor group. Ms. Taylor wanted to know how we rate in our own factor group. Mr. Nieves and Dr. DeNobile responded with how some metrics were measured.

Julie Sebastian stated music & arts are not allocated on the budget. Ms. Murray responded that they are in the budget. Ms. Murray continued by explaining they are not individually identified they are in co-curricular, educational supplies, and transportation.

Mary Ondrof asked what plans the district has to increase technology at Doyle. Ms. Ondroff added that the students at Doyle are not using the library. Mr. Cipriano addressed her concerns and stated the students utilize many other things, such as ipads, chrombooks, keyboarding etc. Mr. Cipriano stated the students can still take books out, if they wish to. The students use more online resources than physical books. The District has many options online.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

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 April, 2019 in the amount of \$438,519.38
- b. Manual Checks from 3/26/19-4/26/19 in the amount of \$271,596.54
- c. Payroll Transfers for the month of March 2019 in the amount of \$1,738,773.44
- d. Enterprise Funds for the month of March 2019 in the amount of \$37,688.45

Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte

Seconded by: Mr. Fallon

ROLL CALL

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

Mr. Garvin & Mr. Monti were absent

MOTION CARRIED

F2 (M) Approval of Final 2019-2020 School Budget

Be It Resolved, that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education, County of Bergen, approves the final 2019-2020 school year budget as follows:

Current General Expense (Fund 11)	\$ 21,686,720
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 29,875
Transfer to Charter Schools	\$ 80,373
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 21,796,968
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 357,947
Debt Service (Fund 40)	\$ 1,020,270
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	<u>\$ 23,175,185</u>

Be It Further Resolved, that the **GENERAL FUND** tax levy \$18,284,171 is approved to support Current General Expenses and \$1,020,270 to support **Debt Service**, for the 2019-2020 school year budget.

Be It Further Resolved, that the 2019-2020 school year budget includes automatic Adjustment for health care cost of \$87,330.

Be It Further Resolved, that included in budget line 630 Budgeted Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve 2019-2020 school year budget is withdrawal of \$200,000 for required maintenance costs of the district.

Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte

Seconded by: Mr. Fallon

ROLL CALL

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Garvin & Mr. Monti were absent

F3 (M) Approval of the Maximum Travel Reimbursement for the 2019-2020 School Year

Be It Resolved, that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education, approves the maximum school district travel expenditures in the amount of \$25,000 for the 2019-2020 school year.

Be It Further Resolved, the Superintendent of Schools recommends that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education further establish that the above represent current expense accounts only and do not reflect additional funds which may become available through ESEA, IDEA, and any other special dedicated grants.

Be It Further Resolved, the annual maximum shall not exceed \$1,500 per person and shall be subject to the approval requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:19-1.

Be It Further Resolved, the maximum school district travel expenditure for the 2018-2019 school year is \$25, 000 of which \$1,953 has been expended to date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wood-Ridge Board of Education hereby establishes the school district maximum travel reimbursement for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$25,000.

Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte

Seconded by: Mr. Fallon

ROLL CALL

In Favor: 4

Opposed: 0

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Garvin & Mr. Monti were absent

COMMUNICATIONS - None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

HEARING OF CITIZENS

Nina Kedersha asked what is the status of the summer reading? Dr. DeNobile responded she believes the parents will be very happy with the summer reading assignments. Mr. Cipriano added that the teachers worked very hard and that the public library also worked with the school and will have plenty of book copies available.

Bonnie Taylor asked if the District is going to participate in the survey regarding passing school buses? Mr. Cipriano responded, that if he received the survey, we would participate.

Tracey Katz asked will the District celebrate students who were accepted to various colleges and trade schools. Mr. Nieves responded, yes we already do. Ms. Katz requested clarification. Mr. Nieves responded we celebrate the students mostly within the school. We haven't publicly recognized individuals.

Bonnie Taylor brought to the attention of the Board some schools have a ticker of scholarship money that students have received. Suggested that might be something the district might want to do.

Ryan Guglielmotti mentioned having collaboration with the library on summer reading was great. She hoped the Board would also have the same collaboration with Mayor & Council regarding class sizes.

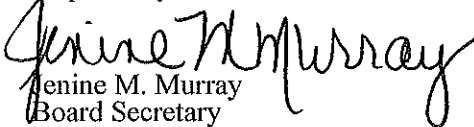
Nina Kedersha when will the WRPEF be invited to speak to the staff? The Board asked her to call the School Administration to schedule something.

Faith Armonaitis asked will the budget be posted on the website? Mrs. Murray answered that it would.

Adjournment -

At 8:43 PM, upon motion of Mr. Ambrosio seconded by Mr. Fallon, the Board voted unanimously to close the Public Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Jenine M. Murray
Board Secretary