

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REORGANIZATION & REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
January 4, 2024
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

DATE

Thursday, January 4, 2024

PLACE

MS Cafeteria Classroom

CALLED TO ORDER

7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED

7:23 P.M.

OPEN MEETING:

Ms. Melissa Kida, Business Administrator/Board Secretary presided and voiced the call to order at 7:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the January 4, 2024 meeting of the Board of Education was e-mailed to the Clerks of the Boroughs of Essex Fells, North Caldwell and Roseland and to the Township of Fairfield, and to the editor of The Progress on December 19, 2023 and The Star Ledger on the same day.

OATH OF OFFICE: The following new Board members were sworn in:

Ms. Cristobal
Mr. Perrotti
Mr. Schaer

ROLL CALL BY THE BOARD SECRETARY:

Ms. B. Buccino
Ms. L. Cristobal
Ms. D. Holinstat
Mr. F. Perrotti
Ms. D. Sacco-Calderone
Mr. J. Schaer
Mr. R. Stampone
Mr. B. Trauman
Ms. M. Wojtowicz

Administration:

Mr. Damion Macioci, Superintendent of Schools
Mrs. Melissa Kida, Board Secretary/Business Administrator
Mr. Stephen Fogarty, Esq.

ELECTION FOR BOARD PRESIDENT:

Ms. Melissa Kida, Board Secretary, opened the floor for nominations for President of the Board.

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Mr. Stampone nominated **Ms. Ms. Maryadele Wojtowicz** for President, Mr. Schaer seconded the nomination with the following action taken:

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone, Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz
	No:	None
	Abstain:	Ms. Cristobal
	Absent:	None

There being no other nominations, Ms. Kida closed the floor and congratulated **Ms. Maryadele Wojtowicz**, newly elected **Board President**.

ELECTION FOR BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT:

Ms. Wojtowicz opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President for the Board:

Mr. Schaer nominated **Ms. Deborah Sacco-Calderone** for Vice-President, Mr. Stampone seconded the nomination with the following action taken:

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone, Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz
	No:	None
	Abstain:	Ms. Cristobal
	Absent:	None

There being no other nominations, Ms. Kida closed the floor and congratulated **Ms. Deborah Sacco-Calderone**, newly elected **Board Vice-President**.

Board members were provided with a copy of the School Board Member Code of Ethics to read and sign.

READING OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS, POLICY NO. 0142

Enclosure 1

The Board Secretary will read the results of the West Essex Regional School District Election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

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Composite Tally Sheet
 West Essex Regional School District in Essex County
 Annual Election – Tuesday, November 7, 2023

BOROUGH OF FAIRFIELD ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 3 Yr Term	BOROUGH OF FAIRFIELD ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 3 Yr Term	BOROUGH OF ROSELAND ONE MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION 3 Yr Term
Jonathan Schaer	Laila Cristobal	Frank Perrotti
1,077	35	1,088

The following reorganization motions are made at the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, **Items 1-6**, has been deemed to be non-controversial, in a matter of routine business, and will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by Maryadele Wojtowicz Seconded by Mr. Trauman to approve the following motions:

1. REGULAR MEETING DATES

RESOLVED, that the attached list of dates beginning January 4, 2024 and ending December 9, 2024 be established as the regular meeting dates for the West Essex Regional School District.

Meetings will be held in the Cafeteria Classroom located in the West Essex Middle School at 7:30 p.m.

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2. SPECIAL MEETINGS

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, Special Meetings of the Board of Education may be called 48 hours or more prior to the meeting by giving written notice of the date, time, location and agenda (if known) of the special meeting, and also whether formal action may or may not be taken.

3. ADOPTION OF CODE OF ETHICS

RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education hereby adopts the New Jersey School Boards Code of Ethics, as attached, for its members.

Enclosure 1

4. ADOPTION OF POLICIES

RESOLVED, that the current board policies adopted by the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education, either by code, number, resolution, motion or inference of intent, be re-adopted completely.

5. ADOPTION OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education adopt Roberts Rules of Order to govern meeting procedures.

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6. BOARD COMMITTEES & DELEGATES

RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education approves the following Board Committees and Delegates, from January 4, 2024 through December 31, 2024:

Curriculum & Instruction
Finance & Physical Plant Management
Policy
<u>Ad Hoc Committees</u>
Negotiations
Safety & Security

Delegate to Essex County School Boards Association

Delegate to New Jersey School Boards Association

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti,
Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone,
Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz
No: None
Abstain: Ms. Cristobal
Absent: None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Mr. Macioci welcomed new Board Member Ms. Cristobal, along with returning Board members Mr. Perrotti and Mr. Schaer. He wished everyone a "Happy New Year" and is looking forward to a good year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee Report: **Mr. Raphael Stampone**, on behalf of retired Board member **Cynthia Egan**, reported the committee to discuss the upgrade to the High School Culinary Arts Room and the STEM Room

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Ms. Wojtowicz opened the floor for comments from the public on Agenda Items. Hearing none, she closed the floor and continued with the meeting.

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NOTICE OF 2024 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given by the West Essex Regional Board of Education that at its Reorganization Meeting held on January 4, 2024 the Board of Education designated the following dates for its public meetings in the ensuing year:

Thursday	January 4, 2024	7:00 PM	Reorganization Meeting
Monday	January 22, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Wednesday	February 7, 2024	5:00 PM	Board Retreat
Monday	February 12, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	March 4, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	March 25, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	April 15, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	April 29, 2024	7:30 PM	Budget Presentation/Regular Meeting
Thursday	May 9, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	May 20, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	June 10, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Wednesday	June 26, 2024	6:00 PM	Board Retreat
Wednesday	July 17, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Wednesday	August 7, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	August 26, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	September 16, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Wednesday	October 16, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	November 11, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting
Monday	December 9, 2024	7:30 PM	Regular Meeting

All Regular Board meetings will be held in the Cafeteria Classroom located in West Essex Middle School, West Greenbrook Road, North Caldwell, New Jersey. All Regular Board meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. Formal action may or may not be taken. The Board will meet in Executive Session, if necessary, prior to the Regular Meetings to discuss Personnel, Student and/or Litigation matters.

1. It should be noted that the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s fiscal reports for previous month(s) will be discussed and accepted at a regular monthly meeting of the Board.
2. There will be an opportunity for the general public to be heard and to address the West Essex Regional Board at each regular meeting scheduled above.

The information to be presented at each Board Meeting will be available for inspection by the General Public on the Friday before each regular meeting and on the day of the meeting from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the office of the Board Secretary, West Greenbrook Road, North Caldwell, NJ 07006 and posted on the District’s website no later than 9:00 AM on the day of each meeting.

The public is invited to attend and is encouraged to comment at all regular scheduled meetings.

By Order of the
 West Essex Regional Board of Education
 Melissa Kida
 Board Secretary/School Business Administrator

West Essex Regional Board of Education
FINANCE– January 4, 2024

The following finance motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items **1- 18**, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Mr. Stampone** Seconded by **Mr. Perrotti** to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for **October, 2023**, in the amount of **\$20,827,864.35** Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the secretary’s certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of **October, 2023**, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Enclosures 1F – 51F

2. To approve the attached transfer report from **October 1, 2023** through **October 31, 2023**.

Enclosure 52F

3. To approve the Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for **November, 2023**, in the amount of **\$22,354,273.29** Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the secretary’s certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, as of **November 2023**, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Enclosures 53F – 103F

4. To approve the attached transfer report from **November 1, 2023** through **November 30, 2023**.

Enclosures 104F

5. To approve the bills and claims **check number 053055** through **check number 053083** and **check number 053085** through **check number 053115** and **check number 053118** through **check number 053201** and **check number 053203** through **check number 053210** and **check number 053212** through **check number 053221** and **check number 053224** through **check number 053272** and **check number 053275** through **check number 053333**. **Check number 510744** through **check number 510748**. **Payroll check number 501184** and **check number 501185** and **check number 501187** and **check number 501188**. **Void check numbers 053084, 053116, 053117, 053202, 053211, 053222, 053223, 053273, 053274.**
Totaling: \$5,190,301.69

Enclosures 105F – 113F

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6. To approve the **Student Activity Check Register** from December 9, 2023 through January 2, 2024, check number 15452 through check number 15483 and check number 15485 through check number 15491 and check number 15493 through check number 15506.
Void Check Numbers 15067, 15484, and 15492.
Totaling: \$49,878.55

Enclosures 114F – 120F

7. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of **November 30, 2023**.

Enclosures 121F – 124F

8. To approve the Executive Session Minutes of **November 30, 2023**.

Enclosures 125F - 126F

9. To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of **December 11, 2023**.

Enclosures 127F – 143F

10. To approve the Executive Session Minutes of **December 11, 2023**.

Enclosure 144F

11. To approve **Lakeland Bank** for **Depository of Funds** effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 (general fund and food service enterprise) and that the **Facsimile Signatures** of the President, the Board Secretary, and the Treasurer of School Monies be required on all disbursements of the Board of Education.

Board President
Board Secretary
Treasurer of School Monies

12. RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adopt the following resolution and authorize the President and Secretary to furnish signature cards as required by the various banking institutions and may be appropriate for the particular account:

RESOLVED:

1. That an account or accounts be continued with **Lakeland Bank** (hereinafter called the bank), titled **General Fund Account, etc.** and there may be deposited to its credit in one or more accounts with the bank any monies, checks and other instruments which may come into possession of this corporation. Any other property may be deposited with the bank for safe keeping, custody and other purposes. Items for deposit, collection or discount may be endorsed by any person authorized to sign; checks, or endorsement thereof may be made in writing or by a stamp without designation of the person so endorsing.

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12. (Continued)

2. All three of the following: President or Vice President, Treasurer of School Monies and Board Secretary of this corporation are authorized on behalf of this corporation and in its name, (a) to sign checks, savings withdrawals, drafts, notes, acceptances and other instruments and orders for the payment of money or for the withdrawal or delivery of funds or other property at any time held by the bank for the account for the conduct of any account of this corporation with the bank; (b) to accept drafts, and other instruments payable at the bank, and to waive, demand, protest and notice of protest of dishonor of any instrument made, drawn, or endorsed by this corporation; and (c) to endorse, negotiate, and receive, or authorize the payment of, the proceeds of, any negotiable or other instruments or orders for the payment of money payable to or belonging to this corporation.

3. The bank may honor all such checks and other instruments for the payment of delivery of money or property when signed as authorized above, including any payable to the bank or to any signer or other officer or employee of the corporation or to cash or bearer, and may receive the same in payment of or as security for the personal indebtedness of any signer or other officer or employee or other person to the bank or in any transaction whether or not known to be for the personal benefit of any such person, without inquiry as to the circumstances of their issue or the disposition of their proceeds, and without liability to the bank, and without any obligation upon the bank to inquire whether the same be drawn or required for the corporation's business or benefit; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing resolution shall continue in full force and effect and the bank may rely on them until a certified copy of a subsequent resolution of the Board of Directors of this corporation modifying or rescinding any or all such resolutions shall have been actually received by the bank.

13. To approve as **Official Newspapers**, for all purpose of advertising legal notices, designation of **The Progress**, (Parker Publications), Bernardsville, New Jersey, and/or **The Star-Ledger**, Newark, New Jersey, and **The Record**, Woodland Park, New Jersey effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

14. To approve designation of the following banking institutions effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 as **Official Depositories** requiring the signature of the Board Secretary and the Superintendent (*alternate signature is the Treasurer of School Monies*):

Lakeland Bank

Unemployment Trust Account
Payroll Agency Account
Payroll Account
Student Activity Account (checking)
Food Service Account
General Account
Robert J. Cerasia Memorial Scholarship Fund
Richard & Ruth Ebersbach Memorial Scholarship Fund
Patrick Flaherty Memorial Scholarship Fund
James Gorman Memorial Fund

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14. (Continued)

Music Scholarship Fund
Gail Rogavin Scholarship Fund
Tina Lane Memorial Scholarship Fund
West Essex Superintendent’s Scholarship
Charles Robert Cerasia IV Memorial Scholarship Fund
SEC Athletic Scholarship Fund
Joseph F. Martino, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

15. WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional Board of Education desires to maximize the return to the Board on invested funds; and

WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional Board of Education believes that this can best be accomplished through competitive quotations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education designate the following banks having branches in the County of Essex:

- Lakeland Bank
- US Bank

Referendum Investments:

- Lakeland Bank
- Depository Trust-Chase Bank

as eligible **Depositories of Record for Investment Purposes;** and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education hereby authorizes the Board Secretary to solicit quotations from these banks and to invest Board of Education funds in them subject to the restrictions in Title 18A.

16. To *amend Finance Motion #8*, previously approve at the **October 16, 2023** Board Meeting to read: To approve the ice hockey co-operative agreement between the **Caldwell/West Caldwell School District** and West Essex Regional School District for the 2023/2024, 2024/2025, and **2025/2026** seasons, pending NJSIAA approval.

17. To approve the proposal from **DiCara/Rubino Architects** for Culinary Arts Room Improvements, for the West Essex Regional School District at an amount not to exceed \$205,000, plus reimbursable expenses.

18. To approve the proposal from **DiCara/Rubino Architects** for STEM Room 107 Improvements, for the West Essex Regional School District at an amount not to exceed \$72,000, plus reimbursable expenses.

ROLL CALL:	Yes:	Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone, Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz
	No:	None
	Abstain:	Ms. Cristobal
	Absent:	None

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – January 4, 2024**

The following building & grounds motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Item 1, will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Ms. Holinstat** Seconded by **Mr. Trauman** to approve the following motions:

- To approve the following application for **Use of Facilities** with the appropriate fees in accordance with **Board Policy #7510**:

Organization	Priority	Event	Facilities	Date(s)	Fees
WE Girls Lacrosse Club	4	Indoor Lacrosse Clinic	Turf Field and High School Small Gym	Thursdays 01/11-02/22/24	\$2,400

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone, Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz
 No: None
 Abstain: Ms. Cristobal
 Absent: None

**West Essex Regional Board of Education
PERSONNEL – January 4, 2024**

The following personnel motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1- 11 will be voted upon in one motion.

Motion by **Mr. Schaer** Seconded by **Ms. Sacco-Calderone** to approve the following motions:

- To approve the resignation of the following staff member(s):

Name	Position	Reason	Location	Last Day of Employment, on or about:
Brittany Whitford	Teacher of Business	Resignation	WEHS	02/16/2024

- To approve the appointment(s) of the following staff member(s), for the 2023/2024 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9:

Name	Location/ Position	Tenure Track or Leave Replacement	Replacing or New Position	Guide	Step	Salary/ Hourly Rate	Effective Date(s), on or about:
Adestinee Nazaire	WEMS/ Teacher of World Languages	Tenure Track	Ruth Bolger	Masters	8	\$69,974	03/05/24

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3. To approve the following teacher(s) for a 6th period assignment at the negotiated rate of \$53/day, as per WEEA contract, beginning January 2, 2024 through on or about March 4, 2024.

Subject	Name
Academic Coaching	Thomas Kenny
Academic Coaching	Michele Lombardozzi

NOTE: These teachers replace Ruth Bolger, who retired.

4. To *amend* Personnel Motion #7, previously approved at the December 11, 2023 Board meeting to read: To approve the following 2023/2024 Spring Coaching appointments:

Sport	Candidate	Position	Step	Stipend
Boys Track	Anthony Lambo	Head Coach	5	\$11,193

5. To *rescind* the following teacher(s) for a 6th period assignment at the negotiated rate of \$10,500, prorated, as per the WEEA contract, beginning January 2, 2024 through on or about April 15, 2024:

Subject	Teacher
11 th Grade Health and PE	Michelle Giampapa

6. To approve the following teacher(s) for a 6th period assignment at the negotiated rate of \$10,500, prorated, as per the WEEA contract, beginning January 2, 2024 through on or about April 15, 2024:

Subject	Teacher
11 th Grade Health and PE	Michael Llauget

(NOTE: Mr. Llauget replaces Daniella Rakotci, who is on a board approved maternity/disability leave.)

7. To approve the appointment(s) of the following substitute staff members for the 2023/2024 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18-A:6-7.9:

Name	Position	Daily Rate	Effective Dates
Francis Cherichello	Substitute Teacher/Substitute Aide	\$125/day	01/05/24

8. To approve the following Middle School teacher(s) for a 3/5ths of a 6th period assignment (WE Rise) for the 2023/2024 school year at the negotiated rate of \$6,300, prorated, effective January 8, 2024 as per WEEA contract:

SUBJECT	TEACHER
Reading 7	Jessica DiMarco
English 7	Deana Hagel

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9. To approve the following Leave of Absence(s) for the 2023/2024 school year:

Name	Location	Position	Type of Leave	Effective Date(s), on or about	Return Date, on or about
Diane Gray	WEHS	Teacher of English	Medical Leave w/pay w/benefits	02/05/24 – 03/18/24	03/19/24

10. To approve the following teacher(s) for a 6th period assignment at the negotiated rate of \$53/day, as per the WEEA contract, beginning on or about **February 5, 2024** through on or about **March 18, 2024**:

Subject	Period	Teacher
CPA English I	5	Aaron Myerson
H English I	6	Bonnie Jing

(NOTE: These teachers replace Diane Gray, who is on a board approved medical leave of absence.)

11. To approve the appointment(s) of the following staff member(s), for the 2023/2024 school year, pending receipt of mandatory paperwork in accordance with N.J.S.A 18-A:6-7.9:

Name	Location/ Position	Tenure Track or Leave Replacement	Replacing or New Position	Guide	Degree/ Step	Salary/ Hourly Rate	Effective Date(s), on or about
Dana Bartello	WEHS	3/5ths Leave Replacement	Diane Gray	WEEA	BA+15/ Step 1-2	\$60,871 (prorated)	02/05/24 - 03/18/24

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti, Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone, Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz
No: None
Abstain: Ms. Cristobal
Absent: None

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CURRICULUM/SPECIAL EDUCATION – January 4, 2024

The following curriculum/special education motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1 - 7, will be voted upon in one motion.
Motion by Ms. Buccino Seconded by Ms. Holinstat to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the following field trip request:

Class/Teacher	Destination	Educational Justification	Date(s)
McAloon, Elise	Camp Canadensis, Canadensis, PA	Marching Band Camp	Mon-Fri 8/12-8/16/2024

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2. To approve the following requests for Professional Development:

Employee Name	Conference/Workshop	Location	Date(s)	Expenses
Smith, Maria	Building the Skill and Confidence Levels of Struggling Math Students	On-Line	Wednesday 02/07/24	Conference Fee: \$279.00
Rizzo, Christa	NJMEA Annual Convention	Atlantic City, NJ	Thurs-Sat 02/22- 02/24/24	Conference Fee: \$90.00 Personal Expenses: Not to Exceed \$601.92
Duby, Suzana	New Kinds of Attention: Writing with AI – Bard College	On-Line	Friday 02/09/24	Conference Fee: \$375.00

3. To approve the following out-of-district placements for the 2023/2024 school year:

Student	Out of District School	Tuition
Student ID #2701661	Holmstead School 14 Hope Street Ridgewood, NJ 201-447-1696	Tuition - \$63,194.40* (Prorated for January 2 nd Start) 106 School Days
Student ID #2500806	Chancellor Academy 157 West Parkway Pompton Plains, NJ 07444	Tuition - \$79,773.36* (*Prorated for a December 18 th Start) 114 School Days

4. WHEREAS, the West Essex Regional Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.5, is to annually adopt its program of new **Course Offerings** (available for review in the office of the Director of Curriculum & Instruction or Principal's Office);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Essex Regional Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, does hereby adopt these courses to be offered throughout the West Essex Regional School District for the period September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

5. To approve all Curricula Grades 7 – 12 in all content areas for the 2023/2024 school year.
6. To approve the West Essex Regional School District's Program of Studies, Grades 7-8 and Grades 9-12, for the 2024/2025 school year, as per enclosures.

Enclosures 1CSE - 79CSE

7. To *amend* Curriculum/Special Education Motion #7, previously approved at the **June 12, 2023** Board meeting to read: To approve enrollment of the following Special Education tuition student(s) for the 2023/2024 school year:

Sending District	Student ID#	Cost Per Student	Effective Date
Caldwell/W Caldwell	F.P.	\$3,987.87	8/30/23

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ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti,
Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone,
Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz
No: None
Abstain: Ms. Cristobal
Absent: None

West Essex Regional Board of Education
MISCELLANEOUS – January 4, 2024

The following miscellaneous motions are made at the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

CONSENT AGENDA

Anything placed on this agenda, Items 1- 17, will be voted upon in one motion.
Motion by Mr Perrotti Seconded by Ms. Buccino to approve the following motions:

1. To approve the *amended* 2023/2024 transportation bus routes, as appended.

Enclosures 1M - 2M

2. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 022 (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
3. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 023 (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
4. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 024 A (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
5. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 024 B (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
6. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 025A (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.

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7. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 025B (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
8. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 025C (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
9. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 028 (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
10. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 029 (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
11. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 030 (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
12. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 031A (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
13. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 031B (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
14. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent’s decision in HIB Investigation No. 031C (MS) for the reasons set forth in the Superintendent’s Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board’s decision to the affected students’ parents forthwith.
15. To approve submission of the 2023/2024 **Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement**, with addendum, between Education and Law Enforcement Officials to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools, as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.2(b) 13 through 15, as on file in the Board Office.

Enclosures 3M - 87M

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16. WHEREAS, on December 11, 2023, the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as “Board of Education”) continued the suspension of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office until the next regular Board meeting; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education after reviewing the case, in consultation with the Superintendent, has determined that the student’s suspension should be discontinued, and the student should be reinstated to his education program;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby discontinues the suspension of the student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office and reinstates the student to his education program.
17. WHEREAS, on December 11, 2023, the West Essex Regional School District Board of Education (hereinafter referred to as “Board of Education”) continued the suspension of a student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office until the next regular Board meeting; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education after reviewing the case, in consultation with the Superintendent, has determined that the student’s suspension should be discontinued, and the student should be reinstated to his education program;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby discontinues the suspension of the student whose name is on file in the Superintendent’s office and reinstates the student to his education program.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ms. Buccino, Ms. Holinstat, Mr. Perrotti,
Ms. Sacco-Calderone, Mr. Schaer, Mr. Stampone,
Mr. Trauman, and Ms. Wojtowicz
No: None
Abstain: Ms. Cristobal
Absent: None

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Ms. Wojtowicz opened the floor to the public for comments on non-agenda items. Hearing none, she closed the floor and resumed the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by **Ms. Sacco-Calderone** Seconded by **Mr. Stampone** at **7:23 PM**.

ADJOURN: There being no further business before this Board of Education, BE IT RESOLVED that this public meeting be adjourned.

President

Business Administrator/Board Secretary