

CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cedar Grove, New Jersey
MINUTES

May 4, 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. 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 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 Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion of any contracts.
- Personnel matter relative to a **grievance**. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion of the matter.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:44 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:

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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. Mega thanked all of the teachers for Happy Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. Splendoria went to the car wash for music matters and reported they did a great job. The Middle School has a fundraiser coming up and will have more details after the FSA meets.

Superintendent Update

Mr. Grosso gave a district COVID update, spoke about asian american history month, SELC update, EDAC update, high school graduation and national teacher appreciation week.

Board Presentation:

Mr. DeVita did a powerpoint presentation of the proposed 2021/2022 Budget

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 April 20, 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).**

A motion was made by Mrs. Mega and seconded by Mrs. DiChiara and unanimously carried to approve items B3 through B11.

Mrs. Dye thanked Mrs. Rizzo for the donation of the lawn signs.

B3. RESOLVED, that the **Final Budget numbers listed below are adopted for the 2021/2022 school year:**

Appropriations

Local Tax Levy

General Fund	\$33,123,133	\$29,372,015
Special Revenue Fund	688,745	-0-
Debt Service Fund	<u>2,274,100</u>	<u>1,947,708</u>
Total Budget	<u>\$36,085,978</u>	<u>\$31,319,723</u>

B4. Motion to **approve setting the travel maximum for the 2021/2022 school year.** The Cedar Grove Board of Education hereby establishes the school district travel maximum for the 2021/2022 school year at the sum of \$56,700; and Be It Further Resolved, that the School Business Administrator, in accordance with 6A:23A-7.3, shall track and record these costs to insure the maximum amount is not exceeded, and that the pre-budget year maximum was \$57,925; and the total spent to date is \$3,044.54.

B5. Motion to approve submission of the **Coronavirus Response and Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021(CRRSA)/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II)** with the following allocations:

CRRSA-ESSER II	\$451,085
Learning Acceleration	\$ 28,948
Mental Health	\$ 45,000

B6. Motion to **approve the quote from CDW-G for the purchase of Chromebooks through the Coronavirus Response and Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021(CRRSA)/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II)** in the amount of \$111,552 through the cooperative bid # ESCNJ18/19-03.

B7. Motion to **approve the quote from SHI International Corp. for the purchase of wireless access points through the Coronavirus Response and Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021(CRRSA)/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II)** in the amount of \$42,000 through the federal E-rate program bid 470 # 200020587.

B8. Motion to **approve the quote from PaySchools for the purchase of a Point Of Sale System through the Coronavirus Response and Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021(CRRSA)/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II)** in the amount of \$19,791.20.

B9. Motion to **approve Zenith Construction Services, Inc. final payment application No. 5 in the amount of \$23,600** for work done on the Security Upgrades and Renovations Project. This payment application has been reviewed and approved by Mr. Daniel Dressel, Architect. Payment for this application will be from the CGBOE 2018 Bond Referendum.

B10. Motion to **approve the generous donations (valued each at \$130) for lawn signs for the HS, MMS, SE and NE from Mrs. Rizzo, owner Card My Yard Cedar Grove.**

B11. Motion to **approve the submission of the School Security Grant** through the Securing

Our Children's Future Bond Act in the amount of \$87,394.

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 S13.

Mrs. Dye thanked Katie Hanlon for her years of service.

S1. Motion to **approve employment for the following Substitute Custodian:**

- **George Avery, District Substitute Custodian** at an hourly rate of \$12, retroactive to May 3, 2021.

S2. Motion to **appoint the following staff in accordance with the State Emergent Hiring Start Date procedures:**

- **Jeffrey Myles, Buildings & Grounds Custodian** at Step 6, \$43,540 prorated, retroactively starting April 29, 2021 through June 30, 2021.
- **Joseph Therasmond, Substitute Custodian (blackseal)**, at \$14.70 per hour
- **Khamis Sumrein, Substitute Custodian (blackseal)**, at \$14.70 per hour
- **Salvador Saavedra, Substitute Custodian (blackseal)**, at \$14.70 per hour
- **Cristina Rufo, Paraprofessional** at MMS, step 1 at \$20,412 prorated starting May 5, 2021 through June 22, 2021.

S3. Motion to **retroactively approve the following substitute custodian** at \$12/hour starting on April 28, 2021. Michael Moussab

S4. Motion to **accept the resignation of Katie Hanlon, District Athletic Trainer**, as of June 30, 2021 the last day of work.

S5. Motion to **approve the following teaching personnel for the Extended School Year Program 2021** to be held in person from June 29th through July 28, 2021 at a rate of \$35 per hour:

Liz Daniel	Alex Potts	
Brittany Reamer	Denise Geddis	
Megan McLeod	Ed Puchalski	
Sandra Malagiere	Danielle McLaughlin	
Colleen McElroy	Brenda Conyngham	
Jennie Villanueva	Robin Cali	
Christina Licitra	Sue	Lynch

S6. Motion to **approve the following paraprofessional personnel for Extended School Year 2021** to be held in person from June 29th through July 28, 2021 at a rate of \$15 per hour:

Jackie Van natten	Diana Romano
Gulnaz Gurhan	Nancy Leotsakas

Samantha Nemeth
 Luanne Longo

Robin Rosa
 Robyn Levy

Pinali Chokshi

Denise Kennedy

Carmella Varrichio

S7. Motion to **rescind S13. John Scimone as High School Set Designer Musical** at a stipend of \$1,445.

S8. Motion to **retroactively approve Ryan Corbosiero, Summer Weight Room Advisor, Cedar Grove High School**, at a stipend of \$2,647 for January 11 2021 - March 15 2021.

S9. Motion to **retroactively approve Anne Raddi to provide supplemental assistance in an extracurricular activity** for student #8913612036.

S10. Motion to **authorize attendance** at the following event/s:

Program	Date	Employee(s)	Board Member(s)	Cost
SEL	5/5/2021 (PM workshop)	K. Massotto D. LaFoon	0	\$12.50/
Conquer Math	5/12/21 (in person)	C. Matera	0	\$160/pd BOE
Conquer Math	5/14/21 (in person)	A.Potts J. Costantini	0	\$160/ pd BOE
NJSIAA	5/10/21 (field trip)	M. Valenzano	0	\$0

S11. Motion to **approve the following Job Description** for the 2020-2021 school year.

- District Coordinator of Mental Health/Anti- Bullying Coordinator

S12. Motion to **approve the following 10 month to 12 month employee positions** for:
District Supervisor of Elementary Education (Pre-K-Grade 5)

- Janine Barboza, effective July 1, 2021

District Supervisor of Secondary Education (Grade 6-12)

- Bart Pierson, effective July 1, 2021

S13. Motion to **approve Suzanne Marzouka, Memorial Middle School Math Teacher, maternity leave replacement, non tenure track**, at step 1, \$51,929 starting May 10th through June 22, 2021.

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

S14. Motion to **approve the following employees to write curriculum:**

- **Andrew Vander Horn: The Holocaust, Genocide and Modern Humanity**, up to 20 hours at the curriculum rate of \$35.00 per hour to be completed prior to the start of 2021-2022 school year.
- **David Candia: Leadership - Grade 7**, up to 20 hours at the curriculum rate of \$35.00 per hour to be completed prior to the start of 2021-2022 school year.
- **Liz Cheyne: Leadership - Grade 8**, up to 20 hours at the curriculum rate of \$35.00 per hour to be completed prior to the start of 2021-2022 school year.

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

S15. 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:

Cornerstone Day School

Tuition for the 21-22 school year

Student: 9584774801

Total: 89,850.20

Next Step Pediatric Therapy

PT services for the 2021-2022 school year including ESY

\$85.00 per hour

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Scanlon spoke about the amount of time of people speaking during public comment.

Dawn Daura spoke about learning loss, summer step up program and special education students.

Agnes Norman spoke about the reopening of schools.

Edith Fusco spoke about the reopening of schools.

Patricia Montana asked about desks and lockers use, playgrounds, students quarantining, alternate schedules for next year and how lunch will be handled?

Announcement of future meetings:

May 19, 2021 CGHS Auditorium. 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Meeting

June 15, 2021 CGHS Auditorium. 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Meeting

Motion by Mrs. Mega and seconded by Mrs. DiChiara and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education at 9:05 pm and enter into executive session to discuss a potential litigation, personnel and a grievance. No further action will be taken in public.

Roll Call:

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- ✓ Mr. Splendoria
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Respectfully submitted,

Michael DeVita
Board Secretary