

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALDWELL-WEST CALDWELL

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 22, 2021

The President announced that the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education Special Public Meeting held on March 22, 2021 at 6:00PM via Zoom webinar is in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, a/k/a "Sunshine Law." Notices have been sent to *The Progress*, Caldwell, *The Star Ledger*, Newark, and *NJ TAPinto*, West Essex at least 48 hours in advance of this meeting. Notices have also been posted at the Board of Education Business Office, Harrison School Building, Gray Street, West Caldwell, NJ and have been delivered to the Clerk, Borough of Caldwell, and the Clerk, Township of West Caldwell for posting.

I. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Chris D'Ambola
Chris Elko
Julianne Grosso, Vice President
Marie Lanfrank
Dan Cipoletti, President

Administrators Present:

James Heinegg
Kaitlin Jones
Debbie Muscara

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

There was none.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was none.

VI. PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Public participation shall be governed by the following:

1. Participant must be recognized by the presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of their name and address;
2. Statements are to be limited to three minutes' duration and may only address items on the Agenda;
3. Participant may speak no more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard;
4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer.

VII. MOTIONS BY CONTENT AREA

A. Curriculum

Mrs. Grosso moved; Mrs. Lanfrank seconded, a motion to approve item numbers 1. through 3. on this evening's Agenda under Curriculum.

1. Special Education Consultative Services

Union County Educational Services Commission (UCESC), Westfield, NJ, to provide Bedside Instruction at Lambert's Mill Academy, Westfield, NJ, for student #9905353, at a rate of \$26,838.75, effective February 9, 2021 to June 30, 2021.

2. Amend Special Education Out of District Placement and Service

Amend the out of district placement and tuition of student #1000536 to attend ECLC, Chatham, NJ, at a tuition rate of \$48,067.05, plus a 1:1 Aide at a rate of \$35,650.00 for a total of \$83,717.05, from Academy 360 Lower School, Verona, NJ, at a tuition rate of \$81,165.65, plus a 1:1 Aide at a rate of \$35,875.00 for a total of \$117,040.65, effective October 13, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

3. Expense Reimbursements

Expense Reimbursements for attendance at Professional Development programs approved by the Superintendent as follows:

Mary Cunningham	Evolving Legal Standards for LGBTQ Students	\$100.00 (virtual)
Christine Marconi	NJTESOL/BE 2021 Spring Conference (funded by Title III funds)	\$299.00 (virtual)
Theresa Bailey	NJTESOL/BE 2021 Spring Conference (funded by Title III funds)	\$299.00 (virtual)
Jessica Abramovich	Co-teaching: An Administrative Overview	\$60.00 (virtual)
Dominique Vetrano	Co-teaching: An Administrative Overview	\$60.00 (virtual)

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Messrs. D'Ambola, Elko, Mmes. Grosso, Lanfrank, Mr. Cipoletti

Nays – None

B. Personnel

The Superintendent recommended the following personnel items to the Board of Education:

Mrs. Lanfrank moved; Mrs. Grosso seconded, a motion to approve Certificated Staff item letters a. through e. and Non-Certificated Staff item letter a. on this evening's agenda under Personnel.

1. Certificated Staff

a. Leave of Absence

Disability Leave of Absence, with pay, for Kaitlyn Sheehan, Elementary Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School, from May 17 to June 24, 2021.

b. Amended Appointment – Home Instructors

Amend the Home Instructor rate from \$40.00 per hour to \$44.00 per hour, effective March 1 to June 30, 2021.

c. Appointments

Corrine Gubb, Temporary Leave Replacement (for Anna Wilkolaski), at a rate of \$150 per day, effective April 19 to June 24, 2021.

Following teachers as instructors for the Washington Support Program, at a rate of \$44 per 45-minute session, effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

Washington Elementary School
Elizabeth Clark

d. Voluntary Transfer

Voluntary transfer for Jessica Abramovich, from Director of Special Services, Harrison School, to Vice Principal/Supervisor of Music, Grover Cleveland Middle School, effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

e. One-Time Carryover of Vacation Days

One-time, non-precedent-setting allowance, for all 12-month employees, to carryover up to five (5) vacation days to the 2021-2022 school year.

2. Non-Certificated Staff

a. One-Time Carryover of Vacation Days

One-time, non-precedent-setting allowance, for all 12-month employees, to carryover up to five (5) vacation days to the 2021-2022 school year.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Messrs. D’Ambola, Elko, Mmes. Grosso, Lanfrank, Mr. Cipoletti

Nays – None

C. Finance

Mr. D’Ambola moved; Mrs. Lanfrank seconded, a motion to approve item numbers 1. through 5. on this evening’s Agenda under Finance.

1. James Caldwell High School Courtyard Dining Project

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education authorizes FKA Architects to submit the project application to the New Jersey Department of Education for the James Caldwell High School Courtyard Dining Project. This project is an "Other Capital" project, and the Board of Education is not seeking state funding.

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Caldwell-West Caldwell Board of Education authorizes FKA Architects to amend the current Long Facilities Plan to include the James Caldwell High School Courtyard Dining Project.

2. Flooring Projects

A. Installation of Stair Treads in two (2) stairwells at Grover Cleveland Middle School with Infinity Floors of Montville, NJ at the cost of \$22,075.44 based on state contract # A81751. This project is in the current year's budget.

B. Installation of Rubber Tiles at the Field House of James Caldwell High School with Infinity Floors of Montville, NJ at the cost of \$7,547.00 based on state contract # A81751. This project is in the current year's budget.

3. Sanitizer Dispensers Purchase

Purchase of Sanitizer Dispensers for all schools with Northeast Janitorial Supply, Inc. of Pompton Lakes, NJ at the cost of \$9,323.10 based on ESC of NJ co-op pricing, ESCNJ 17/18-47 to be funded by ESSER II funds.

4. Donations

Donation from the Wilson School H.S.A. in the amount of \$4,000 towards the purchase of chromebooks.

Donation from the Caldwell Soccer Club in the amount of \$1,740 towards the purchase of rings for the Caldwell-West Caldwell Soccer Team.

5. Jim Brown Memorial Gymnasium Letter Project

Rescind the resolution, as approved at the Regular Public Monthly Meeting of March 8, 2021, for the Jim Brown Memorial Gymnasium Letter Project with Butler Sign Company of Wayne, NJ in the amount of \$18,485.00, and authorize the re-quoting of the project.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Messrs. D’Ambola, Elko, Mmes. Grosso, Lanfrank, Mr. Cipoletti

Nays – None

D. Buildings, Grounds, and Capital Improvements

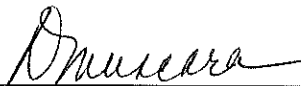
VIII. PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Cipoletti moved; Mrs. Grosso seconded, a motion to adjourn the Special Public Meeting at 7:06 PM and meet in Private Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Negotiations/Legal, Miscellaneous, and Old Business matters. This meeting has been advertised and is compliant with the Open Public Meeting Act and N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, a/k/a "Sunshine Law". The matters discussed will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required and formal action, pursuant to said discussion, shall take place only at a meeting to which the public has been invited.

ROLL CALL: Ayes – Messrs. D’Ambola, Elko, Mmes. Grosso, Lanfrank, Mr. Cipoletti

Nays – None

SUBMITTED BY:



Deborah Muscara, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary