

CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cedar Grove, New Jersey
MINUTES

March 2, 2021

Cedar Grove High School Auditorium

Public Session

6:32 PM

Mrs. Dye, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education to order at 6:32 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. DiChiara 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.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:37 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

There were no committee reports

Board Presentation:

Traci Dyer introduced Christina Pellegrino who did a presentation on therapy dogs.
Rob Gogerty presented the proposed 2021/2022 Athletics Budget.
Jim Walsh presented the proposed 2021/2022 Technology Budget.
Chris Kinney presented the proposed 2021/2022 Special Services Budget.

Superintendent Update

Mr. Grosso gave a district COVID update, a SELC update, spoke about the Hallpass visitor system and showed a video about it.

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 B2.

B1. Motion to **approve the Public and Executive minutes** of February 23, 2021

B2. 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).**

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A motion was made by Mrs. Mega and seconded by Mrs. DiChiara and unanimously carried to approve items S1 through S7.

S1. Motion to **approve the District and 12 Month Calendars** for the 2021-2022 school year.

S2. Motion to **approve Emily Bulbulia, MMS Math Teacher**, BA Step 1 \$51,224 (prorated from March 10 - June 23, 202, non tenure position.

S3. Motion to **approve Elizabeth Paizis, North End Paraprofessional**, starting on March 8, 2021, prorated salary of \$20,021.

S4. Motion to **approve the resignation of Brian Fisher, CGHS Custodian**, being last of work on March 12, 2021.

S5. Motion to **approve John Bannon's longevity of \$1,515** for the 2020-2021 to be in addition to a salary of \$110,000 prorated approved on February 23, 2021 agenda.

S6. Motion to **authorize attendance** at the following event/s:

Program	Date	Employee(s)	Board Member(s)	Cost
COVID 19 Strategies to Support At Risk Student	2/26/2021 (retroactively)	D. Chell	0	\$49.00
Built for These Times	3/4/2021	A. Escobar V. Perrazone	0	\$0

S7. Motion to **approve the following students for Classroom Observation**:

<i>Student</i>	<i>College/Univ. Student Attends</i>	<i>School Observing in Grade/Subject</i>	<i>Date(s)/Hours of Observation</i>
Leigh Fahrenfeld	Ramapo College	South End Elementary Gr 4/ Mrs. Conover	September 2021- May 2022

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

S8. Motion to **approve the Second Reading of the following Policy Updates/Revisions**:

General Policy and Regulation Guide

- P 0145 Board Member Resignation and Removal (M) (Revised)
- R 1642 Earned Sick Leave Law (M) (Revised)
- P 1643 Family Leave (M) (**New**)
- P 3431.1 Family Leave (M) (**Abolished**)
- P 4431.1 Family Leave (M) (**Abolished**)

P 3431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Abolished)
P 4431.3	New Jersey Family Leave Insurance Program (Abolished)
P & R 5330.01	Administration of Medical Cannabis (M) (Revised)
P 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (Revised)
R 7425	Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (New)
P & R 7430	School Safety (M) (Abolished)

No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Policy and Regulation Guides

P 2415	Every Student Succeeds Act (M) (Revised)
P 2415.01	Academic Standards, Academic Assessments, and Accountability (M) (Abolished)
P 2415.02	Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities (M) (Revised)
P 2415.03	Highly Qualified Teachers (M) (Abolished)
P 2415.05	Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M) (Revised)
P & R 2415.20	Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M) (Revised)
P 4125	Employment of Support Staff Members (M) (Revised)
P 6360	Political Contributions (M) (Revised)
P 8330	Student Records (M) (Revised)
P 9713	Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M) (Revised)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marcela Crossman asked about a plan for in person schooling.

Patricia Montana spoke about in person schooling.

Melissa Skabich spoke about getting information out to the public.

Tom Perri asked about a plan for school in September.

Announcement of future meetings:

March 16, 2021 CGHS Auditorium. 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Meeting

April 20, 2021 CGHS Auditorium. 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Meeting

Motion by Mr. Splendoria and seconded by Mr. Schoner and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education at 9:36 pm.

Roll Call:

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita
Board Secretary