

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

**October 13, 2020**

**Cedar Grove High School Auditorium**

**Public Session**

**6:31 PM**

Mrs. Dye, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education to order at 6:31 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.
- Student matter relative to **HIB**. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in executive session. Due to the confidentiality of student matters, public release of this discussion will probably never occur.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:36 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. Mega attended the CGHS APT meeting and reported that membership is open for interested parents and also the Black & Gold Club.

Mrs. DiChiara attended the MMS FSA meeting and reported that membership is open for interested parents.

Mr. Schoner said that South End will have a fundraiser for Halloween lawn signs.

Mr. Splendoria said that he enjoyed seeing both students and parents on their first day back of school.

Mrs. Dye thanked the law firm of O'Toole Scirvo and the township council for the masks that were donated for students and staff.

### **BOARD PRESENTATION**

Mr. Grosso acknowledged Michael and Matthew McAuliffe for getting PPE donations for the school district, including masks, sanitizer and wipes.

### **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 September 29, 2020.

B2. Motion to **approve the budgetary transfers** for the months of September 2020.

B3. Motion to **approve the Treasurer's Report** for the month of August 2020.

B4. Motion to **approve the Board Secretary Report** for the month of August 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 to approve items B6 through B8.

- B6. Motion to **accept the generous donation from the Cedar Grove High School APT in the amount of \$2,500.**

- B7. **RESOLVED, that in accordance with the CGAA Agreement, the following employee shall be paid for unused vacation days:**  
Employee #1711: \$18,013.01

- B8. Motion to **accept the generous donation of PPE supplies from High School Students; Michael and Matthew McAuliffe, that will be distributed throughout the Cedar Grove Schools.**

On roll call, the following vote was taken: Mrs. DiChiara, “yes”, Mrs. Mega, “yes with the exception of not voting on B6”, Mr. Splendoria, “yes”, Mr. Schoner, “yes”, Mrs. Dye, “yes”.

The motions passed.

#### **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

A motion was made by Mr. DiChiara and seconded by Mr. Schoner and unanimously carried to approve items S1 through S12.

- S1. Motion to **appoint the following staff in accordance with the State Emergent Hiring Start Date procedures:**

- **Tamia Sharif, Memorial Middle School Paraprofessional, at \$20,021 prorated starting on October 5, 2020 to June 23, 2021.**
- **John Alscher, Memorial Middle School Paraprofessional at \$20,021 prorated starting on October 13, to June 23, 2021.**
- **Alexa Miller, North End School Nurse, BA+15, step 10, \$62,877 prorated, starting on November 23, 2020 through June 30, 2021**

- S2. Motion to **approve Kristina Zaturaska, South End Paraprofessional, at a salary of \$20,021 prorated on or before November 16, 2020 to June 23, 2023.**

- S3. Motion to **accept the resignation of Walter Krehel, High School Science Teacher**, due to retirement after 34 years in the district, effective December 31, 2020.
- S4. Motion to **rescind resolution S6 on September 29, 2020 to approve Maureen Howe as a North End School Aide for the 2020-2021** school year at an hourly rate of \$12.00 per hour.
- S5. Motion to **retroactively approve Carmella DeCaito SE School Aide's resignation** for purposes of retirement as of September 29, 2020.
- S6. Motion to **retroactively approve Kathleen Amato, as substitute teacher** for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$90/diem.
- S7. Motion to **approve the affiliation agreement between the Cedar Grove School District and Caldwell University regarding liability insurance for the 2020-2021 school year**. Caldwell University requires all education students doing field observations for practicum or student internships to obtain liability insurance through the student component of the NJ Education Association
- S8. Motion to **retroactively approve the "extra class" stipend at the high school for Colleen McElroy** from September 21, 2020 to June 23, 2021.
- S9. Motion to **approve the following High School Co-Curricular Activities** at the rate of \$35 per hour for the 2020-2021:

**Supplemental Instruction** (retroactively starting the week of October 12, 2020): Susan Lynch, Danielle McLaughlin, Denise Geddis

**Temperature check** (retroactively starting at 8:00am on October 12, 2020): Donna LaFoon, Alexa Rubino, TJ Jones, Jackie Lasky, Colleen McElroy, Ed Puchalski, Irina Shutovsky, Tracy Comerford

**Detention Monitors:** Tracey Comerford

**Home Instruction:** Tracey Comerford

**Textbook Distribution:** Rachel Germann and Jenna Bentley

**Collection of Chromebook Fees:** Claire Swanson

- S10. Motion to **retroactively approve Katie Hanlon, Athletic Trainer, to teach CPR at the rate of \$35 per hour** from September 9, 2020 to June 30 2021.

- S11. Motion to **approve the following Memorial Middle School physical education/health teachers to instruct extra classes** from November 9 through December 4, 2020 (being last day) at a rate of \$45/diem. Randy Nelson and Jacquelynn Bariliari.
- S12. Motion to **approve Kristin Arluna at South End School** to provide temperature checks for staff and students from October 14, through year end June 23, 2020.

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

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

- S13. Motion to **approve the First Reading of the following Policy:**

<b>P 1620</b>	<b>Administrative Employment Contracts (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>P 1648</b>	<b>Restart and Recovery Plan (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>P 2431</b>	<b>Athletic Competition (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>R 2431.1</b>	<b>Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>P 2464</b>	<b>Gifted and Talented Students (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>P 5200.1</b>	<b>Student Travel Advisory Procedures during Pandemic (New)</b>
<b>P &amp; R 5330.05</b>	<b>Seizure Action Plan (M) (New)</b>
<b>P 6440</b>	<b>Cooperative Purchasing (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>P &amp; R 6470.01</b>	<b>Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification (M) (New)</b>
<b>P 6471.1</b>	<b>School District Travel Advisory Procedures during Pandemic (New)</b>
<b>P &amp; R 7440</b>	<b>School District Security (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>P 7450</b>	<b>Property Inventory (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>P &amp; R 7510</b>	<b>Use of School Facilities (M) (Revised)</b>
<b>P 8420</b>	<b>Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) (Revised)</b>

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

- S14. Motion to **approve the following contracts for special education students**, as recommended by the Director of Special Services, for the 2020-2021 school year:

**JVS** Transition Services (Job Coaching) for the 2020-2021 school year

**St. Joseph's Hospital**

Neurodevelopmental Evaluations at a rate of \$450

**North Jersey Behavioral Health Services**

Behavioral Assessments for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$200 per hour

**Shift Transition Services**

Job Coaching for students 2020-2021 school year

**Therapeutic Options**

Social Skills for the 2020-2021 school year  
At a rate of \$90 per hour

**Therapy Source**

Speech services for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of \$88.00 per hour

**Cornerstone Day School**

Tuition for the 20-21 school year  
Student:9584774801  
Total: 88,088.00

**Winston Preparatory School**

Tuition for the 2020-2021 school year  
Student: 6572397289  
Tuition \$71,200  
Student: 4384115997  
Tuition : \$71,200  
Total: \$ 142,400.00

On roll call, the following vote was taken: Mrs. DiChiara, “yes”, Mrs. Mega, “yes”, Mr. Splendoria, “yes”, Mr. Schoner, “not voting”, Mrs. Dye, “yes”.

The motion passed.

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**Superintendent’s Update**

Mr. Grosso thanked the town council for obtaining the mask donations. He commended the MMS and CGHS for their hybrid openings and thanked the board members for attending the first days back. Updated access points have been installed by the technology department and he reported that because of Executive Order 77, schools will be all virtual on election day.

Mrs. Dye thanked Walter Krehl for all of his years of service.

**Announcement of future meetings:**

October 26, 2020 Cedar Grove HS Auditorium, 6:30 pm Exec Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg  
November 17, 2020 Cedar Grove HS Auditorium, 6:30 pm Exec Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg

Motion by Mrs. Mega and second by Mrs. DiChiara and unanimously carried to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Cedar Grove Board of Education at 8:00 pm.

Roll Call:

- ✓ Mrs. DiChiara
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- ✓ 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