

# EDGEWATER BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 18, 2019

#### CALL TO ORDER WORK SESSION by Mr. Thomas Quinton, President at 6:40 PM

### **ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

A. Open Public Meeting Act Statement:

Mr. Quinton read the following: "The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this Act, a legal notice of this meeting has been posted on the official bulletin board at the school, Borough Hall, and sent to the Record and the Star Ledger."

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Public Attendance:

Chief School Administrator: Dr. Kerry Postma

Board Attorney: Scott Zucker, Esq. Board Secretary: Mr. Gary Grembowiec

Members of Public: None Members of the Staff: None Members of the Press: None

Others Present: None

#### TO OPEN PUBLIC ADDRESS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON, 15 MINUTES MAX)

Motion by Mrs. Stefani-Rackow

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Bartolomeo

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED

**NO COMMENTS** 

TO CLOSE PUBLIC ADDRESS

Motion by Mrs. Stefani-Rackow

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Ling

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

**ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED** 

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# ADJOURNMENT OF WORK SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Stefani-Rackow seconded by Mrs. Klein, that the Edgewater Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

by Gary J. Grembowiec

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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### CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING by Mr. Thomas Quinton, President at 7:30 PM

### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

#### A. Open Public Meeting Act Statement:

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B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Public Attendance:

Chief School Administrator: Dr. Kerry Postma

Board Attorney: Scott Zucker, Esq. Board Secretary: Mr. Gary Grembowiec

Members of Public: Laurie Molina and Dana Niosi Members of the Staff: Raul Sandoval, Jarlyn Veras, and

Members of the Press: None

Others Present: None

# I. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Dr. Kerry Postma

Dr. Postma reported the current enrollment:

GW 532 EVG 398 OOD 28 (Gr. PK - 6) LMS 178 LHS 310 OOD 12 (Gr 7-12)

Dr. Postma reported on the status of the personnel search for the Business Administrator opening.

Dr. Postma reported on the success of the winter concerts at both schools and congratulated the students and music teachers Ms. DeSoto and Ms. Vecchio.

Dr. Postma reported on the recent math coaching sessions at GW and EVG for the teachers which focused on fact fluency, math centers, number talks, coherence map, STARS data, and unpacking standards under the direction of Ms. Karamanos, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Postma reported that the Math Program Team will continue the textbook/prgram selection process in the new year under the direction of Ms. Karamanos, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. Postma reported on a recent meeting with Mayor McPartland, and Mr. Quinton and Ms. Stefani-Rackow re. the town's acquisition of 615 River Road. The next step is for the planning board in town to vote on the settlement.

#### I. <u>CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR REPORT</u>: Dr. Kerry Postma - continued

Dr. Postma reported on the recent reunification security meeting held for school officials from both districts at Leonia High School.

- Dr. Postma reported on her recent attendance to the Seton Hall Superintendent's Study Council where special education law regarding due process was discussed.
- Dr. Postma reported that she completed her annual training requirement of 10 hours for 2019 and has applied for re-certification as School Safety Specialist.
- Dr. Postma reported that the local police recently held a security drill at EVG school to practice their own procedures.
- Dr. Postma thanked the PTO for their recent work on the Holiday Shop fundraiser.
- Dr. Postma reported that the current session of EVG's after school clubs ends tomorrow.
- Dr. Postma wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

### II. REPORT OF BOARD SECRETARY Mr. Gary Grembowiec

- Participation in the BA interview schedules
- Completion of the open AUDSUM items with PKF O'Connor Davies
- CAFR meeting scheduled with the auditors from PKF O'Connor Davies on 12/20/2019 at 11:00AM, CAFR submission deadline 12/23/2019.
- Submission of the Mid-Year Budget Review (MYBR) documents to the county office, due 12/6/2019.

### III. **LEONIA BOARD REPORT:** Mrs. Sandy Klein - None

#### IV. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

President Quinton presented Mrs. Bartolomeo with a plaque from the Board of Education, thanking her for her commitment and dedication while serving 6 years as a board member.

President Quinton presented Mr. Grembowiec with a plaque, from the Board of Education, thanking him for his commitment and dedication while serving as the School Business Administrator.

### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS MAXIMUM 3 MINUTES

To permit the fair and orderly expression of comments we ask that:

- 1. A participant must be recognized by a presiding officer and must preface comments by an announcement of his/her name, place of residence and group affiliation, if appropriate;
- 2. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to a three minute duration;
- 3. No participant may speak more than once on the same topic until all others who wish to speak on that topic have been heard; and
- 4. All statements shall be directed to the presiding officer; no participant may address or question board members individually.

#### VI. TO OPEN PUBLIC ADDRESS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON, 15 MINUTES MAX)

Motion by Ms. Ling

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Klein

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

### **ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED**

#### NO COMMENTS

#### VII. TO CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Klein

2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Ling

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED**

#### VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from parent regarding Bill S2173 – President Quinton commented on a letter from a parent concerning opposition of Bill S2173, regarding vaccinations.

IX. Action items: Buildings and Grounds – President Quinton commented on the property 615 project and the initial meeting with the mayor concerning the same.

### X. Action Items: Finance, Insurance & Policy

- 1. **RESOLVED**, by the Edgewater Board of Education, that the December 18, 2019 Bills and Claims (exhibit 1 attached) be approved. Total Amount: \$1,339,833.40.
- 2. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education approve the minutes of the Combined Work Session, Regular Meeting, and Executive Session of November 14, 2019 (exhibit 2 attached).

X. Action Items: Finance, Insurance & Policy - continued

- RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the transfer of funds for the month of November 2019 as certified by the Business Administrator and authorized by the Superintendent of Schools (available at meeting).
- 4. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education approve Board Secretary Report and Treasurer's Report for November 2019; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-13.3, the Secretary has certified that as of the date of the reports, no budgetary line item account, in accordance with the minimum chart of accounts as established by the New Jersey Department of Education, has obligations and payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that in compliance with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-13.3, the Board of Education certifies that, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of its knowledge, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6A:23A-13.3, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the year; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that pursuant to P.L. 2004 C73, the Board certifies that after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report and certification that there are no budgetary transfers that cumulatively exceed 10% that would require the approval of the Commissioner of Education; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the financial reports for the months be accepted and shall become a part of the official minutes of this meeting (available at meeting).

5. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, post approve attendance at the following workshops/meetings:

Name: Dinah Braude

Workshop: Chabad of Fort Lee – 6 week course Worrier to Warrior – Jewish Secrets to Feeling Good

Date of Workshop: 6 weeks beginning November 12, 2019

Approx. Cost: per person: \$100.00 Mileage reimbursed @ OMB rate

Name: Andriana Parlapanides

Workshop: ETTC Bergen - Technology and Student Wellness Workshop

Date of Workshop: December 17, 2019

Cost: per person: \$75.00

Mileage reimbursed @ OMB rate

Ms. Parlapanides commented that she did not attend the workshop and was told the application missed the prior board meeting deadline.

### X. Action Items: Finance, Insurance & Policy - continued

- 6. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education post approve the One Day K-2 Math Professional Development Day at George Washington School presented by Denise Rawding, Ed. to GW Teachers on December 9, 2019 at a cost of \$900.00.
- 7. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the following field trips:

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> - Castaldo, Smith, Blank, Maiorino, Du, Bilbao, Vougiatzis, Greisbach and Parlapanides

Date of Trips: January 16, 2020

Destination: Leonia Middle School - Meeting of the Minds

Bus Cost for BOE: \$0.00

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> – Castaldo, Smith, Blank, Maiorino, Du, Bilbao, Vougiatzis, and Parlapanides

Date of Trips: February 5, 2020

Destination: Leonia Middle School – Peer to Peer Orientation

Bus Cost for BOE: \$0.00

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> –Blank and Parlapanides Date of Trips: February 10, 2020

Destination: Leonia Middle School – Exchange Day

Bus Cost for BOE: \$0.00

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> – Castaldo

Date of Trips: February 11, 2020

Destination: Leonia Middle School – Exchange Day

Bus Cost for BOE: \$0.00

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> – Bilbao

Date of Trips: February 12, 2020

Destination: Leonia Middle School – Exchange Day

Bus Cost for BOE: \$0.00

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> – Vougiatzis

Date of Trips: February 13, 2020

Destination: Leonia Middle School – Exchange Day

Bus Cost for BOE: \$0.00

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> – Smith, Maiorino and Du Date of Trips: February 14, 2020

Destination: Leonia Middle School – Exchange Day

Bus Cost for BOE: \$0.00

X. Action Items: Finance, Insurance & Policy - continued

Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> – Castaldo, Smith, Blank, Maiorino, Du, Bilbao, Vougiatzis, Greisbach and Parlapanides

Date of Trips: March 16, 2020

Destination: Leonia Middle School – Peer to Peer Spring Book Chat

Bus Cost for BOE: \$0.00

8. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the tuition contract with Ridgefield Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year:

Student ID #	<u>Tuition</u>	Additional Services	Start Date
7599064037	\$21,995.10	\$90.00 per 30 min session for O/T P/T	11/4/2019
9583885252	\$41,237.20	\$90.00 per 30 min session for O/T P/T	11/11/2019

9. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the annual contract with Bergen County Special Services for Teacher of the Deaf services for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost not to exceed \$495.00 per student for the following student:

#### Student ID #9889417729

- 10. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve Dr. Postma, Superintendent, to attend the CUE Educational Technology Conference in Palm Springs, CA on March 19 21, 2020. This is an overnight trip.
- 11. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve Melissa Avgerinos as the Spring Club Coordinator at a non-pensionable stipend of \$1000.00 for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- 12. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the tuition contract with Passaic Valley Regional High School Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year at a per diem rate of \$343.68 for an estimated tuition of \$69,765.50 for student ID #6626024577.
- 13. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the tuition contract with Ridgefield Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year from December 9, 2019 and ending June 22, 2020:

<u>Student ID #</u> <u>Tuition</u> <u>Additional Services</u> 8256829852 \$36,010.00 \$90.00 per 30 min session for O/T P/T

Motion by Mrs. Bartolomeo

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Klein

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED

#### XI. Action Items: Personnel

- 1. **RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, post approve the substitute list for the 2019-2020 School Year (exhibit 3 attached).
- 2. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, post approve the following personnel as Lunch Aide for the 2019-2020 School Year (Pending Criminal History Review):

Lunch Aide:SchoolRates for 9/1/18:Start DateNancy CicaleEVG\$15.00, per hour, no benefits11/26/19

- 3. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the retirement of Rose Delaney, Resource Teacher at the Eleanor Van Gelder School, effective February 1, 2020.
- 4. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve a revised FMLA leave for employee ID# 50684257 to commence on December 12, 2019 through February 18, 2020. Employee will use 27 accumulated sick days during the leave.

Motion by Mrs. Stefani-Rackow

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Bartolomeo

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton – Abstained from #1. All Ayes.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED**

President Quinton commented on the retirement of Ms. Delaney and her 35 years of dedicated service to Edgewater Schools.

#### XII. Action Items: Administration

- 1. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the 2019-2020 Memorandum of Agreement between the Edgewater Board of Education and the Edgewater Police Department.
- 2. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar (exhibit to be provided at meeting). **(Tabled).**

XII. Action Items: Administration - continued

3. **RESOLVED,** that, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Edgewater Board of Education, approve the following NJSmart Submissions:

Staff Submission - due and completed 11/21/19. Performance Reports Submission - due and completed 11/21/19. State Assessment Registration - due and completed 12/2/19.

Motion by Mrs. Bartolomeo

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Stefani-Rackow

#### **ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

#### **ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED**

## XIII. TO OPEN PUBLIC ADDRESS (3 MINUTES PER PERSON, 15 MINUTES MAX)

Motion by Mrs. Stefani-Rackow

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Bartolomeo

### **ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

## **ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED**

Ms. Dana Niosi, 130 River Mews Lane, commented on the need for districts to oppose support Bill S2173, as it takes away the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights of parents and families.

#### XIV. TO CLOSE PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by Mrs. Klein

2<sup>nd</sup> by Mrs. Bartolomeo

#### ROLL CALL

Mrs. Bartolomeo, Mrs. Klein, Ms. Ling, Mrs. Stefani-Rackow, Mr. Quinton. All Ayes.

#### ACTION OF THE BOARD: APPROVED

### XV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Mrs. Bartolomeo seconded by Ms. Ling, that the Edgewater Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM. All Ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Saup Seer Muce by Gary J. Grembowiec

Business Administrator/Board Secretary