

**WOOD-RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 20, 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 May 20, 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. Ambrosio, Mr. Biamonte, Mr. Fallon, Mr. Garvin and Mr. Nieves

**ABSENT:** Mr. Monti

**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:

*Student Matters*  
*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. 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:

*Student Matters*  
*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 7:31 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 7:34 p.m. and Mr. Nieves read the following statement:

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

**Superintendent’s Report** – The WRIS student of the month was awarded. The current fundraisers were announced. WRIS student council raised \$1,700 with Penny Wars. WRIS will hold the Torch Run on June 7th and the play on June 12th. WRJRSRHS held the “Dangers of Vaping” assembly. During Memorial Day the flags were put on the front lawn by Mr. Rutherford to recognize the members of the community who were in the military. June 4th, the spring concert and art show will be held at the high school. SBJC in Lodi, the valedictorian, Richard Conti will be honored at our next board meeting. June 4th is the concert, June 6th is the academic awards. PreK move up, Dare Graduation and Sixth Grade Move up are on June 20th. The sports awards are on June 3rd.

## ***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.	52006262	PT Evaluation	Fun Fit Therapy	\$325	CST
b.	52006292	OT Re Evaluation	CCL Therapy	\$300	CST
c.	52006376	OT Re Evaluation	CCL Therapy	\$300	CST
d.	52006252	PT Evaluation	Fun Fit Therapy	\$300	CST
e.	52006833	OT Evaluation	CCL Therapy	\$300	CST

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

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**C&I 2 Approval for CST Home Instruction/at OOD Location**

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

<i>BOE</i>	<i>Case #</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Instructors</i>	<i>Dates</i>
W	<b>10610</b>	CCBH Fairfield NJ	CCBH Inc/ Progressive Educators Up to 10 hours/week @ \$75/hr  *Note: CCBH Placement & Transportation N/C to Wood-Ridge	May 3 – June 30, 2019

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

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

Opposed: 0  
Motion Carried

### C&I 3 Approval to Reduce a Related Service

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following related service reduction:

<i>ID</i>	<i>Vendor</i>	<i>Related Service Reduction</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
52005562	SBJC	Physical Therapy From 2x to 1x/wk	5/9/2019

Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
Seconded by: Mr. Ambrosio

ROLL CALL

In Favor: 5

Mr. Monti was absent.

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

### C&I 4 Approval to Terminate Orton Gillingham Services

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

<b>Name:</b>	Jill Crawford
<b>Location:</b>	Catherine E. Doyle
<b>Position:</b>	Orton Gillingham Instruction – TERMINATED
<b>Student:</b>	52005841
<b>Effective Date:</b>	May 15, 2019

Introduced by: Mr. Fallon  
Seconded by: Mr. Ambrosio

ROLL CALL

In Favor: 5

Mr. Monti was absent.

Opposed: 0

Motion Carried

### C&I 5 (M) Approval of School Psychologist Internship

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

<b>Name:</b>	Emily Batcho
<b>Location:</b>	Districtwide
<b>Position:</b>	School Psychologist Internship
<b>Compensation:</b>	None

<b>Starting:</b>	September 3, 2019
<b>Ending:</b>	June 30, 2020
<b>Submitted by;</b>	CST

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Garvin*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

### **C&I 6 (M) Approval of Field Trip Requests**

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

<b>a. M</b>	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Amazing Escape Room 20 Lackawanna Plaza Montclair, NJ Students will learn teamwork and problem solving
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	6/4/19
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Mrs. Paniagua
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	n/a
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	9 – 10 – The Academy of Science and Technology Students
	<b># of Students</b>	14
	<b>Departure Time</b>	9 am
	<b>Return Time</b>	12 pm
	<b>b. M</b>	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>
<b>Date of Trip</b>		8/19/19 – 8/23/19
<b>Teacher(s)</b>		L. Ames

	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	n/a
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	10 – 12 Teen Institute/Neutral Zone
	<b># of Students</b>	9
	<b>Departure Time</b>	9 am
	<b>Return Time</b>	4 pm

c.	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Wood-Ridge Memorial Library (To provide an opportunity for students to visit the local library, peruse the selections, obtain a library card if they do not already have one, and take a book out if they desire. In addition, the acquisition of a local library card will allow them access to digital resources at home and in school.
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	06/10/19 (Rain date TBD)
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Katie Albanese, Amy Hamerling, Laura Johnson, Rita May , Marissa Romoff, Clifford Aufiero (Aide), Lisa Lorenzo (Aide)
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	NA
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	All 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
	<b># of Students</b>	81
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8:20 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	10:40 PM

d.	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Wood-Ridge Memorial Library (To provide an opportunity for students to visit the local library, peruse the selections, obtain a library card if they do not already have one, and take a book out if they desire. In addition, the acquisition of a local library card will allow them access to digital resources at home and in school.
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	06/11/19 (Rain date TBD)
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Raquel Ciliotta, Laurie Lanfranchi, Kelly Muscle, Jamie Oppido, Dana Gardella (Aide), Evan Villareale (Aide)
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	NA
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	All 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
	<b># of Students</b>	87
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8:20 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	10:40 PM

<b>e.</b>	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	WRIS 3rd Grade Move Up Day
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	6/17/19
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Moccia, Hynes, Campagna Para: McKelvy
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	n/a
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	3rd Grade
	<b># of Students</b>	71
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8:45 am
	<b>Return Time</b>	10:30 am

**Items a & b only:**

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Garvin*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**Items c - e only:**

*Introduced by: Mr. Fallon*

*Seconded by: Mr. Ambrosio*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**C&I 7 Approval of Chaperones for Field Trip Request**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following chaperones for a previously approved field trip request:

<b>a.</b>	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Carnegie Hall, 881 7 <sup>th</sup> Ave., New York, NY 10019-3210  This trip gives students the opportunity to see and perform in an orchestral concert.
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	05/21/19
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Jessica Sterba, Katie Albanese, Amy Hamerling, Laura Johnson, Rita May, Marissa Romoff, Clifford Aufiero (Aide), Lisa Lorenzo (Aide)



	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	Lauren Bellini Jennifer Caprio Kim Capuano Tracy Jenove Dawn Somick Cindy Quinn Christina Torres
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	All 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
	<b># of Students</b>	81
	<b>Departure Time</b>	10:30 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	1:30 PM

b.	<b>Destination (include reason for trip)</b>	Waterloo Village 1-2 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874 Waterloo allows the students to experience some of these ways of life through going into longhouses and taking part in short activities that the Lenape did at the time, etc.
	<b>Date of Trip</b>	05/30/19
	<b>Teacher(s)</b>	Laura Johnson, Rita May, Marissa Romoff, Amy Hamerling, Courtney Barrows, Emma Trentacosti, Kathleen Albanese, Cliff Aufiero (aide)
	<b>Parent(s)/Chaperone(s)</b>	Vaso Pispitsos Lauren Bellini Kim Capuano Tracy Jenove Nicole Iglesias Pam Baykal Cindy Quinn
	<b>Grade/Group/Club</b>	All 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students
	<b># of Students</b>	81
	<b>Departure Time</b>	8:30 AM
	<b>Return Time</b>	2:45 PM

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

*ROLL CALL  
In Favor: 5  
Opposed: 0  
Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**PERSONNEL**

**P1 Approval of Home Instruction Personnel Termination**

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

<b>BOE:</b>	WR
<b>Student ID No.:</b>	<b>52005524</b>
<b>Student School:</b>	Permanent Home Instruction
<b>Teachers/Subjects:</b>	Douglas Hamway
<b>Termination Date:</b>	Friday, May 10, 2019

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

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

**P2 Approval of Personnel Appointment**

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

<b>Name:</b>	Eileen Damman
<b>Location:</b>	Catherine E. Doyle School
<b>New Hire/Replacement/Transfer:</b>	New Hire
<b>Position:</b>	Para Professional (1:1 Pre-K Disabled)
<b>Full-Time/Part-Time:</b>	Part Time not to exceed 29.5 hours
<b>Compensation:</b>	\$15.44 per hour
<b>Starting Date:</b>	5/13/19
<b>Ending Date:</b>	6/21/19

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

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

**POLICY**

*None at this time.*

**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 May, 2019 in the amount of \$618,741.77
- b. Manual Checks from 4/29/2019 to 5/17/2019 in the amount of \$270,934.84
- c. Payroll Transfers for the month of April 2019 in the amount of \$1,667,524.85
- d. Enterprise Funds for the month of April 2019 in the amount of \$37,688.45

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Garvin*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**F 2 (M) Approval of Acceptance of Donations**

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

	<b>Donation Amount/ Donation Item</b>	<b>Purpose/Explanation:</b>	<b>Donated by:</b>	<b>Donated to:</b>
a. <b>M</b>	\$250	WRHS participated in the 2019 NJ Student Health Survey sponsored by the NJ Dept. of Education. The incentive for our participation is \$250.	Rutgers University	WR Jr. Sr. HS
b.	Italian Ice	for use on Field Day	Lopresti Brothers Construction	WRIS

**Item a only:**

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Garvin*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**Item b only:**

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

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**BOARD OPERATIONS**

**BO 1 (M) Approval of Athletic Teams to Volunteer at Moonachie Robert L. Craig Elementary Field Day**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the participation of student-athlete volunteers for Robert L. Craig Field Day May 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-12pm. Transportation to be provided by school district bus.

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

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**BO2 (M) Approval for the Participation in NJSIAA(New Jersey State Interscholastic Association ) for the 2019-2020 School Year**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education adopts and agrees to be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA and the league to which the district is assigned.

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

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**BO3 (M) Approval for Renewal of Contract with Monarch Management Corp. (student accident insurance) for the 2019-2020 School Year underwritten by AXIS Insurance Company**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the renewal of agreement with Monarch Management Corp. for the 2019-2020 school year. This agreement is for the period of August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2020. No rate increases. The Base plan \$29,917.00 and Catastrophic Plan \$2,432.00. The total premium is \$32,349.00.

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

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**BO4 (M) Approval of Creation of New Scholarships**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following newly created scholarships for the Class of 2019 Music Students:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1 - Gold Award	Outstanding 6 year participation in Glee Club, Concert Band and Pep Band	\$200
1 - Silver Award	Outstanding 6 year participation in Glee Club or Concert Band or Pep Band	\$100
2 - Bronze Awards	Outstanding participation in Glee Club or Concert Band or Pep Band	\$50

*Introduced by: Mr. Biamonte*

*Seconded by: Mr. Garvin*

*ROLL CALL*

*In Favor: 5*

*Opposed: 0*

*Motion Carried*

*Mr. Monti was absent.*

**Communications** – Mr. Nieves informed the audience that he was in receipt of a report from Mrs. Murray about the transportation.

**Unfinished Business** –

**New Business** –

**Hearing of Citizens** –

Bonnie Taylor asked if Mr. Fallon received an answer about grant writing. Will the board be doing meeting with the mayor and counsel on June 3rd? She also congratulated Richard Conti. Mrs. Taylor also wanted to make the board aware about the transportation issue. It may not be cost effective for the parents as she checked with neighboring towns.

**Adjournment** -

At 7:51 PM, upon motion of Mr. Nieves seconded by Mr. Biamonte, the Board voted unanimously to close the Public Meeting and return to Executive Session, no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenine Murray,  
Board Secretary