

**CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Cedar Grove, New Jersey**  
**MINUTES**

**August 5, 2020**

**CGHS Cafeteria (Board) & Virtual Public Board Meeting (via GoToMeeting)**  
**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 Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion 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 7:40 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.

**BOARD PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Grosso presented the Cedar Grove Public Schools Return to School Plan for 2020/2021 School Year.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR and BOARD SECRETARY**

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

- B1. Motion to **approve the Cedar Grove Public Schools Return to School Plan** for the 2020/2021 School Year.

**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 S4.

- S1. Motion to **approve Robyn Cali and Katie Hanlon** to continue to get paid for Phase 2 (July 27th-August 6th) and Phase 3 (August 10th-August 28th) summer recess pre-screening at a rate of \$35 per hour a day Mon-Thurs not to exceed \$1120 every two weeks.
- S2. Motion to **retroactively accept the resignation of Jeffrey Munguia**, Paraprofessional at MMS, effective July 28, 2020.
- S3. Motion to **accept the resignation of Adam Weinstein**, MMS Social Studies Teacher, effective September 29, 2020.
- S4. Motion to **accept the resignation of Patricia Caruso**, North End 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, because of retirement, effective October 1, 2020.

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

S5. Motion to **approve the First Reading of the following new policy:**

**P 1648 Restart and Recovery Plan (M) (New)**

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

S6. Motion to **approve the Second 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)**  
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**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)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Maria Rodriguez asked if a copy of the plan will be provided to the staff.  
Bonnie Fiella asked if a teacher will be responsible for all three groups and what will the pre-k look like and the times for school.

Caroline Ohms asked about air circulation, changing classes and homework.

Chris Cannella said that the union believes that a phased in approach is better and the district should go all virtual now.

Dawn Daura asked about sanitizing in between classes, students who can't wear a mask and the schedule for a day.

Jody Lejuez asked if students have symptoms, what will happen and about plexiglass.

Giovanna Macioci welcomed the new superintendent and thanked everybody for their hard work.

Jeanine Patel asked about transportation.

Marissa ?? asked about aftercare, live streaming and assignments.

Trish Wilson asked about the hallways and social distancing.

Kathy Palamara asked about IEP's.

Nat Harris asked about IEP's and parent help.

Nicole Ledgewood asked about opting in and out for distance learning.

Jennifer Correnti asked about counselors at the elementary schools and the timeframe of getting grades back.

Elisa ?? asked about the regulations of masks and air purifiers.

Sarah Margiotta asked about the classroom load and schedules.

Christina Comonia asked about testing for the disease.

Joe Abaleo asked about any flexibility for the date to notify if you wanted to do remote only learning.

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. Schoner and second by Mrs. DiChiara and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education at 10:08 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