

**WOOD-RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

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 November 6, 2023

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.

Roll Call

	Mr. Fallon	Mr. Garvin	Mr. O'Byrne	Mr. Vaccaro	Mr. Biamonte	Mr. Nieves
Present	X	X			X	X
Absent			X	X		

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent T. Albro, Board Secretary C. Morelli and Board Attorney, D. 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:

Executive Session:

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. Nieves, seconded by Mr. Biamonte, the meeting will be adjourned into closed session at 6:10 pm. 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 6:50 p.m., the Closed Session to reconvene the Public Meeting and Mr. Nieves read the following 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

	Mr. Fallon	Mr. Garvin	Mr. O'Byrne	Mr. Vaccaro	Mr. Biamonte	Mr. Nieves
Present	X	X			X	X
Absent			X	X		

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent T. Albro, Board Secretary C Morelli and Board Attorney, D. Roberts

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

***Students of the Month Recognition
Student Representative Report - H. MacDonald
Recognition of Exemplary Staff Attendance 2022-2023
District Presentation of 2023 NJSLA Results***

Board of Administrator's Report – Mr. Morelli reported on the following: Tonight I would like to report on a few items

- The district Auditors were in for approximately 2 weeks and we should have our completed report in approximately 4 or 5 weeks
- On tonight's Agenda is the approval of 2 contracts. The first is with Frontline to add another component to our system that will streamline our hourly time-sheet reporting and will allow us to go paperless with time-sheets and help our payroll process to be more efficient
- The second contract is with Profitank that will assist me in reviewing our expenses for any potential cost savings. Some of the budget items that we will be looking at would be facilities, utilities and building operations.

- Also as part of our revamping the business office I would like to thank Michael McGeehan for his continued help in our office as he transitions from Business department back to our IT department and also a thank you to Alison Montague for accepting the position as my assistant while continuing to handle accounts payable.

As always if anyone from our staff or public has any questions, please contact my office.

Superintendent's Report -- Mr. Albro reported on the following:

- Reminders concerning Election Day and the school calendar for the week of 11/6/23
- Review of October Themes observed at each school building
 - Week of Respect
 - School Violence and Vandalism Awareness
 - Red Ribbon Week
- Gratitude to the WRPD for their visits and supervision during the Halloween events
- November Evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- First Academic Marking Period closes 11/15/23

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

Executive & Public Session Meeting: September 18, 2023

MOTION by Mr. Fallon,

SECOND by Mr. Biamonte

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O'Byrne	X - virtual		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

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;

Type of Meeting	Members
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 Mr. Carl Morelli
Finance	Mr. Christopher Garvin, Chairman Mr. Albie Nieves Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Albro Mr. Carl Morelli

*(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) --

B. Taylor

- When are the Special Classes slated to begin (CI 3)?
- Explanation of P13 & P14 and whether the position requires a supervisor certification
- BO 9- What is Profitank?

M. Crews

- Difference between Coordinator of Facilities and Athletic Site Manager

Hearing of Citizens was closed

Mr. Nieves asked whether anything was posted online, and Mr. Morelli replied that nothing was received.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION - Mr. Christopher Garvin, Chairman

C&I 1: Approval of Evaluation Request

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

Student ID #	Type of Evaluation	Vendor	Cost	Requested by
52007999	Mandarin Bilingual Speech & Language Initial Evaluation	Learning Tree Evaluation & Consulting	\$850	CST
52007884	PT Evaluation	Fun Fit	\$325	CST/ Teacher

C&I 2: (M) Approval of Evaluation Request

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

Student ID #	Type of Evaluation	Vendor	Cost	Requested by
52007740	IEP meeting Mandarin translator	Language Today – Mahwah NJ	\$85/hr 2 hours – Virtual 9/27/23 Paid by Moonachie	Parent through CST

C&I 3: Approval of Request to Establish a Special Class Program

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the request to establish a special class program in accordance with New Jersey Administrative Code N.J.A.C. 6A:145, Special Education and N.J.A.C. 6A-26 Educational Facilities.

- Multiple Disabilities Classroom Program- Grades 4 - 5 - Wood-Ridge Intermediate School as per N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.7(f-g)
- Multiple Disabilities Classroom Program - Grades K - 1 - Catherine E. Doyle Elementary School as per N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.7(f-g)
- Multiple Disabilities Classroom Program - Grades 2 - 3 - Catherine E. Doyle Elementary School as per N.J.A.C. 6A:14-4.7(f-g)

C&I 4: (M) Approval of Home Instruction

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following request for home instruction: (NO CURRENT OOD PLACEMENT IN PLACE AT THIS TIME):

Student ID #	Services	Vendor	Start Date
52007302	Home Instruction in Home Up to 10 hours/wk	SBJC Tutor – Per Contract Rate	TBD - Estimated 9/26/2023
	Related Services in Home Speech/ OT/ PT Each @ 1x/wk	SBJC Rel Svs – Per Contract Rate Paid by Moonachie	

C&I 5: Approval of Professional Development Request

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

Staff Member	Workshop Title	Date(s)	Location	Registration Fee	Travel Expenses	Total Cost Not to Exceed*
Robert Eng	Conquer Math – Year 2	10/26/23, 1/5/24, 3/4/24	476 Newark Pompton Turnpike, Pompton Plains, NJ	\$540 (\$180 per session)	TBD	

C&I 6: (M) Approval of Hispanic Heritage Night

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, we will be hosting a Hispanic Heritage Night at WRHS on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Students in Grades 7 – 12 and their families will be invited to attend to enjoy food, music and games.

C&I 7: (M) Approval of Out of District Placement

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

Student ID #	Location	Tuition	Transportation	Dates
52005830	Paradigm Therapeutic Day School	\$66,451.84	SBJC to Paradigm	10/2/23 – 6/21/24

C&I 8: (M) Approval to Terminate School Instruction at PHP Placement

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following termination of out of district placement and transportation and temporary PHP Placement:

Student ID #	Terminate	Transportation	Effective Dates
52005830	Windsor Learning Center	SBJC Bus to Windsor	9/26/23

C&I 9: (M) Approval of Field Trip Requests

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

Destination (include reason)	Date	Teacher (s)	Chaperones	Grade / Group / Club	# of Students	Departure Time	Return Time
Six Flags – WRHS Glee Club & Concert Band competition	5/31/24 – date changed from 6/7	Mrs. Manolakakis Mrs. Sterba Mr. Cuautli	Sean Lucas Reisetta Dunn Denise Bogatch	HS Glee Club & Concert Band	60	8 AM	8:30 PM
IL Villagio** Rt. 17 Carlstadt NJ Senior Class Holiday Luncheon	12/14/23 * * Venue Change/ Date Change	J. Thimmel K. Forsyth	TBD	12	70	10 AM	2:30 PM
Intermediate School 151 First Street Wood-Ridge, NJ Seniors will help with the tie dye event at the Intermediate School	10/27/23	J. Sanzari K. Schoenig	n/a	12	15	9:45 AM	2 PM
WRIS Wood-Ridge, NJ Neutral Zone students will	12/7/23	L. Zach	n/a	9-12	15	8:30 AM	11 AM

discuss mental health, decision making, leadership and answer questions about high school							
Robert L Craig School 20 W Park Street Moonachie Neutral Zone students will discuss mental health, decision making, leadership and answer questions about high school	12/11/23	J. Thimmel	n/a	9-12	10	8:45 AM	11:15 AM
NJ Rock Gym, 373D Route 46 West, Fairfield – Fitness for Life	1/10/24	J. Vaccaro J. Mojkowski (if needed)		10-12	14	11:35 AM	2:30 PM
Bergen Community College - 400 Paramus Road Paramus, NJ Students will learn about being a student at	1/19/24 ** paid by Title III & Immigration	K. Manicone K. Dudsak	n/a	11-12 ESL students	12	9:30 AM	1:30 PM

BCC, financial aid, activities, etc. This will be a bilingual event.							
---	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

C&I 10: Approval of Home Instruction - *Updated End Date

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

Student ID #	School	Start Date	End Date
52006256	WRIS	9/8/23	10/16/23*

*originally approved on 9/18/23 for 10/10/23

C&I 11: Approval of Field Trip Requests

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

Destination (include reason)	Date	Teacher(s)	Chaperones	Grade/ Group/ Club	# of Students	Departure Time	Return Time
Medieval Times	Tuesday 6/4/24	J. Oppido N. Soto M. Koernig E. Melde B. Carroll R Mele J. Dudsak		6 th Grade	85	9 AM	1 PM
Frost Valley 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY The camp offers students a mix of science classes, outdoor activities and confidence	4/24/24- 4/26/24	K. Diaz K. Pepe	TBD	7	95	7 AM	1 PM

building activities							
South Orange Performing Arts Center 1 SOPAC Way South Orange	2/9/24	T. Jupinka K. Micowski J. Buscema K. Focarino M. Neumuller K. Schwartz	Jill Ramsaier, Prajakta Kasture, Danielle Romero, Sridhar Sangubhatla, Jeanelle Spadafino, Ashley Gallo, Nicole Borgia, AJ Frahm	1 st	105	8:30 AM	12 PM
Turtleback Zoo 560 Northfield Avenue , West Orange	5/16/24	A Cortina, A Hahn, E. Lindner G Percontino S Albanese J Kenyon C Stasion L Lorenzo	Trisha Jones, Jessica Coletta, Nicole Alleman, Aphrohite Tzoumus Gendusa, Jennifer Santiago, Jennifer DiPopolo, Francesca Gentile, Maria DeGenarro	2nd	117	9 AM	2 PM

C&I 12: Approval of WRIS Kindness Tie Dye Event

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the WRIS Kindness Tie Dye Event. This event is being run to promote kindness in our building and to celebrate National Bullying Prevention Month. This will take place Friday, October 27th. This event will be run by our School Safety Team Members. All WRIS students will be able to participate.

C&I 13: Approval of Teacher Consultant Services

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

Name	Position	Compensation	Hours	Start Date	End Date
Jill Ameiorsano-Crawford	Teacher Consultant for Reading Intervention Services	\$75/Hr *paid by Title 1 Funds	Up to 6 Hours/Month	10/23/23	6/21/24

C&I 14: Approval of Out of District Placement

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

Student ID #	Location	Tuition	Transportation	Dates
52007999	BCSS HIP Midland Park Godwin School	\$53,196 (pro-rated)	None	10/30/23

C&I 15: (M) Approval of Related Services Request

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

Name	Location	Position	Student ID	Compensation	Hours	Start Date	End Date
Jill Ameiorsano-Crawford	Wood-Ridge Library	Reading Intervention Services	52007868	\$75/Hr Billed to Moonachie	1 (60 min) session/week	11/1/23	6/21/24

C&I 16: Approval of Related Services Request

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

Student ID#	Related Service	Vendor	Cost	Effective	Requested by:
52006933	Audiological Services	BCSS Educational Enterprises/Sound Solutions Up to 7 hours/year	\$1,316 (\$188/hr x 7 sessions)	10/27/23	CST

C&I 17: Approval to Amend Related Services

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following amendment to an OOD Placements related service/OT Rate:

Student ID #	Location / Services	Services Amended	Vendor	Dates
52005558	Craig Lower School	Amend OT from 1x/mo. To 1x/wk	PG Chambers	10/24/23
52005558	Craig Lower School	Amend from \$81/30min to \$83/30min	PG Chambers	7/1/23 (starts with ESY 2023)

C&I 18 (M): Approval of OOD Placement Termination/Home Instruction

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following request to termination the OOD Placement and implement temporary home instruction:

Student ID #	Termination	Implement Services	Requested By:
52007740	OOD Placement: Ridgefield HS 10/10/23 SBJC Transport: 10/10/23	Home Instruction Virtual Up to 10 hours/wk –Moonachie Teacher @ Moonachie Contract Rate Starts: 10/27/23 Paid by Moonachie * No Related Svs	CST/Parent

MOONACHIE INCLUDED: C&I – 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 15, 18

MOTION by Mr. Fallon, SECOND by Mr. Garvin

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: C&I – 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17

MOTION by Mr. Garvin, SECOND by Mr. Biamonte

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL - Mr. Joseph Biamonte, Chairman

P1: (M) Approval of Co-Curricular Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following co-curricular appointment:

Name	Position	Location	Compensation
Melissa Papp - 9/2023-11/2023	Grade 8 Class Advisor**	WHRS	\$417
Lucia DiNapoli effective 12/1/23			\$973

**Change in Advisor

P2: (M) Approval of Student Volunteers for Community Hours for the After Care Program for the 2023-2024 School Year

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

1. Madeline McCotter - Thursdays
2. Cristina Scarimbolo – any day
3. Diya Nayak - Thursdays
4. Chloe David – any day
5. Tara Gyalmo – any day
6. Pemi Yashi – any day
7. Klyd Emperato – every day
8. Samira Lamboy –

P3: Approval of Appointment of CARE Personnel – 2023-2024

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

Name	Salary per hour
Ann Marie Moccia	\$30
Jennifer Heller	\$30

P4: (M) Approval of Appointment of Substitute

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

Name	Substitute Position	Recommendation
Shannon Bhargava	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Tony Albro
Charles Trentacosti	Teacher	Tony Albro
Margaret Laskey	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Tony Albro
Justine Calrow	Teacher/Paraprofessional	Tony Albro

P5: (M) Approval of Revision of Stipend for WRHS

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

Name	Revised Stipend	Original Stipend
Erika Cifelli	5.5 periods and will receive a \$500 stipend	6 periods at \$1,000
Tess Iannacco	\$200	originally approved for \$1,000
Ilenia Pitti	\$800 (November – June)	
Robert Berger	Ends October 13, 2023	6 periods at \$1,000

P6: (M) Approval of Re-Appointment of Unaffiliated District Personnel – 2023-2024

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the re-appointment of the following unaffiliated district personnel for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Location	Position	FT/PT	Compensation	Start Date	End Date
Michael McIninch	Districtwide	Facilities Manager	FT	\$85,300.00	7/1/23	6/30/24

P7: (M) Approval of Chaperone

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

Name	Event	Date	Compensation
Jackie Sanzari Robert Berger Kelly Manicone***	Homecoming Dance	9/23/23	\$41.19/hr. 3.5 hrs

***Reisetta Dunn in place of Kelly Manicone

P8: (M) Approval of Personnel Appointment

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

Name	Location	New Hire Replacement Transfer	Position	FT/ PT	Compensation	Start Date	End Date
Brienne Richards	CST	Replacement (D Green)	School Psychologist	FT	\$71,121.00 (pro-rated) MA, Step 8	12/4/23	6/30/24

P9: (M) Approval of Administrative Leave

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

Staff ID	Beginning Date	End Date
4007-0602	9/21/23	10/2/23

P10: (M) Approval of WRHS Co-Curricular Appointments for the 2023-2024 School Year

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

Co-Curricular 2023-2024	Teacher	Salary
Tess Iannacco	Italian Club through 10/31/23	\$300.00
Tess Iannacco	Italian Honor Society through 10/31/23	\$172.20
Ilenia Pitti	Italian Club 11/1/23	\$1,200.00
Ilenia Pitti	Italian Honor Society 11/1/23	\$688.80

P11: Approval of Home Instruction Personnel – Updated End Date

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

Student ID #	School	Teacher/Subject	Compensation	Start Date	End Date
52006256	WRIS	R. Blender	\$45.35 per hour/ 10 hours per week	9/8/23	10/16/23*

*originally approved on 9/18/23 for 10/10/23

P12: Approval of Request for Extension of Leave of Absence

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

Staff ID	Assignment	Leave Begins	Use of Sick Days	Use of Personal Days	Use of Unpaid Days	Return Date
4213-2515	Teacher	10/17/23	75	0	0	12/15/23

P13: (M) Rescinding of Approval of Re-Appointment of Athletic Site Manager 2023-2024 - Charles Trentacosti

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the re-appointment of Charles Trentacosti as an unaffiliated athletic site manager for the Wood-Ridge School District 10/1/23 - 6/30/24 at a rate of \$15,000 annually.

P14: (M) Approval of Appointment of the Assistant to the Athletic Director (12 Months) 2023-2024 - Charles Trentacosti

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Charles Trentacosti as an unaffiliated Assistant to the Athletic Director (12 months) for the Wood-Ridge School District 10/1/23 - 6/30/24 at a retroactive stipend of \$24,000 annually (\$2,000 per month 10/1/23 - 6/30/24).

P15: (M) Approval of Co-Curricular Appointment

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following co-curricular appointment:

Name	Position	Location	Compensation
Melissa Papp-9/23- 11/23	PRISM**	WRHS	\$258.30
Kim Forsyth effective 12/1/23			\$602.70

**Change in Advisor

P16: Approval of Appointment of Long-Term Replacement/Substitute - Revised

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following appointment of long-term replacement/substitute:

Name	Position	Location	Compensation	Start Date	End Date
Debra Pagliocca	Elementary School Teacher	CED	\$275 per day	9/8/23	11/17/23*

*revised end date

P17: Approval of CED Sixth Period Teaching Stipend 2023-2024

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following CED sixth period teaching stipends:

Bonnie Campagna	prorated 11/12/23 -11/26/23
-----------------	-----------------------------

P18: (M) Approval of Coaching Appointment

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

Name	Position	Compensation	Step	Season Dates
Juan Pachon *	Indoor Track Coach	\$6,667	Step 3	November 20, 2023- March 23, 2024

* pending completion of paperwork

P19: (M) Approval of Personnel Appointment(s)

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

Name	Location	New Hire Replacement Transfer	Position	FT/ PT	Compensation	Start Date	End Date
Michael McGeehan	Districtwide	Transfer	IT Assistant	FT	\$51,625.00	11/7/23	6/30/24
Alison Montague	Business Office	Transfer	Admin. Asst. to BA	FT	\$52,500.00 (pro-rated)	9/26/23	6/30/24

P20: (M) Approval of revised Job Description for Accounts Payable/Administrative Assistant to the School Business Administrator
Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following:

- **A-9b Accounts Payable Administrative Assistant**

MOONACHIE INCLUDED: P – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20

MOTION by Mr. Fallon, SECOND by Mr. Garvin

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: P – 3, 7, 11, 12, 16, 17

MOTION by Mr. Garvin, SECOND by Mr. Biamonte

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

POLICY – Mr. Richard Fallon, Chairman

P&R 1: (M) Approval of Policy(ies)

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

	Policy #	Title	Abolish	New	Revised	First Reading

a.	P1524	School Leadership Councils	X			11/6/23
b.	P2270	Religion in the Schools			X	11/6/23
c.	P3161	Examination for Cause			X	11/6/23
d.	P3212	Attendance			X	11/6/23
e.	P3324	Right of Privacy			X	11/6/23
f.	P3432	Sick Leave	X			11/6/23
g.	P4161	Examination for Cause			X	11/6/23
h.	P4212	Attendance			X	11/6/23
i.	P4324	Right of Privacy			X	11/6/23
j.	P4432	Sick Leave	X			11/6/23
k.	P5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students			X	11/6/23
l.	P5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths			X	11/6/23
m.	P5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program	X			11/6/23
n.	P6361	Relations With Vendors for Abbott Districts	X			11/6/23
o.	P8500	Food Services			X	11/6/23
p.	P8540	School Nutrition Programs	X			11/6/23
q.	P8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill	X			11/6/23
r.	P8600	Transportation			X	11/6/23

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a46BmTKyIzCl3z6IMHalk6MvF_cm2nDA/view?usp=sharing

P&R 2: (M) Approval of Regulation(s)

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

	Regulation #	Title	Abolish	New	Revised	First Reading
a.	R 3212	Attendance			X	11/6/23
b.	R 3432	Sick Leave	X			11/6/23
c.	R 4212	Attendance			X	11/6/23
d.	R 4432	Sick Leave	X			11/6/23
e.	R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students			X	11/6/23
f.	R 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths			X	11/6/23
g.	R 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program	X			11/6/23

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-khKz67vJ8vkWzjB68cMLeoMQtaER0Th/view?usp=sharing>

MOONACHIE INCLUDED: P&R – 1, 2

MOTION by Mr. Fallon, SECOND by Mr. Garvin

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: P&R – None at this time

BUILDING & GROUNDS - Mr. Joseph Biamonte, Chairman

B&G 1: (M) Approval of Facility Request

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

Organization	Activity	Location	Facilities Requested	Date(s)	Time(s)	Fee (if applicable)
WRHS	Hispanic Heritage Night	WRHS	AP Room	10/12/23	6 PM - 8 PM	n/a
WRHS	HS Musical Production – “Disney’s High School Musical”	WRHS	Auditorium	Multiple days for practices Show date – Dress rehearsal – 4/11/24 Show – 4/12, 4/13, 4/14/24		n/a
WR Town Council	Town Council Meeting	WRHS	Auditorium	Wednesday 10/18/23	6 PM	n/a

PTA	Basketball Fundraiser Game	WRHS	Gym & AP Room	Sunday, 11/19/23	12 PM – 6 PM	n/a
-----	----------------------------	------	---------------	------------------	--------------	-----

B&G 2: Approval of Facility Request

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

Organization	Activity	Location	Facilities Requested	Date(s)	Time(s)	Fee (if applicable)
WR PTA	Trunk or Treat	WRIS	Gym, Cafeteria, Hallways, Parking Lot	Sunday, 10/29	1 PM – 8 PM	n/a
WR PTA	Holiday Boutique	WRIS	Cafeteria	Set up – 11/30 12/1 – Sale	7:30 PM – 9 PM 8 AM – 3:30 PM	n/a
WR PTA	Holiday Boutique	Doyle	Gym	Set up – 12/14 12/15 - Sale	7:30 PM – 9 PM 8 AM – 3:30 PM	n/a
WRHS Class of 2024	Clothing Drive	WRIS	Parking Lot	Saturday, 4/27/24	9 AM – 1 PM	n/a
WRHS Boys Soccer Booster Club	Holiday Photo fund Raiser	WRIS	Cafeteria	Saturday, 11/11/23	9 AM – 6 PM	n/a

MOONACHIE INCLUDED: B&G – 1

MOTION by Mr. Fallon, SECOND by Mr. Garvin

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: B&G – 2

MOTION by Mr. Garvin, SECOND by Mr. Biamonte

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

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:

- Bills List from **09/19/2023 to 10/30/2023** in the amount of **\$477,938.26**
- Manual checks from **09/19/2023 to 10/30/2023** in the amount of **\$305,151.31**
- Payroll Transfers for the month of **October 2023** in the amount of **\$1,161,711.30**
- Enterprise Funds for the month of **October 2023** in the amount of **\$5,302.58**

F2: (M) Approval of Fund Raiser

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

Description of Activity & Role of Students	Name of Organization	Staff Member/Sponsor	Date/Time/ Location
Students will sell water bottles to family and friends	Class of 2024	J. Thimmel K. Forsyth	10/31/23 – 6/14/24
Students will sell clothing online to family and friends	Class of 2025	A. DeComa	10/30/23 - 11/30/23
Students will fundraise through Snap fundraise	Class of 2024	J. Thimmel K. Forsyth	11/1/23 – 12/1/23
Students will sell clothing to family and friends through an electronic link	Class of 2024	J. Thimmel K. Forsyth	11/1/23 – 12/1/23

Student Council will be collecting donations for the Assumption Food Pantry. This is a districtwide event	Student Council	K. Schoenig J. Sanzari	11/1/23 – 11/20/23
Teachers will have a dress down day and can either donate food or donate \$5	Student Council	K. Schoenig J. Sanzari	11/8/23
Blaze Pizza Teterboro, NJ Bring a flyer to Blaze Pizza and we will earn 20% back	Student Council	K. Schoenig J. Sanzari	11/20/23 5 PM 8 PM
Students will sell chocolate covered pretzels	Class of 2027	K. Schoenig J. Sanzari	2/1/24 – 2/29/24
Holiday Photo Fund Raiser	WRHS Boys Soccer Booster Club	J. Milne N. Cano	11/11/23
Student Council will be selling Holly Jolly grams. \$5 for 3 Holly Jolly grams	Student Council	K. Schoenig J. Sanzari	12/1 – 12/18/23
Class of 2026 will sell snacks and water at Boys Varsity Basketball Games	Class of 2026	M. Bogert R. Dunn	During all home games at WRHS. 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

F3: Approval of Fund Raiser

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

Description of Activity & Role of Students	Name of Organization	Staff Member/Sponsor	Date/Time/ Location
Speech students will be collecting toys for their annual Toy Drive.	Big Brothers & Big Sisters - Bergen, Morris and Passaic Chapter	Jen Langford/CED Speech	11/6/23 - 12/1/23
Staff and students will participate in a district-wide dress down and wear the color orange as a fundraiser to bring awareness to leukemia. All money raised would go towards the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society.	Leukemia-Lymphoma Society	Ashleigh Ford	11/8/23

F4: (M) Approval to Accept Additional State Aid

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves to accept additional state aid for the Highland Avenue Learning Annex (Doyle School) in the amount of \$12.5M.

F5: (M) Approval to Transfer Funds

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the transfer of \$12.5M from its Current Account to its Muni Municipal Account to receive a higher interest rate.

ADDENDUM #1**F6: (M) Approval of Monthly Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer**

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the Monthly Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month of June 2023 which are on record in the Business Office for review.

F7: (M) Approval of Certification of Balance Budget

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the Certification of Balance Budget that no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of statute NJAC 6A:23-2.11 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year

F8: (M) Approval of Budget Transfers

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the Budget Transfer authorization of line item transfers for the month of June 2023 which are on record in the Business Office for review.

MOONACHIE INCLUDED: F – 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

MOTION by Mr. Fallon, SECOND by Mr. Garvin

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O'Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: F – 3

MOTION by Mr. Garvin, SECOND by Mr. Biamonte

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

BOARD OPERATIONS

BO1: (M) Approval of 2023-2024 Districtwide Nursing Services Plan

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the 2023-2024 Districtwide Nursing Services Plan as completed by district nurses – Maria Monda, Gail Freschi-Saile and Teri Trivigno.

BO2: (M) Approval of the report concerning the yearly completion of bus emergency evacuation drills pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.1, 11.2, and 12

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the report concerning the completion of bus emergency evacuation drills for the 23-24 school year. The bus emergency evacuation drills took place on the following dates and were supervised by building administration.

Catherine E. Doyle Elementary School	October 2, 2023
Wood-Ridge Intermediate School	September 27, 2023
Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School	October 10, 2023

BO3: Affirmation of Superintendent’s report of incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (“HIB”) within the District

Whereas, the Wood-Ridge Board of Education has received the Superintendent’s report of incident of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying (“HIB”) within the District; and

Whereas, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent’s recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board accepts the Superintendent’s recommendations.

Be it further resolved, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent of Schools shall inform the applicable parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information within five school (5) days of this Board meeting:

1. The nature of the investigation;
2. Whether the District found evidence of HIB;
3. Whether discipline was imposed;
4. Whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB.

Incident Tracking Number: 251760_CED_09282023

Location: CED

Result: Unfounded

Investigation Initiation Day: 9/28/23

BO4: (M) Approval of the pay increase for substitute custodial/maintenance staff members effective January 1, 2024

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves a pay increase for substitute custodial/maintenance staff effective January 1, 2024. Substitute custodial/maintenance staff compensation will increase from \$15 per hour to \$20 per hour.

BO5: (M) Approval of Recognition of Exemplary Staff Attendance 2022-2023

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education recognizes the following staff members for their exemplary attendance during the 2022-2023 school year as per Wood-Ridge Board of Education Policies and Regulations 3312 and 4212 – Attendance Patterns/Employee Absences:

Christopher Affuso
Ted Colarusso
Ashlyn Cortina
Jessica Finley
Gail Freschi-Saile
Gloria Glavan
Valerie Hunter
Kelly Manicone
Alexandra Paskas
Donna Stols
Larisa Tsvetkova
Keith Lisa
Marc Sinclair
Silvia Ruiz
Theresa DiMase

BO6: Approval of Acceptance of Donation

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

Donation Amount	Purpose/Explanation	Donated by	Donated to
Yarn	Assumption Church is donating yarn to the Doyle School for its Art program.	Assumption Church	Doyle School
\$5 per student	Parents of PSD students were asked to donate \$5 each to cover the cost of pumpkins, juice, and snacks for the PSD Pumpkin Patch event on 10/30.	PSD Parents	PSD Classes

BO7: (M) Affirmation of Superintendent's report of incident(s) of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying ("HIB") within the District

Whereas, the Wood-Ridge Board of Education has received the Superintendent's report of incident of Harassment/Intimidation/Bullying ("HIB") within the District; and

Whereas, the Board has had the opportunity to review the Superintendent's recommendations with respect to the incident(s) of HIB.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board accepts the Superintendent's recommendations.

Be it further resolved, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:37-15(d), the Superintendent of Schools shall inform the applicable parents/guardians of the students involved in these incidents with the following information within five school (5) days of this Board meeting:

1. The nature of the investigation;
2. Whether the District found evidence of HIB;
3. Whether discipline was imposed;
4. Whether services were provided to address the incident of HIB.

Incident Tracking Number: 25346_WJH_10202023

Location: Wood-Ridge Junior/Senior High School

Result: Unfounded

Investigation Initiation Day: 10/20/23

BO8: (M) Approval of Agreement with Frontline Education for Time & Attendance

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Frontline Education for Time & Attendance for the period from December 31, 2023 through June 30, 2024 at a cost of \$7,227.86.

BO9: (M) Approval of Agreement with Profitank

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the agreement with Profitank for recommendations regarding possible savings on the district's expenses.

BO10: (M) Approval of Parent Transportation Contract for the 2023-2024 School Year and Extended School Year

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approves the following Parent Transportation Contract for the 2023-2024 school year and extended school year, pending approval from the Executive County Superintendent of Schools

Route #	Contractor	School	Cost
P5830001	Parent	SBJC - Maywood	\$30/day based on # of days actually attended
P5830003	Parent	SBJC - Moonachie	\$30/day based on # of days actually attended

BO11: (M) Approval of Agreement with Spencer Savings Bank

Upon the recommendation of the Business Administrator, the Board of Education approves the Municipal Banking Services agreement with Spencer Savings Bank for general banking services.

MOONACHIE INCLUDED: BO – 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11

7 -- Tabled

MOTION by Mr. Fallon, SECOND by Mr. Garvin

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O'Byrne	X - VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

WOOD-RIDGE ONLY: BO – 3, 6

MOTION by Mr. Garvin, SECOND by Mr. Biamonte

		In Favor	Opposed	Abstain
ROLL CALL:	Mr. Fallon	X		
	Mr. Garvin	X		
	Mr. O’Byrne	X -VIRTUAL		
	Mr. Vaccaro	ABSENT		
	Mr. Biamonte	X		
	Mr. Nieves	X		

Motion Carried

Communications – None

Unfinished Business – None

Mr. Fallon commented his appreciation for the staff who were recognized for their exemplary attendance.

Hearing of Citizens –

M. Milano

- NJSLA results
 - Commented on the drop from one school to the next in terms of students meeting/exceeding expectation
 - How will this be addressed?
 - What are the goals, what is the plan, what does success look like?
 - Clarification on the roundtable discussion in the NJSLA improvement plan
 - Dissatisfaction with the notion of a “Homework Buddy”

B. Taylor

- Is the Roundtable similar to a PLC?
 - When does the PLC meet?
 - Who sets the agenda for a PLC meeting?
 - Are their opportunities for cross curricular collaboration in instruction?
 - Title I program status and impact on student achievement
 - WRPAN STEM Night at WRIS on 11/29/23

M. Crews

- Praise for recently concluded 7th and 8th grade volleyball season
- Looking forward to a successful 7th and 8th grade basketball season
- Doyle School Clubs
 - High level of student involvement has resulted in fewer club meetings
 - How can this be addressed by the Board to enable more meetings to take place
 - Praise for the plan presented in the Testing Report
 - Praise for the impact of the WINN program at the Doyle School

Mr. Nieves commented on the upcoming Election Day and the success of the district Fall Athletics programs

Adjournment – At 8:20 pm, upon the motion from Mr. Fallon and seconded by Mr. Biamonte the Board voted unanimously to close the Public Session Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carl Morelli
Board Secretary