

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 14, 2022

7:30 p.m.

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 emailed, January 13, 2022, to the Express Times and to the Clerk of Washington Township.

2. Roll Call:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Present							

3. Flag Salute

4. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the minutes of January 3, 2022, as presented. MV:

5. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the executive session minutes of January 3, 2022, as presented. MV:

B. INTRODUCTION/INTERVIEWS

Candidates for open board seat:

- _____

C. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (Agenda Items)

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

D. SECRETARY'S REPORT

6. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Student Activity, Petty Cash, and Cafeteria Account Reports for the month ending December 31, 2021, as presented. MV:

7. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Board Secretary and Cash Reports for the month ending December 31, 2021, 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 items 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 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.

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

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

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

9. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the Bills List for January 2022 and February 2022. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

10. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Antoinette Standish, part-time paraprofessional and to waive the 14-day notice clause in contract, without setting precedence, effective January 28, 2022, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

11. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve Amanda Bastos, part-time Paraprofessional, Step 1, for the 2021-2022 school year, upon completion of employment requirements, salary to be \$13.60, hourly rate, effective, February 28, 2022, not to exceed 30 hours per week, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

12. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to retroactively approve Megan Ordemann, part-time Social Worker, Step 2 MA, salary to be \$277.70/per diem, effective January 19, 2022 (employment requirements completed). The part-time Social Worker position will be funded by the CRRSA-CR Mental Health Grant and the ARP-NJTSS Mental Health Support Staff Grant, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

13. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve an FMLA medical leave of absence for employee #2100, effective April 28, 2022 through last day of school, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

14. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the out-of-district experiences, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

Staff Member	Type of Travel/Workshop	Registration Fee	Dates	Mileage RT	Parking	Tolls	Lodging Costs	Meals
Rebecca Clinebell	Judge at FCCLA Education Competition	0	3/24/22	150	-	-	-	-
Stacie Paruta	PESI Kids Executive Function Mastery-Online	\$199.00	Self-paced	-	-	-	-	-

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

15. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the 2022 Extended School Year Program, to operate at Brass Castle School, June 29 and June 30, 2022 and July 6 through July 29, 2022, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

16. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following Resolution/Waiver of Requirements, Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

Whereas, N.J.A.C 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2022-2023 school year, and;

Whereas, the Washington Township Board of Education currently has 23 Medicaid-Eligible/Special Education projected students for the 2022-2023 school year, the Board desires to request a SEMI waiver based on the 40 or fewer Medicaid-Eligible classified students;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Washington Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Chief School Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent Schools in the County of Warren an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C 6A23A-5.3 for the 2022-2023 school year.

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

17. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, that the Washington Township Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum, pursuant to N.J.A.C 6A:23A-7.3 for the 2022-2023 school year at the sum of \$35,000 and the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

18. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the WTSD English Language Learners (ELLs) Three-Year Plan submission to the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE), as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

19. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to update the district's Safe Return to School Plan to reflect a mask optional school environment, beginning on March 7, 2022, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

F. PRINCIPALS' REPORT

G. CORRESPONDENCE

- . Letter from Antoinette Standish

H. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education:

Facilities:

Finance & Policy: Finance meeting 1/31/22 @ 7:00 p.m.

Personnel: Personnel meeting 2/10/22 @ 7:00 p.m.

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.

20. 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 by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule, Individual privacy, 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: _____

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

MV: Time: _____

22. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to withhold the step and adjustment increment for staff member #2078, for the 2022-23 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV:

	Kristopher Eisner	Edward Kemp	Jennifer Knittel	Kimberley Morris	Patrick Rock	Karen Graf	Vacancy
Yes							
No							
Abstain							

23. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to appoint _____, effective March 14, 2022, to fill Board vacancy through December 31, 2022, upon completion of all legal requirements. MV:

K. ADJOURNMENT

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

MV: Time: _____