

**WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

January 8, 2024

Agenda

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- A. Call the meeting to order
- B. Flag Salute
- C. Reading of the Notice of Public Meeting

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is either discussed or acted upon. The Board has fully complied with the notice requirements by advertising in the Express Times posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time, and place of meeting

D. Roll Call

Angela Bridygham	_____	Ya’el Kresefsky	_____
Pattie Covell	_____	Holly Masenior	_____
Lisa Eller	_____	Kevin Noone	_____
Dawn Higgins	_____	Melissa Vitalos	_____
Joseph Kresefsky	_____		

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Mr. Jenkins: Supervisor of Instruction
- Mrs. Koeppen: Principal/CST
- Mr. Esposito: Superintendent

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

V. ACTION ITEMS: Superintendent’s Recommendations

CONSENT AGENDA: Matters listed within the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Board of Education for reading and study are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion.

A. Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS: SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following board affairs agenda item **1.1**.

- 1.1 To approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 regular meeting session.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

Bridygham	_____	Covell	_____	Eller	_____
Higgins	_____	Kresefsky, J.	_____	Kresefsky, Y.	_____
Masenor	_____	Noone	_____	Vitalos	_____

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS: SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following business affairs agenda item **2.1** through **2.4**.

- 2.1 To approve 1/8/24 current expense regular account and food service bill list.
- 2.2 To approve contract with Amira Learning, Inc for Amira Suite for Reading, an AI-assisted reading software, in the amount of \$12,220 for a term of 18 months (first 6 months given free of charge).
- 2.3 To approve contract with Curriculum Associates for iReady Assessment and Personalized Instruction Math & Reading Site License in the amount of \$20,710 and term of 1 year. ***This new amount supersedes the previously approved iReady Math Assessment and Personalized Instruction for \$15,020 on December 11, 2023.
- 2.4 To approve contract with Dr. Salome Gonzalez, BCBA for evaluation, observation, training and oversight of the Autism Program at the on-site rate of \$175 per hour and a remote rate of \$150 per hour for records review, staff meeting and training, report writing and expert testimony preparation for legal cases, not to exceed \$10,000.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Bridygham	_____	Covell	_____	Eller	_____
Higgins	_____	Kresefsky, J.	_____	Kresefsky, Y.	_____
Masenor	_____	Noone	_____	Vitalos	_____

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS: SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda item **3.1** through **3.4**.

- 3.1 To approve the comprehensive student and staff attendance data *(with all fire drill reports, if applicable)* for the Month of December, 2023.
- 3.2 To approve Mr. Connor Farrington as a substitute paraprofessional for the 2023-2024 school year.

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- 3.3 To approve FMLA maternity leave of absence request for Mrs. Marissa Szczerba beginning on or about March 25, 2024 utilizing 44 accrued sick days, followed by NJFLA leave of absence for 12 weeks beginning on or about June 4, 2024.
- 3.4 To approve disability leave of absence for employee # 38293437 from March 8, 2024 – April 5, 2024 utilizing 15 accrued sick days.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Bridygham	_____	Covell	_____	Eller	_____
Higgins	_____	Kresefsky, J.	_____	Kresefsky, Y.	_____
Masenor	_____	Noone	_____	Vitalos	_____

D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS: SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following school affairs agenda item **4.1 through 4.2.**

- 4.1 To approve the School Nurse’s Report for November and December, 2023
- 4.2 To approve the following field trip for Grade 6 on May 29, 2024 to Medieval Times, Lyndhurst, NJ.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Bridygham	_____	Covell	_____	Eller	_____
Higgins	_____	Kresefsky, J.	_____	Kresefsky, Y.	_____
Masenor	_____	Noone	_____	Vitalos	_____

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at _____ p.m.

This executive session is expected to last about 20 minutes. The general nature of the subject areas to be discussed are: Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Ruling, and Personnel Matters.

It is anticipated that action pursuant to this executive session will not be taken. **WHEREAS**, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

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WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Washington Borough Board of Education, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter.
2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public upon resolution of all information discussed.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by _____ seconded by _____, to adjourn at
____p.m.