

CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cedar Grove, New Jersey
AGENDA

January 21, 2020

North End School Faculty Room
North End Media Center

Executive Session 6:30 PM
Public Session 7:30 PM

Call to order by the Board President

Roll Call

E1. Motion to **adjourn to executive session to discuss the following items:**

- Student matter relative to **suspensions**. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in Executive Session. Public release of the discussion will probably never occur due to the confidentiality of the matter.

Reconvene in Public Session

Pledge of Allegiance

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

THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR COMMENT ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Board Presentation: Proposal - CGHS Football Team Participation in 2020 KSA Kick-Off Classic in Orlando, Fl. (Head Coach, Robert Gogerty)

Public Hearing: Superintendent's Contract

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR and BOARD SECRETARY

MINUTES

- B1. Motion to **approve the Public and Executive minutes of January 7, 2020.**
- B2. Motion **to approve the budgetary transfers** for the month of December 2019.
- 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).

BILLS

- B4. Motion to **pay the following List of Bills: January 17, 2020 \$5,535,053.50**

BUSINESS:

- B5. Motion to **approve the location agreement with Kylan Tyng (NYU Student)** and the Cedar Grove Board of Education for a student film project at Cedar Grove High School on Saturday, January 25, 2020 for a fee of \$500 and \$55 for custodial overtime, if necessary. The agreement is on file in the Board office.
- B6. Motion to **approve the location agreement with Zahra Short Film (NYU Student)** and the Cedar Grove Board of Education for a student film shoot at Cedar Grove High School on Saturday, February 8, 2020 and Sunday February 9, 2020 for a fee of \$1,000 and \$55 for custodial overtime, if necessary. The agreement is on file in the Board office.
- B7. Motion to **approve the following resolution to commend the efforts of Board members** throughout New Jersey during School Board Recognition Month:

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2020 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Cedar Grove Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and over sees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Cedar Grove Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Cedar Grove Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2020 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Cedar Grove Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

B8. Motion to **approve the following donations to the Memorial Middle School**, for the 2019-2020 school year:

- At an approximate value of \$300 - a counter height table, four stools, four low foldable beach chairs and a small coffee table for room 138. These options allow students the opportunity to choose their work space which helps to foster independence and engagement within the classroom.
- At an approximate value of \$250 - 1 couch, 3 floor seats and 1 rocking chair. All of these flexible seating options allow for students to work collaboratively in groups or partners. They give students the opportunity to move around to a new and comfortable location in the room.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PERSONNEL

S1. Motion to **approve the Superintendent's Report**.

S2. Motion to **affirm the Superintendent's report on harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB)** from January 7, 2020.

S3. Motion to **approve the contract of Michael J. Fetherman, Superintendent of Schools**, for the 2019-2020 through the 2023-2024 school years as approved by the County Executive Superintendent of Schools, retroactive to July 1, 2019.

S4. Motion to **approve Jesse Lab, High School History Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher**, non-tenure track, BA+30 Step 1 (\$53,224), prorated from November 4, 2019 to an extended date of March 31, 2020.

- S5. Motion to **approve Kayla Amato for Lunch Duty** for the 2019-2020 school year at South End School.
- S6. Motion to **approve the revised resignation date** of Augustine Prater, High School Custodian, to April 2, 2020.
- S7. Motion to **approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Education and Law Enforcement Officials, School Critical Incident Drills and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with Essex County for the 2019-2020 school year.
- S8. Motion to **approve the following as school volunteers:** *Nora DiBona SE
- S9. Motion to **authorize attendance** at the following event/s:

<i>Program</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Employee(s)</i>	<i>Board Member(s)</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Classroom Management	1/15/2020 (retroactively)	L. Robinson M. VanBrunt	0	\$0
Coaches Clinic	1/17/2020(retroactively)	J. Cardinale M. Konopka	0	\$0
APCS	1/16/2020 (retroactively)	M. Tedesco	0	\$0
Foreign Language	2/6/2020	P. Spinelli	0	\$62.50
Conquer Math	1/21/2020 (retroactively)	K. Asaro	0	\$175
NJPSAFEFA	2/10; 3/18; 5/8/2020	J. Inglis	0	\$0
NJMEA	2/20-21/2020	G. Guridys	0	\$85
PRISM	1/24/2020	M. DeNunzio	0	\$40
Google Classroom	3/18/2020	S. Gallagher	0	\$139.50
AMTNJ - DIMACS	2/3/2020	C. Cecire	0	\$195

- S10. 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>
A. Castillo	Mat'y	Speech NE	1/13-2/21 (24)	n/a	n/a	2/24/20	*Retn Date (Sat. date listed originally)
A. DiBenedetto	Mat'y	PreK	4/20-6/1/2020 (30)	n/a	n/a	6/2/2020	New Request
M. Tedesco	Family	Computers	n/a	n/a	1/23-1/31/20 (5)	2/3/2020	*New Request

- S11. 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>
Brittany Maguire	WPU	SE Elementary Gr 2	Spring/Fall 2020

- S12. Motion to **retroactively approve Allison Horris for afterschool Sunday planning and training**, effective January 13, 2020 to February 21, 2020 at the rate of \$35/hr.; max 30 days.

CURRICULUM

CONTRACTS

- S13. Motion to **approve the following contracts for special education students**, as recommended by the Director of Special Services, for the 2019-2020 school year:

Cornerstone Day School
Student: 3688664633
Tuition for the remainder of the 19-20 school year:
\$42,786.86

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Announcement of future meetings:

February 11, 2020 North End Media Ctr. 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg
February 25, 2020 North End Media Ctr. 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg