

CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cedar Grove, New Jersey
MINUTES

February 9, 2021

Cedar Grove High School Auditorium

Public Session

6:30 PM

Mrs. Dye, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education to order at 6:30 pm

Roll Call:

- ✓ Mrs. DiChiara
- ✓ Mrs. Mega
- ✓ Mr. Splendoria
- ✓ Mr. Schoner
- ✓ Mrs. Dye

Mr. Anthony Grosso, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael DeVita, Board Secretary were also present.

The following motion was made by Mrs. Mega and seconded by Mr. Splendoria and unanimously carried.

E1. Motion to **adjourn to executive session to discuss the following items:**

- Legal matter relative to a **pending litigation against the Board**. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in the Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion of the matter.
- Personnel matter relative to **candidates for employment**. Action may follow the discussion in the Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion of any contracts.
- Personnel matter relative to a **current employee**. Action may follow the discussion in the Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion of any contracts.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:39 pm and Mrs. Dye led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the following announcement:

Announcement: 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 meeting of, public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Cedar Grove Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be advertised, by having the date, time, and place thereof posted on bulletin boards in the District, published and/or transmitted to the *Verona-Cedar Grove Times* and *Star Ledger* newspapers, TAPinto online news, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the District's web site.

Roll Call:

- ✓ Mrs. DiChiara

- ✓ Mrs. Mega
- ✓ Mr. Splendoria
- ✓ Mr. Schoner
- ✓ Mrs. Dye

Mr. Anthony Grosso, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael DeVita, Board Secretary were also present.

The meeting was opened to the public for comment on items on the agenda. No one from the public wished to be heard.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mrs. DiChiara attended the Recreation Board meeting and reported that spring sports will be outside and they are reviewing options to open up the pool this summer.

Mrs. Dye attended the Middle School FSA meeting and reported that they are collaborating with high school about classes, they spoke about TREPS and the 8th grade graduation.

Board Presentation:

High School Principal, Dustin Bayer, gave a powerpoint presentation on courses in the high school for the future and also about combining the cohorts.

Board attorney, Anthony Sciarrillo, gave an ethics presentation to the board members and also discussed some board goals for the school year.

Superintendent Update

Mr. Grosso gave a district COVID update, spoke about the Social Emotional Learning Committee (SEL), the EDAC committee, employee vaccination program, district website, the summer step up program and the cleaning procedures that are performed on Fridays in each school.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR and BOARD SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Splendoria and seconded by Mrs. Mega and unanimously carried to approve items B1 through B5.

- B1. Motion to **approve the Public and Executive minutes** of January 19, 2021
- B2. Motion to **approve the budgetary transfers** for the months of January 2021
- B3. Motion to **approve the Treasurer's Report** for the month of December 2020

B4. Motion to **approve the Board Secretary Report** for the month of December 2020

B5. Motion to **approve the Board Secretary's certification to the Cedar Grove Board of Education, pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)3, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which, in total, exceed the line item appropriation in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(a); and further pursuant to NJAC 6A:23-2.11(c)4, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23-2.11(b).**

A motion was made by Mrs. Mega and seconded by Mrs. DiChiara and unanimously carried to approve items B6 through B8.

B6. Motion to **approve the submission of a waiver for the SEMI program for the 2021/2022 school year** as the district does not meet the minimum number of students who fall below the category of Economically Disadvantaged.

B7. **RESOLVED, that in accordance with their contract, the following employee shall be paid for unused vacation days:**
Employee #1171: \$4,614.19

B8. Motion to **retroactively approve the location agreement with Found It, LLC for Cowboy Bear Ninja LLC**, and the Cedar Grove Board of Education for a video commercial shoot at Cedar Grove High School on February 5, 2021 for a fee of \$2,500, plus overtime expenses at \$55 per hour, if needed. The agreement is on file in the Board office.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A motion was made by Mrs. DiChiara and seconded by Mr. Schoner and unanimously carried to approve items S1 through S14.

Mr. Schoner wished Mario Gaita the best and thanked him for his hard work and looks forward to working with John Bannon.

All board members shared memories about retiring teacher, Cindy Martin, and wished her well.

Mr. Grosso spoke about the SAT prep class being extended so students can prepare more for the test.

S1. Second Reading

A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID # 202307601667 from 1/7/2021 for reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.

a. Non-HIB

Jennifer Bulmer	Family Illness	MMS/English	0	0	1/29-2/5/2021	2/8/2021	New Request
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S14. Motion to **approve the following students for classroom observation:**

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>School/Subject</u>	<u>Dates/Hours</u>
Gamal Abdehamid	Rutgers University	SE/ Dana DeTrizio	Feb 25 - May 6 2021 (days vary)
Evan Mayerhauser	William Paterson	HS/phys ed/health clinical / Thomas Jones	Jan 2021 - June 30, 2021

The following motion was tabled until the next board meeting.

S15. Motion to **approve the following employees to write curriculum:**

- **Brian Meisner to write curriculum for Social Media Marketing:** 20 hours per curriculum at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.
- **Michele Rack to write curriculum for Statistics Honors:** 20 hours per curriculum at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.
- **Robert Brady to write curriculum for Financial Algebra:** 20 hours per curriculum at the rate of \$35.00 per hour.

The following motion was made by Mr. Schoner and seconded by Mr. Splendoria and unanimously carried.

S16. Motion to **approve the following contract for a special education student,** as recommended by the Director of Special Services, for the 2020-2021 school year:

Developmental Learning Center Warren
 Student 8034958778
 Tuition for the remainder of 20-21 school year
 At a rate of \$9,594.00 per month

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Medina spoke about changing the website and the formation of the EDAC committee.
 Patricia Montana spoke about in person learning, cohorts and returning to in person learning on Fridays.

Mr. Schoner asked about what happens on Fridays in the district.

Announcement of future meetings:

February 23, 2021 CGHS Auditorium. 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Meeting

March 2, 2021 CGHS Auditorium. 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Meeting

Motion by Mrs. DiChiara and seconded by Mrs. Mega and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education at 10:46 pm.

Roll Call:

- ✓ Mrs. DiChiara
- ✓ Mrs. Mega
- ✓ Mr. Splendoria
- ✓ Mr. Schoner
- ✓ Mrs. Dye

Mr. Anthony Grosso, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Michael DeVita, Business Administrator were also present.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita
Board Secretary