

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 6, 2014

7:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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

7:15 pm – Policy Committee – Dempski, Christine, Graf

A. AGENDA

1. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to appoint Jean Flynn, Board Secretary, as temporary chair to conduct election, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

Call to order by Board Secretary.

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 January 8, 2013 to The Express Times and the Clerk of Washington Township.

1A. Results of the Election held on November 5, 2013 were as follows:

Karen Graf	-	802
Sheila Dempski	-	760
Jude Mohan	-	976
Write-ins	-	21 (all receiving less than 3 votes)

1B. Administering the Oath of Office to the new elected Board Members. (Newly elected Board Members sign the Oath of Office) (names of newly elected Board Members)

Roll Call:

Sally Christine	Roger A. Jinks, Supt..
Sheila Dempski	Jean Flynn, Bd. Sect.
Karen Graf	
Jason Ford	
Jude Mohan	
Anita Smith	
John Trush	

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2. Board Secretary requests nominations for President.

_____ nominated _____ for President. Are there any other nominations?
(Following the close of nominations.) RCV:

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT ASSUMES CHAIR.

3. President requests nominations for Vice-President.

_____ nominated _____ for Vice-President. Are there any other nominations?
(Following the close of nominations.) RCV:

4. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the executive session minutes of October 7, 2013, as presented. MV:

5. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the minutes of December 9, 2013, as presented. MV:

B. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (Agenda Items)

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

C. CURRICULUM MINUTE:

Gifted & Talented and Enrichment – Christine Drevitch

D. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. Violence and Vandalism and Substance Abuse

As per Public Law 6A:16-5.3, each school district shall report incidents of violence, vandalism and substance abuse two times per year. Those incidents shall also be reported to the NJ Department of Education via the department's Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS).

As reported to the Department of Education, there were no incidents of violence, vandalism or substance abuse during the 2013/2014 school year for the period ending December 31, 2013.

6. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to accept the Bi-Annual Report of Violence and Vandalism dated December 31, 2013, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

b. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

As per Public Law N.J.S.A.18A:7E-3, each school district shall report incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying two times per year.

As reported to the Department of Education, there were no incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying during the 2013/2014 school year for the period ending December 31, 2013.

7. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to accept the Bi-Annual Report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, dated December 31, 2013, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

E. SECRETARY'S REPORT

8. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Student Activity, Petty Cash, and Cafeteria Account Reports for the month ending December 31, 2013, as presented. MV

9. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer's Reports for the month ending December 31, 2013, as presented. RCV:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington Township Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 (c) 3, does hereby certify that as of the date of these reports, no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (a);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent recommends that the Washington Township Board of Education accept the monthly financial reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer; and further recommends, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (c) 4, that the Board of Education Certifies that no major account has been overexpended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-16.10 (b), and that as of this report sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the year.

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

11. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Bills List for January, 2014. RCV:

F. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

13. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve a stipend, for NJSMART, in the amount of \$1,000 for Denise Jordan, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

14. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Children's Therapy Services, Inc. to provide speech therapy services at \$82.50 per hour for the 2013/2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

15. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve Margaret Normile to provide speech therapy services at \$75.00 per hour for the 2013/2014 school year pending receipt all required independent contractor documents, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

16. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to accept the Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC)/ROD Grant Approval, from the New Jersey Department of Education, as the Final Eligible Costs (FEC), SP #5530-040-14-1001-G04 for the Brass Castle partial roof replacement, total project cost of \$367,150 (State share 40% - \$146,860 and Local share 60% - \$220,290), as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

17. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the 2013-2014 Revised Washington Township School District calendar changes to include:

- Snow Emergency Days – December 10, 2013 and December 17, 2013 are included,
- Thursday, February 13, 2014, changes from early dismissal day to full day,
- Friday, February 14, 2014, changes from being a school holiday to an early dismissal day for professional development.

18. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the following field trip, for the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. (All students will be transported in school buses unless their destination is New York City, Philadelphia or beyond 50 miles, or otherwise noted. Parents/guardians are responsible for all fees and transportation costs) RCV:

- a. 6th Grade Archery Club – Oxford Central School, 2/5, 2/19 and 2/28/2014
- b. Brass Castle Band – North Warren High School, 3/5/2014

G. PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

H. TECHNOLOGY/CURRICULUM REPORT

I. CORRESPONDENCE

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Policy Committee

FYI: The Finance & Policy Committee is moving Policy Alert #201 forward for full Board review January 6, 2014, 1st reading February __, 2014 and 2nd reading March __, 2014.

19. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to rescind the December 9, 2013, motion to pay Warren Hills Board of Education the shared bus driver's settlement in the amount of \$72,636, as recommended by the Board Attorney. RCV:

20. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to pay Warren Hills Board of Education our share of the bus driver's settlement in the amount of \$72,636, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

Education Committee:

21. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following club for the 2013-2014 school year. Stipend to be in accord with the negotiated contract, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

Club	Advisor	Sessions	Length of Session	Cost
Test Taking Strategies	Kristen Cappitelli	16	1 hr.	\$448.00

K. RE-ORGANIZATION MOTIONS:

22. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adopt the following 2014 calendar of board meetings for the Washington Township Board of Education: RCV:

REGULAR MEETINGS FOR 2014

January	6	(1 st Monday) - Public Hearing on EVVRS/HIB Reports
February	10	
March	24	(4 th Monday) – Public Hearing on Budget
April	14	District Re-organization & Regular
May	12	
June	16	(3 rd Monday)
July	14	Public Hearing on EVVRS/HIB Reports
August	25	(4 th Monday)
September	8	
October	20	(3 rd Monday) - Public Hearing of Nurses Service Plan
November	10	Public Hearing on Audit
December	8	
January	5	(1 st Monday) - Board Re-organization & Regular - Public Hearing on EVVRS/HIB Reports

Board President appointed _____ and _____, alternate, as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

Board President appointed _____ and _____, alternate, to the Warren County School Boards Association.

Board President appointed _____ as Legislative delegate.

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

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

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION - if required as indicated in items _____ below.

23. 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 _____. 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: _____

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

MV: _____ Time: _____

N. ADJOURNMENT

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

MV: _____ Time: _____