

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**July 11, 2007**  
**Board of Education Meeting Room**  
**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. Mrs. Dennen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, 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 to the Courier Post, and filing written notice with the Clerk of the City of Woodbury on June 26, 2007.**

3. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Dennen	Present	Mr. Abbott	Present (entered 7:05pm)
Mr. Chiesa	Present	Ms. Hill	Present
Mr. Hughes	Present	Mr. Lonabaugh	Present (entered 7:40pm)
Ms. Moore	Present	Mr. Toole	Present
Mr. Gwalthney	Absent		

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

5. MISSION STATEMENT

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Detracking Update
  - Mr. Jones discussed the reasons for moving forward with the detracking initiative in the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. He referenced a variety of issues in conjunction with the New Jersey High School Redesign Initiative and the American Diploma Project. A decision was made to have heterogeneous grouping initiated in all subject areas for 6<sup>th</sup> grade beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. For the upcoming academic year, the sixth grade faculty will be provided focused staff development on differentiated instruction. This timing will allow for more detailed information to be provided to parents in advance of the change to the detracked model.

Mr. Chiesa questioned if we have the resources to manage these new programs.

Mr. Jones replied "yes".

Mr. Abbott stated he appreciates Mr. Jones' efforts to provide more information and time to consider this matter.

7. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion: Ms. Moore Second: Mr. Abbott  
Voice Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0

Heather Tierney – Ms. Tierney stated she appreciates the Board listening to her. Ms. Tierney offered an alternative and questioned Mr. Snelling's workshops and after school. Ms. Tierney questioned whether students had to miss extra curricular sports, etc.

Mr. Jones replied "no". The students are not required to miss extracurricular activities. For 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades there will be advanced math and language arts.

Ms. Tierney stated that there was nothing on the website for Junior High School curriculum or it has not been updated since January.

Ms. Tierney questioned the Gifted and Talented.

Mr. Jones stated we will stay with the existing program which is accelerated classes during the day.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion: Mr. Chiesa Second: Ms. Moore  
Voice Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0

8. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON - AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion: Ms. Moore Second: Mr. Chiesa  
Voice Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0

John Belko – 605 Delaware Street – Woodbury

- Mr. Belko gave an update regarding what City Council is doing. He stated that the Rowan and Walgreen properties were made as pilots (payments in lieu of taxes).

Mr. Belko stated that the council is considering amendment of ordinances to enable a portion of the pilot to go to the school. He suggested that a Board representative attend the City Council meeting.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON -  
AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion: Ms. Moore  
Voice Vote: Yes: 7

Second: Mr. Abbott  
No: 0

9. AGENDA

**A. ROUTINE MATTERS**

1. Approval of Minutes

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting held on June 20, 2007.

2. Transfers

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the ratification of June 30, 2007 transfers in line accounts in accordance with the lists submitted. (Exhibit 08-01)

3. Payment of Bills

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the ratification of June 30, 2007 payment of bills without exception. (Exhibit 08-02)

Mr. Toole questioned the bills to Hermitage Art Co.

Motion: Ms. Moore

Second: Mr. Chiesa

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 7

No: 0

**B. PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL**

1. Retirement

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the letter of retirement from Donna L. Herman, Speech-Language Specialist, effective June 30, 2007.

2. Resignation

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the resignation of Anne Baney-Giampoala, Teacher of English at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, effective June 30, 2007.

3. Employment - 2007-08

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Jane Burrough, Special Education Teacher at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, commencing September 4, 2007, pending New Jersey certification and approval of the criminal history review. Ms. Burrough's salary will be in accordance with Step 1, BA+15, on the teachers' 2007-08 salary guide, pending receipt of final transcripts.
- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Tanya Barnes as School Psychologist in the Woodbury School District, commencing September 4, 2007, pending approval of the criminal history review. Ms. Barnes' salary will be in accordance with Step 10, MA+30, on the teachers' 2007-08 salary guide.
- c) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Jason M. Vivadelli as Assistant Principal at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, 10 months, commencing September 4, 2007, pending receipt of appropriate New Jersey certificate and criminal history review. Mr. Vivadelli's salary will be \$72,000 for the 2007-08 school year.
- d) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Roseanne Scipione-Fehre as Teacher of English at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, commencing September 4, 2007, pending approval of the criminal history review. Ms. Scipione-Fehre's salary will be in accordance with Step 2, BA, on the teacher's 2007-08 salary guide.
- e) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Karynna Ann Baresel as Teacher of English at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, commencing September 4, 2007, pending approval of the criminal history review. Ms. Baresel's salary will be in accordance with Step 1, MA, on the teacher's 2007-08 salary guide.
- f) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Tara Edmond as Teacher of Grade 6 at Woodbury Jr. High School, commencing September 4, 2007, pending approval of the criminal history review. Ms. Edmond's salary will be in accordance with Step 1, BA, on the teacher's 2007-08 salary guide.
- g) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of John Karakashian as Interim Teacher of Grade 5 at Evergreen Avenue School, commencing September 4, 2007, at the yearly salary of \$44,107. Mr. Karakashian's contract is pending approval of the criminal history review.

4. Employment – Summer 2007

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the employment of Sherrie Davis for twelve, 8 hour days during Summer 2007. Mrs. Davis will be compensated at her per diem salary.

Ms. Hill questioned what position is this.

Mr. Jones replied "new counseling position".

- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved compensating the following teachers for up to ten hours at the Special Projects Rate (district will be reimbursed through the Professional Development School Partnership Initiative grant) for their participation in the Differentiated Instruction workshop to be held on August 20-21, 2007. (Revised)

Antoinette Rizzi  
 Anne Evans  
 Daniel Ford  
 Tara Edmond

Jennifer Jones  
 Bernadette Landis  
 Tobey Realley  
 Roseanne Scipione-Fehre

Ms. Moore questioned who is conducting the professional development for the differentiated instruction.

Mr. Jones replied "Rowan University".

- c) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved compensating the following teachers for six hours for each day at the Special Projects Rate (to be funded with Autism Grant) for their participation in autism workshops to be held on July 27 and August 13, 2007:

July 27, 2007  
 Maria Gassner  
 Stacey Henry  
 Madeline Mills  
 Linda Brewer

August 13, 2007  
 Christina Abdalla  
 Susan Kudless  
 Suzanne Maxymuk  
 Mary Muldoon  
 Linda Brewer

- d) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved compensating Karynna Ann Baresel for thirty hours at the Special Projects Rate for attendance at Advanced Placement training at Camden County College on August 6-9, 2007.
- e) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved staff for Summer 2007 Curriculum Institutes. Each teacher will be compensated for up to twenty hours at the Special Projects Rate funded through No Child Left Behind (NCLB).

**Subject Area: Mathematics**

**Dates: July 9-12, 2007**

Chloe Benson  
 Jenny Chen

Motion: Ms. Moore

Second: Mr. Chiesa

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 7

No: 0

**C. PERSONNEL - SUPPORT**1. Resignation

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby accepted the resignation of Heather Chambers, Instructional Assistant, effective June 30, 2007.

2. Leaves of Absence – 2006-07

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved an uncompensated leave of absence for Mark Martin, Custodian, for June 29, 2007.
- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved an uncompensated leave of absence for Tica Cojocar, Custodian, for June 20 and June 29, 2007.

3. Employment – Summer 2007

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved compensating Arlene McMahon for six hours each day at her hourly rate for her participation in autism workshops to be held on July 27 and August 13, 2007.
- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the following student worker as a Summer 2007 painter. He will be employed 20 hours per week, 6 weeks, with compensation at the rate of \$7.15 per hour, commencing July 16, 2007.

Felix Quinones

Motion: Mr. Abbott

Second: Mr. Toole

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 7

No: 0

**D. STUDENTS & PROGRAMS**1. 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
006385	6/25-6/29/07	10	Daniel Howey	Per Administration
064140	6/18-6/22/07	10	Katherine Estep	Per Administration
071025	6/25-7/6/07	20	Educere/ Daniel Howey	Per Administration
006321	7/9-7/13/07	10	Ari Ford	Medical

2. Resolution Concerning Student Discipline Hearing

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the resolution concerning Student Discipline Hearing. (Exhibit 08-03)

3. Sport Schedule – Fall 2007

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the Sports Schedule for Fall 2007. (Exhibit 08-04)

Ms. Hill asked if all home games are scheduled to be on Woodbury fields or at other locations.

Mr. Jones replied “we’re waiting to hear about football”.

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Moore \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Hughes \_\_\_\_\_

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0

**E. BUSINESS & FINANCIAL**

1. Policies/Mandated Regulations – 5000 Section and additional miscellaneous policies/mandated regulations

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the policies/mandated regulations of 5000 Section plus additional miscellaneous policies/mandated regulations as per Exhibit 08-05.

2. Student Activity Account

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved establishing a student activity fund for REBEL (Reaching Everyone by Exposing Lies).

Ms. Moore questioned the REBEL grant and what it was.

Mr. Jones replied “an anti-smoking program.

3. Change Order – Robinson Steel Contract

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved change order # 1 in the amount of \$2,343.50 to the Robinson Steel contract for eight additional double tier lockers and sixteen locks as needed for the boy’s locker room.

4. Bayada Nurses Contract – 2007-08

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved entering into a contract with Bayada Nurses for the 2007-08 school year for “in school” nursing services for special education student #1579 who will attend Hollydell School. The cost is \$50 per hour for RN services or \$40 per hour for LPN services.

Mr. Chiesa asked if Bayada Nurses was in addition to tuition at Hollydell. Mr. Chiesa questioned extraordinary aide.

Mrs. Pennell replied “yes, that the cost of nursing services is in addition to the tuition and that we will be eligible for extraordinary aide for this child”.

Mrs. Dennen questioned if the Bayada Nurses contract includes transportation.

5. New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Contract- 2007-08

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved entering into a contract with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired for the 2007-08 year to provide services to Woodbury students # 0001406, 0001948, 0001675, and 0000009, at a cost of \$1,400 per student for level 1 services.
- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved entering into a contract with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually for the Impaired 2007-08 year to provide services to Woodbury student # 0002164 at a cost of \$3,800 for level 2 services.

Ms. Moore asked if it was true that we have 5 blind children.

6. Donations – St. Patrick’s School/Most Holy Redeemer School

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved accepting various technology equipment from St. Patrick’s School and to donate the unneeded supplies to Most Holy Redeemer School. (Exhibit 08-06)

7. Fixed Assets – St. Patrick School

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the removal of St. Patrick’s School fixed assets from the Woodbury fixed assets records as detailed in Exhibit 08-07.

8. Cancellation of Local Capacity Grant – FY 2002

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the cancellation, effective June 30, 2007, of an old Local Capacity Grant from fiscal year ended August 31, 2002 in the amount of \$1,400 to the general fund.

9. Child Nutrition Program – Out of District Schools

- a) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved adopting a resolution to not require LARC School to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals. LARC School does participate in the Child Nutrition Program and meets all of the nutritional requirements as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.
- b) The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved adopting a resolution to not require Archway School to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals. Archway School does participate in the Child Nutrition Program and meets all of the nutritional requirements as administered by the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

10. Extraordinary Aid

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved to accept Extraordinary Aid in the amount of \$20,634 from the 2006-07 fiscal year, which will be received in the 2007-08 fiscal year, and to appropriate said funds in the 2007-08 budget for basic skills salaries in line item 11-230-100-101-00.

11. Use of Building – Rutgers Cooperative Extension – Seeds to Success

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved outside building use at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School for the period of July 10 – August 22, 2007 to Rutgers Cooperative Extension for the Seeds to Success program.

12. Authorization of School Business Administrator for Construction Projects

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the School Business Administrator to act on behalf of the Board of Education and to take whatever action is necessary to complete the approved construction projects. This authority is needed to move these projects forward in a timely manner. The School Business Administrator will give periodic reports to the Board. All fiscal matters will be presented to the Board of Education for ratification.

13. Change Order – Art Anderson Contract

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved change order #20 to the Art Anderson contract in the amount of \$10,795 for additional required trench drain and catch basins at the lower elevation of concrete stadium.

14. Travel and Work Related Expenses

The Woodbury Board of Education hereby approved the resolution for reimbursement of travel and work related expenses for employees attending conferences, conventions, staff training, seminars and/or workshops as previously approved by the Chief School Administrator as work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of each attendee. (Exhibit 08-08)

Motion: Ms. MooreSecond: Mr. TooleRoll Call Vote: Yes: 7No: 010. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Superintendent's Report – as submitted
  1. Mr. Jones stated we are doing well with personnel hiring.
  2. Mr. Jones referred to the Board Self Evaluation which the Board will complete and will discuss at the Board Retreat in August.
  3. QSAC Committee.
  4. Strategic Plan – discussion with consultant. Mr. Jones stated he is ready to begin the process.

Mr. Chiesa questioned if the topics will be the same as last time.

Mr. Jones referred to the kick off the weekend where the Board will divide into smaller committees to determine the topics.

- School Business Administrator's Report – as submitted
  1. Mrs. Pennell stated that summer construction is well under way and that the contractors are on track with Walnut's HVAC, West End's and Evergreen's roofing, the contractor has applied for permits for the classroom renovation project and the stadium project is being watched closely.

Ms. Moore questioned how many St. Pat's students we anticipate accepting into Woodbury.

Mr. Jones discussed the parent tours that were provided. Mr. Jones stated he will provide final numbers at the August Board Meeting.

11. FIRE DRILL REPORTJune 2007

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Length of Drill</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Evergreen	6/11/07	10:15 a.m.	3 min., 4 sec.	Sunny, warm
	6/14/07	1:20 p.m.	2 min., 56 sec.	Cloudy, cool
Walnut	6/4/07	1:05 p.m.	56 seconds	Sunny
	6/19/07	1:25 p.m.	67 seconds	Sunny
West End	6/13/07	10:55 a.m.	1 minute	Cloudy, drizzling
	6/18/07	9:25 a.m.	1 minute	Hot, sunny
Jr.-Sr. High	6/6/07	8:07 a.m.	6 minutes	Warm
	6/12/07	9:02 a.m.	3 minutes	Warm

