

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
October 21, 2009
Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education, City of Woodbury, was held on the above date. Mr. Gwalthney opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and read the opening statements.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meeting's Act has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

Faxing notice to the Gloucester County Times and filing written notice with the Clerk of the City of Woodbury at the time of Reorganization in April, 2009.

3. ROLL CALL

Mr. Abbott	Present	Mr. Hughes	Present
Mr. Chiesa	Present	Mr. Lonabaugh	Present
Mrs. Dennen	Present	Ms. White	Present
Mr. Gwalthney	Present	Mr. Toole	Present
Ms. Hill	Present	Theodore Johnson	Present
		(Student Representative)	

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

5. MISSION STATEMENT

Building upon our history, diversity and beliefs, the mission of the Woodbury Public Schools, *a leader in personalizing education,*

is to ensure each child becomes a responsible citizen who excels in his or her endeavors and meets life's challenges with courage, confidence and pride;

this is accomplished by utilizing proven instructional strategies and innovative methods by highly skilled and dedicated individuals in partnership with families, our city and the global community.

6. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

- Annual Violence & Vandalism Report - Mrs. Dunham provided the board with a PowerPoint presentation giving a summary of this year's data comparing it to prior year's data.

- Annual Testing Data Report – Mr. Jones, Toni Capodanno and Akisha Jones – gave a PowerPoint presentation that detailed the district’s annual testing data report. Several board members requested more information on certain figures.

7. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

Open: Motion _____ Mrs. Dennen _____ Second _____ Mr. Toole _____

Close: Motion _____ Mrs. Dennen _____ Second _____ Mr. Toole _____

Maureen St. John – representing the WEA, read a statement asking the board to settle their contract. She stated that the union would like a “timely end to this round of bargaining”.

Bobby Miller, Class President for the 9th Grade Class – asked why there was not a JROTC program at Woodbury especially since the recruiting center is across the street.

Mr. Jones responded that he would like to meet with him in conjunction with Mrs. Dunham to discuss this further.

8. AGENDA

A. **STUDENTS & PROGRAMS**

1. Homeless

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved contracts for homeless students. (Exhibit 10-36)

2. Student Placements

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the out-of- district placement of student #5812105762 at Bankbridge Development Center beginning September 8, 2009, at a per diem rate of \$366 for instruction and a one-to-one aide.
- b) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the out-of- district placement of transfer student #4104643558 at Bankbridge Elementary School beginning September 15, 2009, at a per diem rate of \$179.
- c) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the homebound instruction placement of student #3505292727 beginning October 1, 2009, through the balance of the school year, with service to be provided by GCSSSD at a contracted cost of \$23,920.

3. Homebound Instruction

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved providing homebound instruction for the following students:

Student ID#	Time Frame	Hrs. Per Week	Home Instruction Provider	Reason
120177	09/08/09 – 01/04/10	10	Theresa Rohlfing	Medical
130118	09/08/09 – 09/29/09	10	Brookfield	Medical
100534	09/11/09 – 10/01/09	10	Brookfield	Medical
100149	09/14/09 – 11/01/09	6	Mary Mills	Medical
		4	Tara Domin	
120194	09/08/09 – 06/23/10	*	Jennifer Maina	Medical

*Per 504 Plan, as needed (after three consecutive absences, student receives one hour of instruction).

4. Tuition Student

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved to ratify and affirm the acceptance of student #100033 as a parent paid tuition student from West Deptford Township for the 2009-10 school year in the amount of \$5,250.

5. Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the Gloucester County CAP Project workshops for students in grades preschool, kindergarten and grade three at a total cost of \$2,985, to be funded through NCLB Title IV.

6. 2009-10 Student Field Trips

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved field trips for students. (Exhibit 10-37)

7. Overnight Trips

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the Senior Trip for students to Orlando, Florida, at a cost of \$929 per pupil (to be paid by the participating students' families), on the dates of June 3, 2010, through June 6, 2010, to be chaperoned by Donna Lacovara, Christopher Sheppard, and Jason Vivadelli.
- b) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the Choir Trip for students to New York, New York, at an approximate cost of \$645 per pupil (to be paid by the participating students' families), on the dates of March 18, 2010, through March 21, 2010, to be chaperoned by A. Edward Maddison, Sharron Knauss, Theresa Savage, and one administrator (TBD).

2. Leave of Absence

The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved a leave of absence under FMLA for Kara L. Huber, Business Administrator for the Woodbury City Public School District, beginning January 4, 2010, through on or about February 16, 2010.

3. Alternative High School Program Employment

The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the employment adjustment of Timothy Pentz, Teacher of Health and Physical Education for the district’s Alternative High School Program, from 4 hours per week to a new total of 5 hours per week for the 2009-10 school year, at the same rate of pay.

4. Practicum Placement

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the counseling practicum of Wilmington University student Susmita Sukla, under the direction and supervision of Marge Pertuit, beginning January 4, 2010, through April 30, 2010, pending receipt of a New Jersey Substitute Credential.

5. Extra-Curricular – 2009-10

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby accepted the resignation of Braheme Days as the Debate Club Advisor for the 2009-10 school year.
- b) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the following non-athletic extra-curricular appointments for the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Advisor	Debate Club	Al Kilpatrick	TBD*

- c) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the following athletic extra-curricular appointments for the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Appointment</u>	<u>Stipend/Step</u>
Assistant Coach	Boys Basketball	Quadii McMillan	TBD*/Step 2

*Stipends to be determined through the negotiations process.

6. Additional Employment

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the additional employment of Ari Ford to provide Accelerated Math support/consultation in Special Education classrooms, for a maximum of thirty-five total hours at the Special Projects Rate during the 2009-10 school year, funded through the IDEIA Federal Year 2010 Grant.

- b) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the additional employment of Trinna Savage for the Math Academy at Evergreen Avenue School, for a maximum of 27 hours total hours at the Special Projects Rate during the 2009-10 school year, funded by School Improvement and Accountability – American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (SIA – ARRA) monies.

7. Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the employment of John R. Gianvito as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the Woodbury City Public School District, at the rate of \$400 per diem, beginning January 4, 2009, through on or about February 16, 2010, in addition to one paid day overlap in December 2009 for the purpose of transition. (Note: It is expected that Mr. Gianvito will typically work three days per week in completing this interim position.)

8. Appointments – 2009-10

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the appointment of John R. Gianvito as Interim Purchasing Agent for the term of his employment as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the appointment of John R. Gianvito as Interim Custodian of Public Records for the term of his employment as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.
- c) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the appointment of John R. Gianvito as Interim Public Agency Compliance Officer for the term of his employment as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

9. Substitute Teachers – 2009-10

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the employment of substitute teachers for the 2009-10 school year. (Exhibit 10-44)
- b) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby ratified and affirmed the employment of Rhonda Calloway as an Interim Teacher of Vocal Music at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, at the rate of \$125 per diem, beginning September 28, 2009, through on or about November 11, 2009.
- c) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the employment of William Hilferty as an Interim Teacher of Grade 1 at Evergreen Avenue Elementary School, at the rate of \$125 per diem, beginning on or about November 16, 2009, through on or about February 26, 2010.

Motion: Mrs. Dennen Second: Mr. Toole Roll Call Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0 **D. PERSONNEL – SUPPORT**1. Leave of Absence

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved a leave of absence under FMLA for Gabriela Burlacu, Custodian for the Woodbury City Public School District, beginning on September 9, 2009, through October 2, 2009.
- b) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved an uncompensated leave of absence for Antoinette McGeehan, Instructional Assistant for the Woodbury City Public School District, beginning on September 2, 2009, through October 9, 2009.

2. Termination

The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the termination of Maria Munoz Garro, Custodian for the Woodbury City Public School District, effective October 28, 2009.

3. Resignation

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby accepted the verbal resignation of Robert Lombardi, Interim Bus Driver for the Woodbury City Public School District effective October 9, 2009.
- b) The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby accepted the resignation of Gabriela Burlacu, Custodian for the Woodbury City Public School District effective October 20, 2009.

4. Employment

The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the employment of Jeanette Pacifico as a Building Aide at Evergreen Avenue Elementary School for the 2009-10 school year, at a rate of \$11.33 per hour, no benefits, for twenty hours per week, beginning upon receipt of criminal history approval.

5. Additional Employment

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby ratified and affirmed the additional employment of Faith Myers as a Preschool Classroom Aide for the Woodbury City Public School District, for five hours per week, at the rate of \$11.33 per hour, beginning October 1, 2009, through the balance of the school year.

- b) Approval of the Board of Education is requested to assign Daniel O’Leary to serve as a Special Education One-to-One Aide for student #1990923369, for up to 25 hours during the 2009-10 school year for after school extracurricular activities, at a rate of \$11.33 an hour.

6. Student Tutors

The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the employment of the following student tutors for the 2009-10 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>	<u>Rate of Pa</u>
Bruce Vail	Jr. High Workplace Tutor	6 hours per week	\$10 per hour
Marissa Satterfield	Jr. High Workplace Tutor	6 hours per week	\$10 per hour
Ivelissa Polanco	Jr. High Workplace Tutor	6 hours per week	\$10 per hour

7. Support Staff Substitutes

- a) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the employment of substitute staff for the 2009-10 school year. (Exhibit 10-45)
- b) The Woodbury City Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, hereby approved the employment of Courtney Chellew as an Interim Instructional Assistant at Evergreen Avenue Elementary School, for twenty-nine hours per week, at the rate of \$16 per hour, beginning on or about November 16, 2009, through on or about February 26, 2010, pending receipt of criminal history approval.

Motion: _____ Mrs. Dennen _____ Second: _____ Mr. Toole _____

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 9 No: 0

E. BUSINESS & FINANCIAL

1. Comprehensive Maintenance Plan

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby the resolution for the submission for the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for FY '09, FY '10, FY '11, the M-1 Annual Maintenance Budget Worksheets and the Facilities Checklist. (Exhibit 10-46; To Be Placed on the Board Table).

2. Submission of Grant

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the submission of a grant proposal through the Home Depot in the amount of \$500 for a youth garden at Evergreen Avenue Elementary School.

3. Contract with Haddonfield Board of Education – Reading Recovery Programs

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved entering into a contract with Haddonfield Board of Education to provide Reading Recovery ongoing professional development for four (4) teachers for the 2009-10 school year at a cost of \$750 per teacher, charged to the NCLB grant.

4. Appointment of SAIF Fund Commissioner

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the appointment of Kara L. Huber as the School Alliance Insurance Fund Commissioner for the Woodbury City Public School District.

5. Contracted Transportation Routes – 2009-10

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved contracted transportation routes for the 2009-10 school year. (Exhibit 10-47)

6. Grant Agreement/Contract with Southwest Council, Inc.

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved entering into a grant agreement/contract with the Southwest Council, Inc. for the 2009-10 school year, to provide the Woodbury City Jr.-Sr. High School with a youth empowerment program called REBEL and REBEL² (Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies) in the amount of \$1,000.

7. Resolution for Continued Membership with Educational Risk Insurance Consortium-South

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the Resolution to continue the membership with the Educational Risk Insurance Consortium-South, a fund within the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group, for a three year period ending June 30, 2012. (Exhibit 10-48)

8. Submission of a Regular Operating District Grant Application

The Woodbury City Board of Education hereby approved the submission by Garrison Architects of a Regular Operating District grant application that is eligible for State funding to the New Jersey Department of Education for the interior renovations at the Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School and Evergreen Avenue School.

9. FIRE DRILL REPORT

September 2009

School	Date	Time	Length of Drill	Comments
Evergreen	09/15/09	2:00pm	2 minutes, 7 seconds	Sunny
	09/28/09	10:45am	1 minute, 55 seconds	Sunny
Walnut	09/15/09	10:05am	1 minute, 6 seconds	Sunny, warm
	09/30/09	12:50pm	1 minute, 12 seconds	Cloudy, cool
West End	09/14/09	2:15pm	1 minute	Sunny, warm
	09/21/09	9:00am	1 minute, 20 seconds	Sunny, cool
Jr.-Sr. High	09/14/09	10:33am	2 minutes, 20 seconds	Sunny
	09/22/09	11:15am	2 minutes, 15 seconds	Partly cloudy

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent's Report – as submitted – no additional report
- School Business Administrator's Report – as submitted – Mrs. Huber reported that the Financial Auditors had come out to the district to perform their annual audit during the last week in September and the first week in October and the district expects a report by November 5, 2009.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications Committee – Jerry Lonabaugh, Chairperson - reported a meeting was held on October 14, 2009 and the committee discussed the Strategic Plan and activities for the current year. Mr. Lonabaugh reported that the budget may need funds next year for Dr. Feddema to provide a follow up to the Strategic Plan and the renewal of the White & Gold.

Finance Committee – Anthony Chiesa, Chairperson – no report.

Personnel Committee – Lynn Jennings Dennen, Chairperson – no report

Policy Committee – Diane Hill, Chairperson – reported that a meeting will be held on November 9, 2009.

Property Committee – William Toole, Chairperson – no report.

12. REPRESENTATIVES

City Council Liaison – Anthony Chiesa – stated he did not attend the council meeting.

Gloucester County School Board – Frank Gwalthney – was appointed Legislative Liaison for the County.

NJSBA Legislative Delegate – Frank Gwalthney – no report

Student Body Representative – Teddy Johnson – no report

13. FUTURE DATES

Date	Event	Time
October 21, 2009	Board of Education Meeting – Jr.-Sr. High School	7:00pm
October 22, 2009	NHS Fall Induction Ceremony – Jr.-Sr. High School	7:00pm
October 24, 2009	Homecoming Game – Stadium	10:30am
October 24, 2009	Homecoming Dance – Jr.-Sr. High School	7:00pm
October 28-20, 2009	NJSBA Conference – Atlantic City	3 day
October 29, 2009	AVID Parent Visitation – Jr.-Sr. High School	*
November 9, 2009	Policy Committee Meeting	6:00pm
November 10, 2009	P.T.A. Meeting – West End Memorial School	7:00pm
November 12, 2009	H.S.A. Meeting – Walnut Street School	3:00pm
November 17, 2009	P.T.O. Meeting – Evergreen Avenue School	7:00pm
November 17, 2009	P.T.S.A. Meeting – Jr.-Sr. High School	7:00pm
November 18, 2009	Family Night, Grade 1 – Evergreen Avenue School	6:00pm
November 18, 2009	Family Night, Grade 1 – Walnut Street School	6:00pm
November 18, 2009	Family Night, Grade 1 – West End Memorial School	6:00pm
November 18, 2009	Board of Education Meeting – Evergreen Avenue School	7:00pm

*Various periods throughout the day; please contact the superintendent's office for class times.

14. MEETING OPENED TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT

Open: Motion _____ Mrs. Dennen _____ Second _____ Mr. Toole _____

Close: Motion _____ Mrs. Dennen _____ Second _____ Mr. Toole _____

15. ADJOURNMENT TO END BOARD MEETING

Motion: _____ Mrs. Dennen _____ Second: _____ Mr. Toole _____

Roll Call Vote: Yes: _____ 9 _____ No: _____ 0 _____

Time: _____ 9:45pm _____

Brandon Chiesa, Jr., Woodbury – commented that the federal government cannot give senior citizens their own funds let alone giving large increases to teachers. He stated that if we do give a large increase he would like to see large concessions. He also stated he would like to see performance based raises.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara L. Huber,
Board Secretary