

West New York Board of Education
Work Session/Business Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2011
5:30 p.m.

The Work Session/Business Meeting of the West New York Board of Education was held in the Auditorium of PS #4, 6300 Palisade Avenue, West New York, New Jersey. The order of business and agenda for the meeting were:

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 P.M. President Cirillo called the meeting to order.

II. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited

III. ROLL CALL

President Cirillo	-Present
Trustee Gastanadui	-Present
Vice-President Jimenez	-Present
Trustee Locatelli	-Present
Trustee Lopez	-Present

Also Present: John Fauta, Superintendent
Rena Hendrick, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Stacy Olivero, Assistant Superintendent
Robert Sanchez, Assistant Superintendent
Patrick Gagliardi, Director of Human Resources
Beverly Lazzara, Director of Special Services
Allan Roth, Special Administrative Assistant to Director of Special Services
Sean Dias, Board Attorney
Nita Raval, Attorney

IV. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT – Mrs. Hendrick read the following:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the Public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of any public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed and acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the act, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following, announcing time and place thereof, agenda, etc.

the Jersey Journal
the Star Ledger
the Administration Bulletin Board
the Public Library
and by filing with the
Clerk of the Municipality

V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT– John Fauta

A. Teacher Recognition

Early Childhood School	Ali Pulifiaco
PS#1	Denise DeNoia
PS#2	Dolores Koenig
PS#3	Laura Clisura
PS#4	Barbara Flores –District Teacher of the Year
PS#5	Angela Duardo
Harry L. Bain	Amada San Juan
Middle School	Katherine Van Lenten
Memorial High School	Robert Rodriguez

President Cirillo thanked the teachers and congratulated them for the honor they were about to receive. Superintendent Fauta explained he reiterated the Board President’s comments. President Cirillo welcomed Mayor Vega to the meeting and invited him to speak to the public. Mayor Vega expressed his pride in the school system and in its great teachers who serve as role models to the children of the community. He singled out Commissioner Riccardi who had a proud career, serving in almost every capacity in the school district. Superintendent Fauta, Ms. Olivero and President Cirillo presented the Teachers of the Year with a certificate of recognition and flowers. He also invited Mayor Vega and Commissioner Riccardi to participate in the presentations. Mr. Fauta then invited Lois Tarr, President of the WNYEA to speak. She explained there is no greater honor than to be honored by your peers and congratulated the teachers.

B. In Memorium – Moment of Silence – Edwin Rangel and Joan Kelly

Superintendent Fauta called for a moment of silence on behalf of Edwin Rangel, a student who had valiantly fought illness over a long number of years. Mr. Fauta expressed his gratitude to the Town of WNY and the Board of Commissioners who had paid for the

student's funeral. He then expressed his condolences on behalf of Joan Kelly, a district teacher, who had recently passed away.

C. Letter from Acting Deputy Commissioner of Education

Mr. Fauta read the letter of commendation into the public record, which shall become an integral part of these minutes.

D. May 24, 2011 – AP Awards ceremony with Educational Testing Service

Superintendent Fauta explained that ETS will come to WNY so that the entire school district and community can participate in this most important national recognition of the Memorial High School AP Program.

E. Monthly Reports

Mr. Fauta explained the reports are on file and available for review in the Central Office.

1. Employee Accident Reports
2. Student Accident Reports
3. Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse Incident Reports
4. Nurse's and Physicians Reports
5. Enrollment Reports

VI. COMMUNICATIONS (Board Secretary)

Creative Pathways Adult Transition Program – Mr. Reina and Ms. Camaro (student) Ms. Hendrick introduced the teacher and student, both of whom spoke about the importance and impact of the proposed program. Mr. Reina read from a prepared text which shall become an integral part of these minutes. He thanked Ms. Hendrick, Mr. Valenza, Ms. Lazzara, Ms. Olivero and invited the Mayor and Board to visit the program for 18-21 year olds.

President Cirillo called for a 10 minute recess.

Ms. Hendrick then read a news article story on Special Education funding published on the Internet which shall become an integral part of these minutes. Superintendent Fauta and Ms. Lazzara commented on the potential negative effect of further reductions in special education funding.

Public Session Discussion

There were no comments at this time.

Matters of Finance – Presentation and Discussion of Resolutions

Matters of Curriculum and Instruction – Presentation and Discussion of Resolutions

Matters of Operations – Presentation and Discussion of Resolutions

Matters of Special Education – Presentation and Discussion of Resolutions

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session: at 6:25 p.m.

Motion made by: CC SG AJ AL DL

Seconded by: CC SG AJ AL DL

Roll Call: Ayes Nays Abstentions

President Cirillo Y
Trustee Gastanadui Y
Vice-President Jimenez Y
Trustee Locatelli Y
Trustee Lopez Y

Executive Session Notice:

VII. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT – Mrs. Hendrick read the following:

The public portion of the meeting is now concluded. The Board will now go into Executive Session to discuss items which fall within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits board to have private discussion since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b:

- Matters of Personnel - Affecting current or prospective employees
- Matters of Collective Bargaining
- Matters of Litigation
- Matters of Individual Privacy
- Other Matters as rendered confidential by law

BE IT RESOLVED that, the Board of Education will recess into Executive Session to discuss the aforementioned matters. Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as practical.

Minutes of the Executive Session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The Board may take action on these items following executive session.

Executive Session Discussion:

Matters of Personnel, Litigation, Student Hearing and Superintendent Evaluation were discussed with the Board, Administration and Counsel.

Motion to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene in Public Session at 8:14 p.m.

Motion made by: CC SG AJ AL DL

Seconded by: CC SG AJ AL DL

Roll Call:	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
President Cirillo	Y		
Trustee Gastanadui	Y		
Vice-President Jimenez	Y		
Trustee Locatelli	Y		
Trustee Lopez	Y		

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda items only)

There were no comments from the public at this time.

IX. Consent Resolutions

(All matters hereunder are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by one motion. Any Board member may request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate consideration. Any item(s) removed from the Consent Agenda will be discussed and acted upon separately, immediately following the consideration of the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. A motion or a second is not required to remove an item(s) from the Consent Agenda. All resolutions acted upon at this meeting are available to be viewed this evening and copies can be obtained by contacting the School Board Secretary's Office).

BUSINESS and FINANCE

- 1.1 Secretary/Treasurer Reports
- 1.2 Approval of Minutes
- 1.3 Paid Bill List
- 1.4 Transfers
- 1.5 Competitive Contracting
- 1.6 Safety Grant Program Grant Application
- 1.7 Target Field Trips Grant 2011
- 1.8 School Dude.com
- 1.9 RFP – Renewable Energy
- 1.10 Essex Regional Services Commission
- 1.11 Vision Media

CURRICULUM

- 2.1 Field Trips
- 2.2 Fundraiser Activities
- 2.3 Travel Expense
- 2.4 Speakers
- 2.5 Teacher Recognition Program
- 2.6 Early Childhood Workshops
- 2.6 Better U and Me
- 2.7 Take Our Children to Work Day
- 2.8 District Wide Anti-Bullying Day
- 2.9 Cablevision Cyber-bullying Partnership
- 2.10 Improving Literacy Through School Libraries Grant
- 2.11 District Professional Development Plan

OPERATIONS

- 3.1 Request for Use of Facilities
- 3.2 Request for Transportation
- 3.3 Bedside Instruction

SPECIAL SERVICES

- 4.1 Transportation and Placements
- 4.2 Nutritional Management Associates, LLC
- 4.3 Anti Bullying Committee
- 4.4 Week of Respect
- 4.5 Withdrawn

LEGAL

- 5.1 Next Board Meeting
- 5.3 Disciplinary Hearing
- 5.4 Disciplinary Hearing

PERSONNEL

- 6.1 Substitute Teachers
- 6.2 Transfer
- 6.3 Salary Increment Changes
- 6.4 Home Instruction add-ons
- 6.5 MHS Winter Coaching Position add-on
- 6.6 MHS Spring Coaching Position add on
- 6.7 MHS Curriculum Writing
- 6.8 WITHDRAWN
- 6.9 WITHDRAWN
- 6.10 Unpaid FMLA Michelle Maccaquano
- 6.11 Unpaid FMLA Tara Viola
- 6.12 Retirement/Resignation Marjorie Cannito
- 6.13 Retirement/Resignation Marion Tracey
- 6.14 Subskills Training Course
- 6.15 Bonus Sick Days Bertha Betancourt
- 6.16 Retirement/Resignation Mary Helen Valdes

The Board Secretary provides the Board members the opportunity to remove any Resolution(s) from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Gastanadui abstained from resolution 1.2.

Business & Finance	1.1-1.12	Special Services	4.1-4.5 - withdrawn
Curriculum	2.1-2.11	Legal	5.1- 5.2 and 5.3 were added to the Consent Agenda after a public reading of the resolutions by Board Consel
Operations	3.1-3.3	Personnel	6.1-6.16

Trustee Cirillo abstained from 6.21; Trustee Locatelli abstained from 1.4

Board Secretary: Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented or modified

Motion made by: CC SG AJ AL DL

Seconded by: CC SG AJ AL DL

Roll Call:	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions
President Cirillo	Y		
Trustee Gastanadui	Y		
Vice-President Jimenez	Y		
Trustee Locatelli	Y		
Trustee Lopez	Y		

CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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1.1 On motion made and passed, the Board of Education accepted the report of the School Business Administrator/School Board Secretary (148) as certified in keeping with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.2.13(d) and the report of the Treasurer of School Monies (A149) for the month of March, 2011, presented by the Superintendent of Schools, and found them in agreement and upon review certified them to the best of their knowledge and no major account or fund had been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.14(b) and that sufficient funds were available to meet the District's financial obligations set for the remainder of the Fiscal Year N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13(e)and on this basis ordered them as part of the minutes of the Board of Education.

**SECRETARY
TREASURER
REPORT**

In keeping with the aforementioned approval, this Board does hereby also approve the submission of the March, 2011, Secretary and Treasurer Reports to the N.J. Department of Education, Division of Finance, Office of Budget Review and Fiscal Monitors.

1.2 BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education approves the minutes of the following meeting(s) as corrected:

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

1.3 BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education does hereby accept the paid bill lists as presented by the Superintendent of Schools: PAID BILL LIST

Bill Lists #'s	Total Amount
P-69	\$ 145,505.71
P-70	\$6,642,225.47
P-71	\$ 184,886.87
P-72	\$3,395,765.21
P-73	\$ 290,268.74

1.4 BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools authorizes the following line item transfers and certifies that the proposed transfer(s) will not affect implementation of any approved programs and/or services: TRANSFERS

Payroll Transfer April

Fund	From Account	Description	To Account	Description	Amount
11	11-000-291-290-00-PAY	General/Benefit Payments	11-000-291-290-00-999	General/Benefit Payments	3,231.60

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FUND	FROM		TO		AMOUNT
11	11-000-219-600-00	SPECIAL SERVICES SUPPLIES	11-000-219-320-00	PURCHASE PROF.SERVICE SPEC.ED. OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	\$ 4,176.53
	11-000-221-600-00	SUPERVISOR SUPPLIES	11-000-230-339-00	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 597.42
	11-000-230-590-00	MISC. PURCHASED SERVICES	11-000-230-530-00	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 5,000.00
	11-000-221-600-00	SUPERVISOR SUPPLIES PURCHASED TECHNICAL SERVICE	11-000-230-530-00	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 5,000.00
	11-000-262-300-00	BOARD TRAVEL	11-000-230-530-00	COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 3,317.41
	11-000-230-585-00	DISTRICT GENERAL SUPPLY PURCHASED TECHNICAL SERVICE	11-000-230-580-00	DISTRICT TRAVEL	\$ 195.89
	11-000-230-610-00	CUSTODIAL SUPPLIES	11-000-230-890-00	DISTRICT MISC. TECH SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$ 1,125.00
	11-000-252-340-00	TRANSPORTATION REPAIR PURCHASED TECHNICAL SERVICE	11-000-252-600-00	MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES TRANSPORTATION SUPPLY	\$ 1,073.60
	11-000-262-610-00	TRANSPORTATION REPAIR PURCHASED TECHNICAL SERVICE	11-000-261-610-00	INTER -LOCALS	\$ 9,722.15
	11-000-270-420-00	INTER -LOCALS	11-000-270-615-00		\$ 835.54
	11-000-262-300-00		11-800-330-800-00		\$ 1,998.81
15	15-000-240-800-07	SCHOOL ADMIN . MISC	15-000-240-600-07	SCHOOL ADMIN SUPPLY	\$ 300.00

1.5 WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A:-4.1(K) and N.J.A.C.5:34-4.4 permit school districts to use competitive contracting for school and district improvement services geared toward improving student performance by providing services to school employees, and COMPTIVE. CONTRACT.

WHEREAS, school and district improvement services include but are not limited to, leadership training, professional development, organizational evaluations, and personnel evaluation training, and

WHEREAS, the West New York Board of Education is in need of such services for the 2011-2012 school year, and

WHEREAS, the process shall be overseen by the SBA/QPA and Board Attorney,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the West New York Board of Education approves the use of competitive contracting for the purposes of:

- Training Services for Small Learning Communities Teachers at the Secondary Level
- Eisenhower Project Training of Elementary School Teachers
- Language Arts Literacy Training of Middle School Teachers
- Building Capacity for Inclusive and High Achieving Schools, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the West New York Board of Education shall publicly advertise the solicitation for 20 days prior to the public proposal opening and conform to all statutory requirements regarding evaluation, reporting, award, and notification of award in the official newspaper of the district.

1.6 The West New York Board of Education hereby approves the submission of grant application for the 2011 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's NJEIF Subfund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$17,906.93 for the period July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. SAFETY GRANT APP.

1.7 The West New York Board of Education hereby approves and accepts the submission of grant application for the 2011 Target Field Trips for the purposes described in the application, TARGET F.T. GRANT

in the amount of \$700.00 awarded to the following schools for the 2010-2011 school year:

- School #1
- School #2
- School #3
- School #4
- School #5
- Harry L. Bain
- West New York Middle School
- Memorial High School

- 1.8 RESOLVED, the West New York Board of Education approves the award of contract to SchoolDude.com, 11000 Regency Parkway, Suite 200, Cary, NC, the lowest responsible quote, for ITAM (Asset Management) and ITDirect (help desk) solutions for the 2011-2012 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$10,504.75. SCHOOL DUDE.COM
- 1.9 WHEREAS, the West New York Board of Education issued a Request For Proposal for Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement on March 11, 2011, and RFP – R.E.

WHEREAS, the West New York Board of Education received no proposals on March 29, 2011,

BE IT RESOLVED, the West New York Board of Education will reissue the Request for Proposal for Renewable Energy Power Purchase Agreement on May 10, 2011.

- 1.10 BE IT RESOLVED, the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to provide Public School Home Instruction at the rate of \$40.00 per hour on an as needed basis for the 2011-2012 School Year. ESSEX R.S.C.
- 1.11 BE IT RESOLVED, the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approve the release of payment to Vision Media Marketing, Inc., Secaucus, NJ, for the development and production of the Winter 2011 Horizon Newsletter commenced in the 2009-2010 school year, including photography services and postage reimbursement completed in the 2010-2011 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$14,256.70. VISION MEDIA
- 1.12 BE IT RESOLVED that, the West New York Board of Education enter into a joint transportation agreement with the Hudson County Schools of Technology for the 2010-2011 school year, as part of the County Consortium Transportation Program, at a cost to be determined, based upon student enrollment and need, HCCST TRANSP. P.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, this Board approves contracting with the Hudson County Schools of Technology School for the assignment of a bus aide, where necessary, at a cost to be determined based upon student enrollment and need.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, this Board acknowledges the Federal Omnibus Transportation Employee Training Act of 1990, 49 C.F.R. Park 382 et seq., requirements as submitted by the County Consortium and hereby approves same.

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- 2.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the following fieldtrips are approved subject to the respective group's compliance with the Board of Education policies, as per attached for the 2010-2011 school year: FIELDTRIPS



School	Date	Group(s)	No. of Students	Destination	Activity	Transportation Requested
ECS	4/14/11	Pre-K	20	La Tinajita	Explore cultural food (Cuban Pizza)	
	4/26/11 (Raindate)					
ECS	5/4/11	Pre-K	65	Turtle Back Zoo	Tour exhibits	X
P.S. #1	4/5/11	Wellness Committee	55	Fernbrook Farms	Tour farm	X
P.S. #1	4/28/11	Kindergarten	36	WNY Police Station	Tour police station, neighborhood and community	
	4/29/11 (Raindate)					
P.S. #1	5/18/11	1st Grade	150	Bronx Zoo	Tour zoo exhibits	X
P.S. #1	6/10/11	New York Aquarium	150	New York Aquarium	Tour the aquarium and learn about sea creatures	X
P.S. #2	4/2/11	5th & 6th Grade	6	P.S. #1	Mrs. Romano's class to see hamsters and learn about genetics	X
P.S. #2	4/14-6/20/11	Pre-K	72	ECS Playground	Utilize gross motor equipment	

P.S. #2	5/4/11	2nd Grade	73	Bronx Zoo	Tour zoo exhibits	X
P.S. #2	6/2/11	Kindergarten	22	Tenafly Nature Center	Tour exhibits	X
P.S. #2	6/3/11	1st Grade	60	Museum of Natural History	Tour exhibits	X
P.S. #2	6/8/11	6th Grade	84	US Military Academy, Westpoint	Tour the Academy	X
P.S. #3	4/28/11					
	5/4/11 (Raindate)	Pre-K	43	NJ Children's Museum	Tour museum exhibits	X
P.S. #4	5/17/11	School Garden Participants	64	Fernbrook Farms	Tour farm	X
P.S. #5	4/28/11	Spanish Club	50	Park Theater	Watch to shows of Flamenco Ballet	X
P.S. #5	5/4/11	Pre-K	18	Bergen PAC	Production of: <i>If you give a mouse a cookie.</i>	X
P.S. #5	5/16/11	Wellness Program	54	Fernbrook Farms	Tour farm	X
HLB	TBA	Kindergarten		West New York	Tour neighborhood (Earth Day, release butterflies, etc.)	
HLB	5/19/11	Pre-K	64	Turtle Back Zoo	Tour zoo exhibits	X
HLB	6/9/11 6/13/11 (Raindate)	Rainbows Program	60	Miller Park	Students will play sports, sand art, picture frame making, etc.	X
MS	4/8/11	Honor Roll Students	54	Fernbrook Farms	Tour farm	X
MS	5/19/11	Art & Music G&T	34	MoMA	Tour museum exhibits	X
MHS	4/26/11	TIGS	50	South Street Seaport	Observe historical ships at the seaport	X
MHS	4/29/11	Biology & Chem Classes	80	Schlering Plough (Newark)	Tour pharmaceutical facility	X
MHS	4/29/11	Junior State of America	27	Liberty State Park	Learn about imigrants travelling to US	X
MHS	4/30/11	Performing Arts Academy	40	Essex MetroWest Dance Festival	Professional dance performance	X
MHS	5/5/11	Student Council	47	Jenkinson's Aquarium	Tour aquarium exhibits	X
MHS	5/10/11	Wellness Club	55	Fernbrook Farms	Tour farm	X
MHS	5/11/11	Biology Club	45	Bronx Zoo	Tour zoo exhibits	X
MHS	5/16/11	Performing Arts Academy	46	Teen Arts Festival	Performance competition	X
MHS	5/19/11	Student Council	47	Six Flags Great Adventure	Participate in Student Council Day	X
MHS	6/12-13/11	TIGS & SAP	32	Star Lake Camp	Participate in mentoring training	X
P.S. #5 & ECS	5/23/11	Pre-K	140	Turtle Back Zoo	Tour zoo exhibits	X
P.S. #1, 2, 4	4/26/11	4th Grade G & T	49	Montclair Art Museum	Tour exhibits	X
P.S. #2, 3, 6	5/16/11	5th & 6th Grade G & T	62	Discovery Times Sq Exposition	Tour Pompeii exhibit	X
P.S. #3, 5, 6	5/17/11	4th Grade G & T	44	Montclair Art Museum	Tour exhibits	X
P.S. #1, 4, 5	5/18/11	5th & 6th Grade G & T	56	Discovery Times Sq Exposition	Tour Pompeii exhibit	X
P.S. #2, 3, 4	5/31/11	6th Grade G & T	34	Liberty Science Center	Learn about architecture and engineering	X
P.S. #1, 5, 6	6/1/11	6th Grade G & T	35	Liberty Science Center	Learn about architecture and engineering	X

2.2 BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Fundraiser Activities are approved subject to the respective group's compliance with the Board of Education policies, as per attached for the 2010-2011 school year:

FUNDRAISER



School	Group	Advisor(s)	Type of Fundraiser	Date(s)	Purpose
P.S. #1	Physical Education Dept.	Physical Education Dept.	Jump Rope	5/26/11	Raise funds for Heart Association
P.S. #2	District	M. Lopez, M. Duran	Denim Day	4/26/11	Provide Support for ill cafeteria worker
HLB	All Grades	S. Cardenas, R. Reiman	Picture Day	4/14/11	Raise funds to defray cost of field trips
HLB	Rainbows Program	P. Salmeri	Denim Day	4/29/11	Raise funds for Celebrate Me Day
MS	Student Council	L. Trifone, K. Van Lenten	Origami Making	5/11/11	Raise funds American Red

					Cross
MS	Art and Music Dept.	C. Varrichio	"Gift" Shop to enhance Art Show	6/1-2/11	Raise funds to defray cost of field trips
MHS	MOM, Key Club, TIGS	C. Guerra	Denim Day	5/13/2011	Raise funds for ARC of Hudson County
MHS	TIGS	E. Diaz	Healthy Snack	5/23-5/27/11	Raise funds for field trips.
MHS	Ray Iacovelli Award	M. Schnur	Denim Day	5/25/11	Raise funds for a scholarship

2.3 WHEREAS, the West New York Board of Education, as per policy # 9250b2 has determined that participation in professional activities, including conferences and meetings requires travel expenditures and that this travel is critical to the administrative and/or instructional needs of the district; and

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WHEREAS, the West New York Board of Education has determined that the school district travel expenditures to the activities listed below are in compliance with both the West New York travel policy and with stated travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within the guidelines established by the Federal Office of Management and Budget,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attendance of the listed district employee as per the following including all registration fees and statutorily authorized travel expenditures to be charged as outlined below:

Name	Activity	Date	Anticipated Cost	Funding Source
Darlene Pesquera	Union County Educational Services Westfield, NJ	03/24/11	\$14.92	\$14.92
Laura Cirillo	Syracuse University New York, NY	05/12/11	\$27.00	District
Randi Cabana	Syracuse University New York, NY	05/12/11	\$27.00	District
Cara Zebrowski	Work Sampling Master Teacher Collaboration Meeting East Orange, NJ	05/12/11	\$15.56	20-218-200-329 EC
Mary Loreda	Work Sampling Master Teacher Collaboration Meeting East Orange, NJ	05/12/11	\$13.30	20-218-200-329 EC

2.4 WHEREAS, the West New York School District, in accordance with its instructional goals, has provided for guest speakers as part of the School and District Operational Plans,

SPEAKERS

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the following speakers to present the activities listed below, to be charged to the approved school district budget:

Activity	Speaker	School	Date	Cost	Funding Source
Guest Speaker	Al Conde	PS # 2	04/12/11	n/a	n/a
Guest Speaker	Safe Surfin' Productions	HLB	TBA	n/a	n/a
Guest Speaker	B & E's Animal House	PS # 1	5/25/11	\$495.00	PS # 1 Fund 15

2.5 WHEREAS, the goal of the New Jersey State Teacher of the Year Program is to help increase the status of teaching, attract talented people to teaching careers, and encourage experienced teachers to stay in the profession, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education is aware of the importance of the dedicated and well-qualified teachers in our public schools and finds merit in the aforementioned State Teacher Recognition Program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, recognizes for outstanding achievement the following teachers selected in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the New Jersey Department of Education:

ECS	Ali Pulifiaco
PS # 1	Denise DeNoia
PS # 2	Dolores Koenig
PS # 3	Laura Clisura

PS # 4 Barbara Flores – District Teacher of the Year
 PS # 5 Angela Duardo
 HLB Amada San Juan
 MS Katherine Van Lenten
 MHS Robert Rodriguez

2.6 WHEREAS, the West New York Board of Education places a high priority on the wellness of both students and staff, and BETTER U AND ME

WHEREAS, the staff of Memorial High School has requested permission to hold exercise classes at Memorial High School,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes Better U and Me to continue exercise classes for district staff from June 2011 to June 2012 in the training room of Memorial High School with the understanding that all fees will be paid by participants. Required insurance will be maintained by Better U and Me.

2.7 WHEREAS, April 28, 2011 has been designated the annual “Take Our Children to Work Day”, and T.O.C.T.W.D

WHEREAS, this day is an opportunity for girls and boys to learn about the world of work, the challenges their parents face, and how the schoolwork they do today will help them in the future,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes all district staff and students to participate in the activities of “Take Our Children to Work day.”

2.8 BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves a district-wide Anti-Bullying Day on June 1, 2011. DISTRICT ANTI-BULL.

2.9 BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the participation in the partnership with Cablevision of New Jersey to enhance our Cyber-Bullying Curriculum and the development of technology lesson plans regarding this topic via two assemblies at the Middle School at no cost to the district. CABLEV. CYBER-BULL. PARTNER.

2.10 BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the submission of the “Improving Literacy Through School Libraries” grant for the 2010-2011 school year to the United States Department of Education for the amount of \$362,716.48. IMPROVING LIT.T.S.LIB. GRANT

2.11 BE IT RESOLVED, that the West New York Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the submission of the district’s Professional Development Plan for the 2011-2012 school year. DISTRICT PRO.DEV.PL.

OPERATIONS OPR.

3.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the following requests for use of facilities are approved subject to the respective group’s compliance with all applicable Board of Education’s policies REQUEST U.O.F.

as follows: Location	Group	Advisors	Activity	Dates	Time	Purpose
P.S. 4 Classrooms 1 st & 2 nd floors	Beam Program	Yvette Miranda	Summer Beam Program	07/11/11 - 08/03/11	8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Monday – Thursday	Student Support
MS Auditorium	GSA Club @ Memorial	Ed Donnelly	Movie Bullied	04/27/11	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Club Members to show movie on anti-bullying/sexual orientation
MHS Fitness Center	Faculty & Staff Boot Camp	Segundo Broncano	Boot Camp Workouts	07/01/11 - 06/30/12	2:45 PM – 5:30 PM School year 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM Summer	Faculty & Staff wellness
MS Cafeteria	Middle School Student Council	Laura Trifone Katherine Van Lenten	Making Origami for fundraiser	05/11/11	3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Raise money on behalf of American Red Cross to help those affected by the earthquake in Japan.

3.2 BE IT RESOLVED that, the following requests for transportation are approved subject to the respective group’s compliance with all applicable Board of Education’s policies, as follows: REQUEST FOR TRANS.

Group	Advisor(s)	Transport	No. of Buses	Dates	Destination
W. N. Y. Recreation	Tim Nagurka	Cheerleading Team	3	April 2, 2011	Trenton, NJ
W. N. Y. Recreation	Tim Nagurka	Baseball Team	1	April 3, 2011	Trenton, NJ
W. N. Y. Recreation	Tim Nagurka	Cheerleading Team	2	April 15-April 17 2011	Wildwood, NJ

3.3 **BE IT RESOLVED** that, the West New York of Education approves the contracts with the following Providers to perform bedside instruction for the 2010-2011 school year as listed in an amount not to exceed:

BESIDE
INSTRCUT.

Student #	Facility	Rate	Maximum # Hours	School Year
156	Daytop	108.00/Day	6	2010 - 2011

SPECIAL SERVICES

SPS.

4.1 **RESOLVED** that the West New York Board of Education approves the following Special Education out of district placements and transportation for the 2010-2011 School Year as per attached list. Contracts on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

TRANSPORT.
& PLACEMNT

4.2 **WHEREAS, student 12568** is classified and entitled to Special Education services under N.J.A.C. 6A:14,

NUTRITION
M.A. LLC.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, this Board ratifies the action of the Superintendent of Schools by entering into a contract with Nutritional Management Associates, LLC, located at 111 Chincopee Road, Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey, to provide a feeding and swallowing evaluation at a rate not to exceed \$650.00 per feeding evaluation for school year 2010-2011 as per contract attached and hereby incorporated by reference.

4.3 **WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey recently enacted PL2010 c122 NJAC 18A:37 13-19 which enhances the legal obligation of the Board of Education, the School District administration and school employees the problem of bullying by students and,

ANTI-BULL
COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, each school is required to implement an anti bullying committee.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board of Education authorizes Superintendent of Schools to designate committees in each school to comply with these new regulations at no cost to the district.

4.4 **WHEREAS**, this Board of Education, in complying with PL2010 c122 NJSA 18A:37 13-19 will authorize the Superintendent of Schools to declare the first week of October, the first week after the first Monday, "Week of Respect",

WEEK OF
RESPECT

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the West New York Board of Education will declare the first week of October 3-7, 2011, "Week of Respect in West New York".

LEGAL

LEG.

5.1 **RESOLVED**, that this Board will hold a Work-Session on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in Public School Number Four (4), Auditorium, Main Floor, 6300 Palisades Avenue, West New York, New Jersey, and

NEXT
MEETING

RESOLVED, that the Work-Session and Regular Public Meeting of the West New York Board of Education will convene immediately following the Reorganization Meeting and

RESOLVED, this Board will go into a closed session immediately following the Public Work-Session to discuss matters of personnel, matters of litigation and matters contained within the exceptions of the N.J. Open Public Meeting Act as stipulated under N.J.S.A 10:4; and

RESOLVED, that the Regular Public Meeting of the West New York Board of Education will convene immediately following the closed session and will be held in Public School Number Four (4) , Auditorium, Main Floor, 6300 Palisades Avenue, West New York, New Jersey, and

BE IT RESOLVED, the matters as discussed in said closed session will be disclosed to the public, as soon as possible, without prejudicing the rights of privacy of individuals in the best interests of the West New York Board of Education.

5.2 Disciplinary Hearing Student #20500:

DISCIPLINE
HEARING

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A-37-1 et seq. mandates that all long term student suspensions be heard by the West New York Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, all the procedural requirements in accordance with law have been satisfied prior to the close of this hearing, and

WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted tonight, April 13, 2011, and the Board has heard and considered the testimony and evidence presented by a representative of the West New York Board of Education and the evidence and testimony of Student #20500, and

WHEREAS, there is "Good Cause" to institute a long term suspension against Student #20500, and

WHEREAS, Student #20500 has been suspended from school since March 21, 2011,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board of Education approves and imposes an additional 20 day suspension against Student #20500.

5.3 Disciplinary Hearing Student #16632:

DISCIPLINE
HEARING

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 18A-37-1 et seq. mandates that all long term student suspensions be heard by the West New York Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, all the procedural requirements in accordance with law have been satisfied prior to the close of this hearing, and

WHEREAS, a hearing was conducted tonight, April 13, 2011, and the Board has heard and considered the testimony and evidence presented by a representative of the West New York Board of Education, and

WHEREAS, there exists "Good Cause" to institute a long term suspension against Student #16632, and

WHEREAS, Student #16632 has been suspended from school since March 21, 2011,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board of Education approves and imposes an additional long term suspension against Student #16632 through June 20, 2011.

PERSONNEL

PERS.

6.1 WHEREAS, the following certified personnel are assigned as substitute teachers in the West New York School System on an as needed basis, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, for the 2010-2011 School Year, and

SUB. TEACH.

WHEREAS, said assignments are subject to completion of the criminal history background check required by P.L. 1986.c.116 and approval by the New Jersey Department of Education,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board of Education approves the following applications for emergency hiring upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and the applicant's attestation that she/he has not been convicted of any disqualifying crime pursuant to provision of N.J.S.A. 18A: 6-7.1 et.seq., or any other applicable law:

- Fund 11
- Christine M. Blanco
- Tanya Cruz
- Leslie V. Garcia
- Jorge F. Pardo
- Rita Lorenzo

6.2 BE IT RESOLVED, this Board ratifies and does hereby approve the following voluntary transfers for the 2010-2011 School Year, effective immediately, based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools:

TRANSFER

Dorka Thomas Special Education one to one Para-Professional at PS#1
to Special Education one to one Para-Professional at PS#2

6.3 WHEREAS, the following have presented evidence of completion of graduate credits as indicated,

SALARY
INC. CHANGE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the following personnel receive additional increment and salary adjustment as indicated for the School Year 2010-2011 retroactive to April 1, 2011:

Certificated

<u>SCHOOL</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADUATE CREDITS</u>		<u>INCREMENT</u>	<u>NEW SALARY</u>
		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
		<u>Teacher</u>			
PS#4	Jodi Kellar	MA+15	MA+30	\$1,500	\$ 70,758 – Fund 15
Memorial	Jiyoung Kim	BA+15	MA	\$3,700	\$ 57,348 – Fund 15
Memorial	Robin Barbosa	MA+30	MA+45	\$1,500	\$ 63,540 – Fund 15

6.4 BE IT RESOLVED, the following personnel upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools serve as Home Instructors for the School Year 2010-2011 at a rate commensurate with guide: Fund 11

HOME INST.
ADD-ON

Delia Cajiga-Durango
Juan P. Zapateiro

6.5 BE IT RESOLVED, this Board appoints the following personnel to various Coaching positions for the 2010-2011 School Year, at a salary commensurate with guide, upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools:

MHS C.P.
ADD-ON

Memorial High School

COED SWIMMING

Assistant: Laurie Wengerter

- 6.6 BE IT RESOLVED, this Board appoints the following personnel to various Coaching positions for the 2010-2011 School Year, at a salary commensurate with guide, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools: MSH S.C.P. ADD-ON

Memorial High School

BASEBALL

Assistant Co-coach: Danny Marroquin

Volunteer Baseball Coach

Andres Luna

- 6.7 BE IT RESOLVED, this Board appoints the following personnel to the following Curriculum Writing Committees for the 2010-2011 School Year, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools: MHS C.W.

Memorial High School

Algebra 2Q

One Teacher @ \$30 per hour not to exceed 15 hours

Dorlys Fleitas

Inventors and Craftsmen

One Teacher @ \$30 per hour not to exceed 15 hours

Ronald Grosinger

Marketing II

One Teacher @ \$30 per hour not to exceed 15 hours

Luis Gonzalez

Stage Craft

One Teacher @ \$30 per hour not to exceed 15 hours

Thomas Cannito

- 6.8 **WITHDRAWN** **WITHDRAWN**

- 6.9 **WITHDRAWN** **WITHDRAWN**

- 6.10 WHEREAS, this Board has received written notification from, Michelle Maccaquano, a 1st Grade Teacher at PS#5, requesting an unpaid leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) from May 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011. UNPAID FMLA M.M.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board grants Ms. Maccaquano an unpaid leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) from May 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

- 6.11 WHEREAS, this Board has received written notification from, Tara Viola, a Special Education Teacher at PS#1, requesting an unpaid leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) from May 16, 2011 through June 30, 2011. UNPAID FMLA T.V.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board grants Ms. Viola an unpaid leave of absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) from May 16, 2011 through June 30, 2011, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.

- 6.12 WHEREAS, this Board is in receipt of correspondence from Marjorie Cannito, submitting her retirement/resignation as a Language Arts Teacher from the West New York School District, effective July 1, 2011. R/R M.C.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board accepts the retirement/resignation of Ms. Cannito from said position, effective July 1, 2011, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and wishes to extend to Ms. Cannito all the gratitude for her years of service to the West New York School District and wishes her good luck in her retirement.

- 6.13 WHEREAS, this Board is in receipt of correspondence from Marion Tracey, submitting her retirement/resignation as a 3rd Grade Teacher from the West New York School District, effective July 1, 2011. R/R M.T.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board accepts the retirement/resignation of Ms. Tracey from said position, effective July 1, 2011, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and wishes to extend to Ms. Tracey all the gratitude for her years of service to the West New York School District and wishes her good luck in her retirement.

- 6.14 WHEREAS, the West New York Board of Education employees substitute teachers who possess a minimum of 60 college credits and a New Jersey County Department of Education SUBSKILLS T.COURSE

substitute certificate, and

WHEREAS, the goal of the District is to improve the achievement level of students across all grade levels through uniform implementation of professional and educational standards,

BE IT RESOLVED, effective July 1, 2011, that prior to appointment as a substitute teacher in the WNY School District, the substitute teacher will be required to successfully complete the Online Subskills Training Course, offered by Utah State University Substitute Teaching Institute, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the substitute teacher will be responsible for the cost of the online training in the amount of \$39.95.

- 6.15 WHEREAS, this Board of Education has been advised that Bertha Betancourt, a Secretary at PS#1, will have exhausted her annual sick leave and accumulated leave benefits on April 26, 2011 and BONUS S.D.
B.B.

WHEREAS, having considered the request of said employee and by reason of special circumstances, which exist and for good cause shown, hereby grants Bertha Betancourt an additional 30 sick days commencing April 27, 2011, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this action by the Board of Education shall not have any precedential effect nor otherwise prejudice this Board of Education's right to deny any further relief in the future to this employee or any other employee.

- 6.16 WHEREAS, this Board is in receipt of correspondence from Mary Helen Valdes, submitting her retirement/resignation as a Bilingual 6th Grade Teacher from the West New York School District, effective July 1, 2011. R/R M.H.V.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this Board accepts the retirement/resignation of Ms. Valdes from said position, effective July 1, 2011, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and wishes to extend to Ms. Valdes all the gratitude for her years of service to the West New York School District and wishes her good luck in her retirement.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

There were no comments from the public at this time.

XI. BOARD OF EDUCATION STATEMENTS

- A. Board Member Comments
There were no comments at this time.
- B. President's Statement
There were no comments at this time.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

President asks the Board Secretary to request a motion to adjourn:

Secretary: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion made by: CC SG AJ AL DL

Seconded by: CC SG AJ AL DL

Roll Call: Ayes Nays Abstentions

President Cirillo	Y
Trustee Gastanadui	Y
Vice-President Jimenez	Y
Trustee Locatelli	Y
Trustee Lopez	Y

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Rena Hendrick
Interim Business Administrator**