

CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cedar Grove, New Jersey
AGENDA

April 7, 2020

Leonard R. Parks Conference Room (via Zoom)

Executive Session 6:30 PM

Leonard R. Parks Conference Room (via GoToMeeting)

Public Session 7:00 PM

Call to order by the Board President

Roll Call

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

- Legal matter relative to **pending claim 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 **teaching assignments**. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in Executive Session. Due to the confidentiality of personnel matters, public release of this discussion will probably never occur.

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.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR and BOARD SECRETARY

B1. Opposing Delay in Transmission of Quarterly Property Tax Revenue to School Districts

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 3902, currently pending in the State Legislature, would authorize the Department of Community Affairs to permit municipalities to delay the quarterly transmission of property tax revenues to school districts during gubernatorial-declared emergencies; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's public schools are highly dependent on property tax revenue to support education programs; and

WHEREAS, on average, local property taxes constitute close to 60% of public school revenue, with the percentage even greater in a significant number of districts; and

WHEREAS, a delay in payments from municipalities would result in a financial crisis for school districts, seriously disrupting the educational process—and bringing it to a halt; and

WHEREAS, although public school buildings are closed during the current health emergency, the education of our students is taking place through remote learning and home instruction; and

WHEREAS, continued timely transmission of school property taxes is critical for the education process to continue without interruption; and

WHEREAS, even though municipalities are designated as the authorities to collect property taxes, these taxes are levied for specific purposes—e.g., municipal, school, county, fire district—and these obligations must continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, as currently written, A-3902, which is intended to ease a financial burden on municipalities, would place a severe strain on school districts and the students and families that they serve; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Grove Board of Education recognizes the impact of the current public health emergency on the state and local governments, as well as local school districts, but believes this legislation would worsen the situation for our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cedar Grove Board of Education urges the State Senate and the Governor to oppose A-3902; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the 40th Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

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Announcement of future meetings:

April 21, 2020	North End Media Ctr.	6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg
May 7, 2020	North End Media Ctr.	6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg