

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 12, 2011

7:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

7:00 pm – Personnel Committee: Graf, Dempski, Smith

7:15 pm – Policy Committee: Dempski, Howard, Mohan

A. AGENDA:

1. Call to order by President. Time: _____

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Washington Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be mailed on May 13, 2011 to The Express Times, and to the Clerk of Washington Township.

2. Flag Salute

3. Roll Call:
- Karen Graf, President
 - Sheila Dempski, Vice President
 - Sally Christine
 - Jason Ford
 - Jayne Howard
 - Jude Mohan
 - Anita Smith

4. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the minutes of November 14, 2011, as presented. MV:

5. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the executive session minutes of November 14, 2011, as presented. MV:

B. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (Agenda Items)

- a. The public may speak for three (3) minutes unless they have requested to be on the agenda.

C. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Student Activity, Petty Cash, and Cafeteria Account Reports for the month ending November 30, 2011, as presented. MV

7. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Secretary's Report for November 30, 2011, showing a cash balance of \$1,323,086.56. MV:

8. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Treasurer's Report for November 30, 2011, showing a cash balance of \$1,323,086.56, and note that the report is in agreement with the Secretary's Report for November 30, 2011. MV:

9. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to certify that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (a) and no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b). RCV:

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D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the following substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

Secretarial: Karen Wiessler, Luanne Clark

Child Care: Karen Tompkins

Teacher: Luanne Clark

Paraprofessional: Luanne Clark

11. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the out-of-district In-Service Experiences, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

12. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to accept, with regret, the resignation of Candice Hagerman, part-time custodian, effective November 18, 2011, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

13. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to employ Robbie Beers, part-time custodian, salary to be \$10.50 per hour, hours not exceed 30 hours per week, effective December 13, 2011, pending criminal history review, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

14. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt the Career Education and Consumer, Family, and Life Skills Curriculum K-6, as recommended by the Superintendent. (Attached) RCV:

15. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve submission of New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (QSAC) Statement of Assurance, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

16. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to authorize students from Warren Tech to come to our district to do basic cleaning of our computers (cleaning includes: wipe monitors, vacuum keyboards, towers and disinfect mice and keyboards). Advisor: Mr. Metroke. Cost to our district would include transportation from Warren Tech to each building (Brass Castle one day and Port Colden another) and cost of supplies for cleaning.), as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

17. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to accept the following resolution Seeking Amendment to Senate Bill 2925, as follows, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

Seeking Amendment to Senate Bill 2925 (Ruiz)/Assembly Bill 4132 (Coutinho/Singleton) To Retain Local School Board and Superintendent Authority over Personnel Decisions

Whereas, Under current law and practice, school district hiring decisions are made upon the recommendation of the chief school administrator to the local board of education; and

Whereas, Hiring procedures leading up to the chief school administrator's recommendation should always consider the perspective the school principal; and

Whereas, District-level factors, including the allocation of resources, programming considerations and educational goals, should take precedent when hiring and placing instructional staff; and

Whereas, Proposed legislation to provide long-overdue reform of the state's tenure process and seniority system also includes provisions that would significantly diminish the involvement of the superintendent and local school board in personnel matters; and

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- Whereas In particular, the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey (TEACHNJ) Act.”, Senate Bill 2925/Assembly Bill 4132, would give sole authority to appoint or remove instructional staff to the principal, in consultation with a “school improvement panel,” consisting of the principal, an assistant principal and an instructional staff member nominated by the principal and approved by the staff; and
- Whereas, The TEACHNJ Act would completely remove the local board of education and the district superintendent from future personnel decisions; and
- Whereas, In New Jersey, the community selects a school board, which has a fiduciary relationship with taxpayers and which sets education policy goals; and
- Whereas, The community vests in the board of education the authority to approve or reject personnel recommendations made by the superintendent; and
- Whereas, In making his or her personnel recommendations to the local board of education, the superintendent normally seeks the input of district and building-level administrators, including school principals; and
- Whereas, The current hiring and staffing process has worked successfully in school districts throughout the state, as evidenced by New Jersey students’ performance on nationwide measures of achievement, such as the National Assessment of Education Progress. Now therefore be it
- Resolved, That the Washington Township Board of Education urges the Legislature to amend Senate Bill 2925 and Assembly Bill 4132 to ensure that personnel hiring and placement decisions remain under the authority of the district superintendent, with the approval of the local board of education, the community’s elected or appointed representatives; and be it further
- Resolved, That this resolution be delivered to Governor Chris Christie; State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney; Senator Teresa M. Ruiz, chair, and all members of the Senate Education Committee; Assembly Speaker Sheila Y. Oliver; Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, chair, and all members of the Assembly Education Committee; Assemblyman Albert Coutinho; Assemblyman Troy Singleton;, and the 23rd Legislative District’s representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further
- Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association and the Warren County School Boards Association.

E. PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

F. TECHNOLOGY REPORT

G. CORRESPONDENCE

1. NJ Spot Light – Cerf Issues Reprieve from Statewide Teacher Evaluation Systems.

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Policy Committee:

18. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the line item transfers, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

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19. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Bills List for December 2011. RCV:

20. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to accept an additional \$2,971. in supplemental funding from the Education Jobs Fund, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

Personnel Committee:

21. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the second reading and adoption of the following job description, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

A-7 – Business Office Clerk

I. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION - old and/or new business

(The public may speak for three (3) minutes unless they have requested to be on the agenda.)

J. EXECUTIVE SESSION - if required as indicated in items __a, b & i_ below.

22. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ the Board of Education of the Washington Township School District in the County of Warren will adjourn into a closed meeting to discuss the item (s) which falls within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b.

- a. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule
- b. Individual privacy
- c. Collective bargaining agreements
- d. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- f. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- g. Pending or anticipated litigation
- h. Attorney-client privilege
- i. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

Be it resolved that the Board will now go into private session to discuss matters rendered confidential due to the nature of: a. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule, b. Individual privacy and i. Personnel – employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee. Any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as practical. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. All appropriate persons, who may be discussed in private session, have been adequately notified.

MV: _____ Time: _____

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to return to open session.

MV: _____ Time: _____

K. ADJOURNMENT

23. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn.

MV: _____ Time: _____