

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

July 26, 2005

Board of Education Meeting Room

7:00 P.M.

223. OPENING STATEMENT

The meeting of the Board of Education, City of Woodbury, was held on the above date.

Mrs. Dennen opened the meeting at 7:06 PM and read the opening statements:

224. 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 at the time of Reorganization.

225. ROLL CALL

Mr. Clark	Present	Mr. Haase	Present
Mrs. Dennen	Present	Ms. Hill	Present
Mr. Ferraino	Absent	Mr. Lonabaugh	Present
Mr. Goodrich	Entered Late	Ms. Moore	Present
Mr. Gwalthney	Absent		

226. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

227. MISSION STATEMENT

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Clark discussed:

- a. Flooring progress
- b. Auditorium Bid Award
- c. Change Order for poles for Wireless Area Network
- d. Installation of Geothermal at Walnut instead of moving the West End Boiler over.
The Board agreed with the architect's geothermal proposal and Mr. Bejsiuk will proceed with designing plans for geothermal at Walnut.
- e. Construction management firm appointment

228. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON PROPERTY COMMITTEE ITEMS

Motion: _____ Ms. Moore _____ Second: _____ Mr. Haase _____

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

Anthony Chiesa – Is the tower a pole? Is it just for the school or can other companies be put on it?

Geothermal and old boiler parts – Municipal website to advertise these parts on.

Is payback based on old estimated figures or new.

Tom Lewis – Who were the other two firms which the Board of Education interviewed for the construction management firm?

West End sidewalks – Sidewalk jogs in towards the school. Why?

Mr. Bejsiuk – Sidewalks were laid away from tree roots.

Heidi Lewis – Auditorium – Impact on student traffic. Where will students go instead of auditorium.

Bill Jenkins – Shares Diane Hill’s sentiments. Political football with West End residents if we close Walnut School. We’re committed to this facility project now.

Chrissy Pierce – Teacher at Walnut – Is geothermal heating and air conditioning. Where would Walnut’s go?

Mr. Bejsiuk – Single well between bank of classrooms.

Heidi Lewis – When will the football field be able to be used again?

229. OPEN MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: _____ Ms. Moore _____ Second: _____ Mr. Haase _____

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

Anthony Chiesa – PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL Employment #3 Curriculum - Isn’t Mr. Gamble responsible for this?

230. CLOSE MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: _____ Mr. Clark _____ Second: _____ Mr. Lonabaugh _____

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

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

Motion: _____ Mr. Clark _____ Second: _____ Ms. Moore _____

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

Tom Lewis – 419 W. Centre St. – Where will football team play it's home games?

Heidi Lewis – 419 W. Centre St. – Will there be an advertisement of where the games will be?

Dave Jenkins – What is the status of the teacher negotiations?

Heidi Lewis – 419 W. Centre St. – She attended the 6th grade orientation. Are there a lot of 6th grade positions up in the air? Who is teaching the advanced placement.

Do we need another 6th grade parent orientation?

Special orientation back to school night in September. Notification was late – a lot of parents missed.

232. CLOSE MEETING TO PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Motion: _____ Ms. Moore _____ Second: _____ Mr. Lonabaugh _____

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

233. MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:00 PM

Motion: _____ Mr. Clark _____ Second: _____ Ms. Moore _____

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

THE EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION STATES AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLVED that pursuant to Section 7.B. 1-9 [N.J.S.A. 10:4-12] of the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, the public shall be excluded from that portion of the meeting involving discussion of: negotiations.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed which warrant official Board action will be acted upon, if possible, when the Board of Education reconvenes, or at the next available opportunity.

234. MOTION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING AT 8:50 PM

Motion: _____ Ms. Moore _____ Second: _____ Mr. Haase _____

Voice Vote: 7 Ayes

AGENDA

PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL

Items: 235 - 240

Motion: _____ Ms. Moore _____ Second: _____ Mr. Haase _____

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0

Ms. Moore – Item 237 C – Please explain how Alysa Cummings was recruited and hired.

235. Retirement

The Board accepted the letter of retirement, from Mr. José Pantoja, Teacher of Mathematics at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School School, effective September 5, 2005. Mr. Pantoja has been with the district for the past 27 years.

236. Resignations

- a) The Board accepted the letter of resignation from Mrs. Cindy Fornes, School Social Worker/SAC, effective July 13, 2005. Mrs. Fornes has accepted a position in another school district.
- b) The Board accepted the letter of resignation from Mr. Michael Heinz, Teacher of Science at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, effective June 30, 2005. Mr. Heinz has accepted a position with the NJ Department of Education.
- c) The Board accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Eugene Reid, Teacher of P.E./Health at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, effective September 21, 2005 or sooner if a replacement can be found. Mr. Reid has accepted a position with another school district.

237. Employment

- a) The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Maria Gassner as Teacher of Grade 3 at West End Memorial School, commencing September 1, 2005. Mrs. Gassner will be placed on Step B-2 of the 2005-06 teachers' salary guide.
- b) The Board approved the employment of Mr. Carmine Nigro as Teacher of AP Social Studies at Woodbury Jr.-Sr. High School, commencing September 1, 2005. Mr. Nigro will be placed on Step M-6 of the 2005-06 teachers' salary guide.
- c) The Board approved the employment of Ms. Alysa Cummings as PK-12 Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction commencing August 15, 2005 or as soon thereafter as possible. Ms. Cummings' salary will be \$95,000.00 for the 2005-06 fiscal year.
- d) The Board approved the employment of Miss Dana Fortucci as Teacher of Special Education at the Jr.-Sr. High School commencing September 1, 2005. Miss Fortucci will continue her employment under her Emergency Certificate and be placed on Step B-2 of the 2005-06 teachers' salary guide.
- e) The Board approved the employment of Ms. Sharon Cardwell as School Social Worker commencing September 1, 2005. Ms. Cardwell's salary will be in accordance with Step M-3 (plus \$2,000. Child Study Team stipend) of the 2005-06 teachers' salary guide.

- f) The Board approved the employment of Mr. Marcus Marston as Teacher of Science in the Jr. High School commencing September 1, 2005. Mr. Marston's salary will be in accordance with Step 4, M+, pending receipt of official transcripts, in accordance with the 2005-06 teachers' salary guide.

238. Leaves of Absence

- a) The Board granted a leave of absence for Mrs. Megan Lucidi commencing October 19, 2005 through February 24, 2006 as follows:
Sick Days: October 19 – November 17, 2005
Uncompensated State Family Medical Leave: November 18, 2005 through February 23, 2006
- b) The Board granted a compensated Federal Family leave of absence for Ms. Elizabeth McKenna commencing September 6, 2005 through November 23, 2005.

239. Co-Curricular Appointments

The Board approved the following co-curricular athletic appointments for the 2005-06 fiscal year:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Head Coach	Girls Soccer	D'Andre Laster (adj.)
Asst. Coach	Girls Soccer	Samantha Perlman

240. Employment – Summer 2005

- a) The Board approved to compensate Mr. James Krauss for one day of website training at \$25. per hour, not to exceed 7 hours.
- b) The Board approved to compensate Mr. John Henry for two days of MMS training on August 3 and August 4, 2005, at \$25. per hour, not to exceed 8 hours per day.

PERSONNEL - SUPPORT

Items: 241 – 243

Motion: Ms. Moore Second: Mr. Haase

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0

Mr. Clark – Item 243 – Aides – Are the hours OK?

241. Employment

- a) The Board approved the employment of Theresa Poskus as Tutor at West End Memorial School commencing September 7, 2005. Ms. Poskus will be employed for 29 hours per week at the rate of \$16.00 per hour, 183 day school year.
- b) The Board approved the employment of Elaine Blair as a Kindergarten Aide at Evergreen Avenue School, commencing September 7, 2005. Miss Blair will be employed for 15 hours per week at the rate of \$10.50 per hour, 183 day school year.

242. Lunch/Playground Aides

The Board approved the employment of the following lunchroom/playground aides for the 2005-06 fiscal year:

<u>Evergreen Avenue School</u>	<u>Walnut Street School</u>	<u>West End School</u>
Lisa Christina	Gloria Oplinger	Carol Goodwin
Elaine Connor	Tracey Phillips	Kathleen Hickman
Mary Curtis	Ellie Smith	Mark Juliano
Carolyn Feldman	Melissa Toole	Luz Mendez
Christina Myers		Marie Sanchez
Jackie Smith	<u>High School</u>	Ivette Serrano
Connie Vanderlip	Regina Gonzalez	Leandra Steinberg
Kathleen Viereck		Susan Thomashefsky
Elaine Blair (substitute)		Joann Vogel
		Teresa Worrell

243. Reassignment of Aides

The Board approved the reassignment of aides at Evergreen Avenue School as follows:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Christina Myers	Kdg. Aide – 29 hours	Kdg. Aide – 15 hours
Kathleen Schroeder	PK Aide – 20 hours	PK Aide – 29 hours (IDEA funded)
Cheryl Flitcraft	Sp. Ed. Aide – 29 hours	PK Aide – 29 hours

OTHER BUSINESS

Items 244 – 252

Motion: Mr. Haase Second: Ms. Moore

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0

244. Resolution – District Purchasing Agent

The Board approved the following resolution:

Whereas 18A:18A-2 provides that a board of education shall assign the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the board of education to a person or persons who shall have the power to prepare advertisements, to advertise for and receive bids and to award contracts as permitted by this chapter, and

Whereas 18A:18A-3 provides that contracts, awarded by the purchasing agent that do not exceed in the aggregate in a contract year the bid threshold (currently \$29,000.), may be awarded by the purchasing agent without advertising for bids when so authorized by board resolution, and

Whereas 18A:18A-37, c. provides that all contracts that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold (currently \$4,350.) may be awarded by the purchasing agent without soliciting competitive quotations if so authorized by board resolution,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that Woodbury Board of Education pursuant to the statutes cited above hereby appoints Esther R. Pennell, Qualified Purchasing Agent, as its duly authorized purchasing agent and is duly assigned the authority, responsibility and accountability for the purchasing activity of the Woodbury Board of Education, and

Be It Further Resolved, that Esther R. Pennell is hereby authorized to award contracts on behalf of the Woodbury Board of Education that are in the aggregate less than 15% of the bid threshold (currently \$4,350.) without soliciting competitive quotations, and

Be It Further Resolved that Esther R. Pennell is hereby authorized to seek competitive quotations, when applicable and practicable, before awarding contracts when contracts in the aggregate exceed 15% of the bid threshold (currently \$4,350.) but less than the bid threshold of \$29,000.

245. Special Education Instruction Services

The Board approved to compensate Gloucester County Special Services School District(Together Services) for 40 hours of special education instruction for Student M.W. at the rate of \$28.50 per hour (\$1,140 total).

246. Change Order – New Jersey Business Systems

The Board approved ratification of a change order in the amount of \$15,000. to the contract with New Jersey Business Systems for the installation of towers at Evergreen Avenue and West End Memorial Schools, as per the attached quotation.

247. Resolution – Chapters 192 and 193 – Nonpublic School Students

The Board approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS, P.L. 1977, Chapters 192 and 193, as amended, establishes services to nonpublic school students, namely Chapter 192 – Compensatory Education, English as a Second Language, and Home Instruction, and Chapter 193 – Examination and Classification by a basic Child Study Team, Supplementary Instruction and Corrective Speech services when indicated, and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Special Services School District proposes to implement these services to nonpublic school students in accordance with Chapters 192 and 193, and

WHEREAS, the Gloucester County Special Services School District’s proposal would enable the nonpublic school students to be serviced at the site of the nonpublic school, and

WHEREAS, there will be no cost to the local district other than State funding pursuant to Chapters 192 and 193, as amended,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: the Woodbury Board of Education hereby approves participation in this project and authorizes the President and Secretary to contract with the Gloucester County Special Services School District to implement the project and provide the services pursuant to P.L. 1977, Chapters 192 and 193, in accordance with the terms of the Contract attached to this Resolution.

248. Auditorium Renovation Bid

The Board approved to receive auditorium bids as per the attached schedule, to award the Division I base bid to Straga Brothers, Inc., and to issue a contract totaling \$625,000. Funds are available in the capital projects fund for the project.

249. Textbook Approval

The Board approved the textbook entitled, The British Tradition, copyright 2002 by Prentice Hall publisher, to be used for the English 12 Program.

250. Resolution – Construction Management Services

The Board approved to adopt a resolution to award a contract to New Road Construction Management Company, Inc. to provide construction management services for the geothermal and stadium/track projects. This contract is being awarded in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5a(1) and (2) as an extraordinary unspecifiable service due to the nature of the type of service. The contract will not exceed \$149,750.00.

251. Contract with NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

The Board approved to contract with the NJ Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to provide educational services for four students at \$1,200.00 each.

252. Transfer of Interest Earned from Investment of Capital Projects Fund

The Board approved to transfer interest earned from the investment of capital projects fund to the general fund for the 2005-06 fiscal year.

Mrs. Hill – Item 244 – Is there anything different?
Item 247 - Please explain.

Mrs. Dennen – Item 249 – Would like to see the book the month before being brought to the Board for approval.

Ms. Moore – Item 248 – Please explain.

Mr. Haase – Item 252 – Requested a monthly breakdown of interest earned.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

253. Approval of Minutes

The Board approved the Minutes of the Board of Education Meetings held on June 28, 2005.

Motion: Mr. Lonabaugh Second: Mr. Haase

Voice Vote: 6 Ayes

Committee Reports

Finance – The budget passed.

Communication – Will be meeting shortly

Old Business - None

New Business

Ms. Moore – Reading Recovery Teachers dropped student assessments from last year off at her house and highlighted the importance of the program.

Mr. Lonabaugh – Enrichment teacher retired. Concerns from residents that we won't replace that position.

Mrs. Dennen – There has been controversy over the years with who is selected for the enrichment program: particularly at West End.

Mrs. Hill – The percentage of children reported in enrichment low for Woodbury vs. other schools.

Mr. Clark – Discussed the recent press release of NJ percentage of highly qualified teachers teaching students and referred to Woodbury's percentage.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT

Items 254-256

Motion: _____ Ms. Moore _____ Second: _____ Mr. Haase _____

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0

254. Transfers

The Board approved the transfers in line accounts in accordance with the lists submitted.

255. Payment of Bills

The Board approved the payment of bills without exception.

256. Revenue Amounts/Sources

The Board Secretary in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c) 2 certifies that there are no changes in anticipated revenue amounts or revenue sources.

257. PUBLIC PORTION OF MEETING OPEN AND CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Motion: _____ Mr. Lonabaugh _____ Second: _____ Ms. Hill _____

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 6 No: 0

258. ADJOURNMENT TO END BOARD MEETING AT 10:00 PM

Motion: _____ Ms. Moore _____ Second: _____ Mr. Lonabaugh _____

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Esther R. Pennell
School Business Administrator
Board Secretary

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