

CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cedar Grove, New Jersey
MINUTES

July 23, 2020

CGHS Cafeteria (Board) & Virtual Public Board Meeting (via GoToMeeting)
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. 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 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.
- Legal matter relative to a **discussion of a student agreement**. Action may follow the discussion in Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will probably never occur due to the confidentiality of the matter.
- 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 7:35 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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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

Mr. DeVita gave an update on the security referendum and items that have been completed.

Mr. Grosso spoke about the results of the surveys from staff and parents that were filled out. He also gave a brief overview of the reopening plan.

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 B3.

- B1. Motion to **approve the Public and Executive minutes** of June 17, 2020, June 23, 2020, July 9, 2020 and July 16, 2020
- B2. Motion to **approve the budgetary transfers** for the month of June 2020.
- B3. 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).**

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

- B4. Motion to **pay the following List of Bills:**

June 17, 2020 - June 30, 2020	\$578,484.09
July 1, 2020 – July 23, 2020	\$778,459.81

A motion was made by Mrs. DiChiara and seconded by Mr. Schoner and unanimously carried to approve items B5 through B15.

- B5. **Motion to approve the quote from CDW-G for the purchase of Chromebooks through the CARES Emergency Relief Grant** in the amount of \$80,406 through the cooperative bid # ESCNJ18/19-03.
- B6. **RESOLVED, that in accordance with the CGEA Agreement, the following employee shall be paid for unused vacation days:**
 Employee #0206: \$ 9,191.88
- B7. **RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Contractual Agreement, the following employee shall be paid for unused vacation days:**
 Employee #1612 \$31,522.00
- B8. **Motion to approve Zenith Construction Services, Inc. payment application No. 3 in the amount of \$96,873** 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.
- B9. **Motion to accept the generous donation from the CGHS Yearbook Club in the amount of \$13,780** to be used to purchase new Macbooks for the yearbook class and club production.
- B10. **Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement** between the Cedar Grove Board of Education and CS and JS.
- B11. **Motion to approve the amendment to the School Transportation Contract for the 2019/2020** school year with NW Transport, LLC.
- B12. **Motion to approve the amendment to the School Transportation Contract for the 2019/2020** school year with Aldin Transportation.
- B13. **Motion to approve the below listed transportation routes for renewal of transportation contracts with NW Transport, LLC for the 2020/2021 school year** at the consumer price index percentage of 1.70%.

<u>Route</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>Aide</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>Per Diem</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
CALP03	205.94	40	245.94	249.44
JAC25W	196.71	50	246.71	250.05
CPCL2W	250.58	45	295.58	299.84

- B14. Motion to **approve the below listed transportation routes for renewal of transportation contracts with Aldin Transportation, Inc. for the 2020/2021 school year** at the consumer price index percentage of 1.70%.

<u>Route</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>Aide</u>	<u>2019-20</u>	<u>2020-21</u>
	<u>Per Diem</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Per Diem</u>
R28	283.04		283.04	287.85
R29	293.19		293.19	298.17
R30	283.04	48	331.04	335.85
R31	293.19		293.19	298.17
WSPL01	242.46		242.46	246.58
WINP01	222.17		222.17	225.95
ECLC01	226.88		226.88	230.74
CTCD01	201.88	48	249.88	253.31
VOTECH01	354.06		354.06	360.08
LKLD01	190.00		190.00	193.23
PGCHAM	199.00	42	241.00	244.38
NJELKS	190.00		190.00	193.23
BANY03	275.00		275.00	279.68
CORNER	310.00		310.00	315.27

- B15. Motion to **approve the quote from Worth Ave. Group** to provide insurance coverage for 300 Chromebooks purchased at a cost of \$19,800.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A motion was made by Mr. Schoner and seconded by Mr. Splendoria and unanimously carried to approve items S1 through S16.

- S1. Motion to **retroactively approve Michael J. Fetherman’s revision of resignation date** to July 17, 2020.
- S2. Motion to **revise the start date for Anthony Grosso, Superintendent of Schools,** to August 3, 2020.
- S3. Motion to **retroactively approve Michael DeVita, as Acting Superintendent** from July 18, 2020 to August 2, 2020.
- S4. Motion to **approve Jennifer Walter, NE maternity leave replacement, non-tenure, 3rd grade teacher,** at BA, Step 1, \$51,224 pro-rated from September 1 through November 23, 2020.
- S5. Motion to **approve Monica Fox, North End School Part Time Secretary,** 15 hours per week, at \$15.85 hourly, effective September 1, 2020 through June 18, 2021.

- S6. Motion to **approve Lalia Wilder, North End School Part Time Secretary**, 15 hours per week, at \$15.85 hourly, effective September 1, 2020 through June 18, 2021.
- S7. Motion to **approve Megan MacLeod, Paraprofessional @ NE** effective September 1, 2020 through June 18, 2021, at a salary of \$20,021.
- S8. Motion to **approve Nicolette McCarthy, High School Special Education Teacher, BA Step 1**, salary of \$51,224 starting on September 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020.
- S9. Motion to **approve the following LinkIt! Liaisons (\$2200 Stipend paid through Title II (PD) ESEA Funds)** for the 2020-2021 school year:
 Kathleen Danieli (NE) Melinda Milano/Victoria Tedesco (SE - Split)
 Jeremy Luogumeno (MMS) Michael Tedesco (CGHS)
- S10. Motion to **approve summer work (maximum # of days = 20) for the following guidance counselors at their per diem rate of pay:**
 Erica Slota Alexa Rubino Meridith Denman
- S11. Motion to **approve the "extra class" stipend for the 2020-21 school year** at a rate of \$6,300 for the following teachers:
 Thomas Moogan Algebra II (Honors) Andrew Vanderhorn US II (Honors)

S12. Motion to **authorize attendance** at the following event/s:

Program	Date	Employee(s)	Board Member(s)	Cost
AP US History @ Drew University	8/3-8/6/2020	S. Gallagher	0	\$775.00
Online IRR Stronge Training for Admins	6/26/2020 7/22/2020	T. Dyer L. DiMatteo J. Barboza B. Pierson R. Gogerty C. Kinney J. Inglis R. Mangili N. DeCorte D. Chell	0	\$195/
DKG/ Int'l Committee	10/13 & 14 2020	C. Swanson	0	\$0

S13. 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>
Faith Fennely	Caldwell University	SE/ Linda Sweeney	Clinical I and Clinical II

S14. Motion to **approve the following** leaves of absence:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Reason</i>	<i>Position / Location</i>	<i>Number of Employee Sick Days used for Leave</i>	<i>FMLA Start Date</i>	<i>NJ(FLA) Start Date</i>	<i>Return Date</i>	<i>Modifications / Updates</i>
C. Cecire	Mat'y	MMS Math	10/8-10/14/20 (20) 10/15-10/28	10/29-12/9/20 (30)	12/10-3/12/21 (60)	3/15/21	Revised Sick and Fed Dates

S15. Motion to **approve a revision to the 2020-2021 District School Calendar** to reflect a change of start date **for all instructional staff to September 3 and for students to September 8, 2020** and to change last day of school to June 23, 2021 for the purposes of preparing a safe and healthy environment of school buildings.

S16. Motion to **accept the resignation of Joseph Cardinale**, High School Business Teacher, as of September 14, 2020. Once a replacement teacher can be found, Mr. Cardinale will be released at an earlier time.

Mr. DeVita summarized all of the policies that are on for a first reading.

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

S17. Motion to **approve the First Reading of the following Policy Updates/Revisions:**

Alert 220

- P 1649** Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (FFCRA) (M) (New)
- P 2270** Religion in Schools (Revised)
- P 2431.3** Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety (M) (Revised)
- P 2622** Student Assessment (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5111** Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5200** Attendance (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5320** Immunization (Revised)
- P & R 5330.04** Administering an Opioid Antidote (M) (Revised)
- P 5610** Suspension (M) (Revised)
- R 5610** Suspension Procedures (M) (Revised)
- P 5620** Expulsion (M) (Revised)
- P & R 8320** Personnel Records (M) (Revised)

Alert 219

- P 0152** Board Officers (Revised)

P 1581	Domestic Violence (M) (Revised)
R 1581	Domestic Violence (M) (Revised)
P 2422	Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised)
P 3421.13	Postnatal Accommodations (New)
P 4421.13	Postnatal Accommodations (New)
P & R 5330	Administration of Medication (M) (Revised)
P 7243	Supervision of Construction (M) (Revised)
P 8210	School Year (Revised)
P 8220	School Day (M) (Revised)
R 8220	School Closings (Revised)
P 8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children (M) (Revised)

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

S18. Motion to **approve the following contracts for special education students**, as recommended by the Director of Special Services, for the 2020-2021 school year:

Chapel Hill Academy

Tuition for the 2020-2021 School year including ESY

Student 2277413357: \$73,920.00

Student 7415227482: \$73,920.00

Total: \$ 147,840.00

New Beginnings

Tuition for the 2020-2021 school year including ESY

Student: 8545365447 Tuition: \$ 83,462.28

Student: 4632730455 Tuition: \$ 83,462.28

Total: \$166,924.56

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several former students and members of the public (Brianna Pereira, Grace Brolly, Dharti Patel, Reed Romanko, Carolyn Maxwell, Afi Lamptey) spoke about social injustice in Cedar Grove and read statements. They are hoping to work with the board on changes and have an open dialogue.

Jennie Villanueva asked about Policy 1649

Announcement of future meetings:

August 18, 2020 North End Media Ctr.?? 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg

September 15, 2020 North End Media Ctr.?? 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg

Motion by Mr. Splendoria and second by Mrs. Mega and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education at 8:40 pm.

Roll Call:

- ✓ Mrs. DiChiara
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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