

CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cedar Grove, New Jersey
Minutes

October 16, 2007

North End School Media Center

The meeting was called to order by the Board President Jean Jaeger at 8:00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. Jean Jaeger, **President**
 Mr. Michael Grabas
 Mr. Anthony Palma
 Mr. Joseph Racaniello

Absent: Mr. Frank Mandala, **Vice President**

Also Present: Gene Polles, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
 Alan M. Chadrijan, RSBA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Following the flag salute, Mrs. Jaeger read the following:

Announcement: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure 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, filed with the Township Clerk, and posted on the District's web site.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Communications ~ Mrs. Jaeger and Mr. Racaniello reported that the committee discussed items to be included in future newspaper articles, including curriculum, literacy, block scheduling, and NJQSAC. Another meeting will be held with CGEA representatives in the near future.

Facilities ~ Mr. Palma reported on a meeting held with Cedar Grove Field Restoration Foundation representatives during which care of the high school field was discussed. He noted that an application of fertilizer is scheduled this week. Some lights have to be adjusted, and additional lighting is to be installed in the area around the scoreboard and concession stand. Padding for the base of two light poles is on order and will be installed shortly.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

- B1. Motion to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2007 public meeting.
Motion: Mr. Grabas Second: Mr. Palma
Yes: 4 No: 0
- B2. Motion to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2007 executive meeting.
Motion: Mr. Grabas Second: Mr. Palma
Yes: 4 No: 0
- B3. Motion to approve the following **lists of bills:**
September 30, 2007 \$908,427.31
October 16, 2007 \$621,117.21
Motion: Mr. Palma Second: Mr. Racaniello
Yes: 4 No: 0
- B4. Motion to approve the **September 2007 budget transfers** as recommended by the Superintendent.
Motion: Mr. Palma Second: Mr. Racaniello
Yes: 4 No: 0
- B5. Motion to accept the **financial reports as of September 30, 2007** showing no budgeting line account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11c (3).
Motion: Mr. Palma Second: Mr. Racaniello
Yes: 4 No: 0
- B6. Motion to approve the **Board Secretary's Report** and the **Report of the Treasurer** for the month ending **August, 2007**.
Motion: Mr. Palma Second: Mr. Racaniello
Yes: 4 No: 0
- B7. Motion to **approve the use of the CGHS cafeteria and to waive the facilities fee and insurance requirements** on October 24, 2007 by the parents of Cedar Grove High School soccer players and two coaches for a pizza party.
Motion: Mr. Racaniello Second: Mr. Grabas
Yes: 4 No: 0
- B8. Motion to **approve** ARMM Associates, Inc. to conduct roof evaluations for South End School, North End School, Cedar Grove High School, and L. R. Parks School at a fee of \$14,500.
Motion: Mr. Grabas Second: Mr. Palma
Yes: 4 No: 0

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Polles presented the Annual District Report of Violence and Vandalism.

S1. Motion to **accept the report** of Violence & Vandalism.

Motion: Mr. Grabas Second: Mr. Palma
Yes: 4 No: 0

S2. Motion to designate the week of October 15, 2007 – October 19, 2007 as **Violence & Vandalism Awareness Week** for Cedar Grove Schools.

Motion: Mr. Palma Second: Mr. Racaniello
Yes: 4 No: 0

S3. Motion to **approve the following contracts for the 2007-08 school year** for special education students as recommended by the Interim Supervisor of Special Services:

1024 Northwest Essex Community Healthcare Network, Inc. –
Tuition \$44,731.80, ESY 30 days - \$7,455.30 Total: \$52,187.10
Extraordinary Services - \$14,400
ESY Extraordinary Services - \$2,400 Total: \$16,800

318 Sawtelle Learning Center (YCS) Tuition: \$50,893

975 Mount Bachelor Academy Tuition: \$52,000
(12-month program)

1009 Bergen County Special Services ESY 2006/2007
School Year - Month of July, 2007 \$ 3,600

Essex Regional Educational Services Commission:

Home Instruction Services – July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 @ \$40 per hour.

Physical Therapy Services for the 2007-2008 school year @ \$94 per hour

Livingston Services Corporation:

OT/PT services for the 2007/2008 school year. \$90/per hour and Evaluations @ \$350.

Kid Clan Services, Inc.:

PT services for the 2007-2008 school year. \$90 per hour and Evaluations \$250

Motion: Mr. Racaniello Second: Mr. Grabas
Yes: 4 No: 0

S4. Motion to **accept submission** of NCLB grant.

	<u>Public</u>		<u>Non Public</u>
Title II	\$22,569		\$3,025
Title IV	\$ 2,860		\$ 384
Title V	\$ 1,702		\$ 228
Motion:	Mr. Grabas	Second:	Mr. Palma
Yes:	4	No:	0

S5. Motion to **approve** ASC/Key Club Breast Cancer Walk, Military Park, Newark, NJ October 21, 2007 (7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.).

Motion:	Mr. Palma	Second:	Mr. Racaniello
Yes:	4	No:	0

S6. Motion to **approve upon second reading** Girls Varsity Softball team trip (to play in the Wendy's Classic Tournament in Ashville, Ohio).

Motion:	Mr. Racaniello	Second:	Mr. Grabas
Yes:	4	No:	0

S7. Motion to **approve leave of absence** for Jennifer DeAngelo-Thomas:

Maternity Leave:	March 1, 2008-April 28, 2008 (including 29 sick days)		
Family Leave (State):	April 29, 2008-September 12, 2008		
Family Leave (Federal):	September 15, 2008-December 11, 2008		
Extended Maternity Leave:	December 12, 2008-February 1, 2009		
Motion:	Mr. Palma	Second:	Mr. Racaniello
Yes:	4	No:	0

S8. Motion to **appoint** the following staff in accord with state **emergent hiring procedures**:

Nicholas Norcia Supervisor of Special Services at an annual salary of \$82,000 (pro-rated for lesser service).

Steven Gallagher – Long Term Substitute – CGHS- Social Studies Teacher at BA, Step A, \$40,850 (pro-rated for lesser service).

Motion:	Mr. Grabas	Second:	Mr. Palma
Yes:	4	No:	0

S9. Motion to **appoint the following advisors** for the 2007-2008 school year (stipends as per CGEA Agreement):

Grade 9 Advisors -	Thomas Grosvenor/Tracy O'Malley
Grade 10 Advisors -	Sharon Tully/Vincent Cardiello
Grade 11 Advisors -	Joan Oehm/Janine Miscia
Grade 12 Advisors -	Robyn Cali/Nancy Manley
Yearbook Advisor -	Sheila Salka
Yearbook Business Advisor -	Christopher Cannella

Mosaic Advisor -	Joan Oehm
Mosaic Assistant Advisor -	Jacqueline Lasky
All School Council -	Christopher Cannella/Robyn Cali
National Honor Society -	Michele Zanella
Key Club Advisor -	Tracy O'Malley
Foreign Language Club Advisor -	Amy Surraco
Literary Magazine -	Yvonne Migliaccio
Pep Band -	Valeri Liiva-Katz
Spanish Honor Society -	Amy Surraco
Italian Honor Society -	Amy Surraco
French Honor Society -	Amy Surraco
TIGS -	Linda McLoughlin
Spring Musical -	Jennifer Jessen/Janine Miscia, Assistant
Artistic Designer -	Barbara Frey
Winter Drama Production -	James DeStefano
Interact Club Advisor -	Thomas Grosvenor
Assistant Yearbook Advisor -	Walter Krehel
Motion: Mr. Racaniello	Second: Mr. Grabas
Yes: 4	No: 0

S10. Motion to approve the following 2007-08 **Curriculum Committee staff** – Phase III @ the Curriculum Rate (\$30 per hour) within the agreement between the CGEA and the CGBOE:

<u>Course of Study</u>	<u>Teacher(s) Writing</u>
Art K-4 -	Deanna Bunucci Barbara Frey Ashley Henning Cynthia Martin Kathleen Saltsman
Advanced Studio Art -	James Cannizzo
Graphic Arts -	David Palmese
Gifted & Talented Grades 5 & 6 -	Patricia Caruso
Career Education Grade 7 -	Peter Llana
Physical Education Grades K-2 -	Randy Nelson Michael Valenzano
Health Grades K-2 -	Ronnie Kaplanovich Michael Valenzano

English Grade 5 -	Sara Liberman Lynn DiMatteo
English Grade 6 -	Sara Bennett Dayna Placenti
English Grade 7 -	Ginny Arluna Bart Pierson
English Grade 8 -	Joan Bianchi Stacy Goldberger
Pre-Algebra 7 -	Bernadette Jusinski Joanna Scerbo
Pre-Algebra 8 -	Bernadette Jusinski Joanna Scerbo
Algebra I -	Joan Oehm
Geometry -	Janine Miscia
Geometry Honors -	Janine Miscia
Algebra II -	Joan Oehm
Algebra II Honors -	Michael Carlucci
Media Grades 9-12 -	Claire Swanson
Music Grades K-4 -	Jennifer Jessen-Foose Evelyn Oberndorg
AP Chemistry -	Thomas Grosvenor
AP Physics -	Taciana Barros
AP Biology -	Matt Bellantoni
US History I -	Christopher Cannella Melissa Wallerstein
US History I Honors -	Christopher Cannella Melissa Wallerstein

US History II -

Christopher Cannella
 Melissa Wallerstein

US History II Honors -

Christopher Cannella
 Melissa Wallerstein

Computers K-4 -

Linda Leddy
 Suzanne Stanecki

Motion: Mr. Grabas
 Yes: 4

Second: Mr. Palma
 No: 0

S11. Motion to **appoint the following substitute teachers** for the 2007-2008 school year @ \$72 per Diem:

Cataldo, Rosemarie
 Zichelli, Christine

Motion: Mr. Palma
 Yes: 4

Second: Mr. Racaniello
 No: 0

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

Program	Date	# Employees	# Board Members	Cost
NJLALA	10/18/07	1	0	\$25.00
NJSC	10/18/08	3	0	\$120.00
St. Barnabas Respiratory Conf.	11/13/07	1	0	\$35.00
NJSHA Conf.	10/26/07	1	0	\$67.50
NJ Reading Assn Fall Conf	10/19/07	1	0	\$80

Motion: Mr. Grabas
 Yes: 4

Second: Mr. Palma
 No: 0

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Announcement of future meetings:

November 13, 2007 8 p.m.
 November 27, 2007 8 p.m.

L. R. Parks Room 201
 North End Media Center

E1. Motion to **adjourn to executive session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss the following items:**

- Contract matter relative to **collective bargaining negotiations**. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion of any contracts.
- Contract matter relative to the **Memorial Middle School** project. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion of any contracts.
- Student matter relative to a **due process hearing**. Action is not expected to follow in discussion in Executive Session. Due to the confidentiality of student matters, public release of the discussion will probably never occur.
- Contract matter relative to the **lease of LRP School**. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will occur upon completion of any contracts.

Motion:	Mr. Racaniello	Second:	Mr. Grabas
Yes:	4	No:	0

Respectfully submitted,

Alan M. Chadrijian, RSBA
Board Secretary