

CEDAR GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cedar Grove, New Jersey
AGENDA

November 16, 2021

Cedar Grove High School Media Center
Cedar Grove High School Auditorium

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:**

- Legal matter relative to a **pending litigation against the Board**. Action is not expected to follow the discussion in the 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 the 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 the executive session. Due to the confidentiality of student 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Board Presentation:

- Steve Gallagher and Seniors to present to their request to have the Washington DC trip this year
- Dustin Bayer, High School Administrator presents "Senior Internship Experience"

Superintendent Update

District Update

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR and BOARD SECRETARY

MINUTES

- B1. Motion to **approve the Public and Executive minutes** of October 26, 2021
- B2. Motion to **approve the budgetary transfers** for the months of October 2021
- B3. Motion to **approve the Treasurer's Report** for the month of September 2021
- B4. Motion to **approve the Board Secretary Report** for the month of September 2021
- 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).**

BILLS

- B6. Motion to **pay the List of Bills totaling \$3,788,321.34 for the time period of October 26, 2021 – November 16, 2021**

BUSINESS:

- B7. Motion to **approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklists for the 2021/22 school year** and authorize submission of the Statement of Assurance to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools.
- B8. Motion to **authorize the submission of the major amendment to the District Long Range Facility Plan.**
- B9. Motion to **authorize submission of plans and required documentation for new boilers at Leonard R. Parks School** including project application forms and preliminary/schematic drawings to the New Jersey Department of Education for project application completeness review.

- B10. Motion to **approve the School Safety and Security Plan** for the 2021/2022 school year and authorize submission of the Statement of Assurance to the Essex County Superintendent of Schools.
- B11. Motion to **approve the application for use of Cedar Grove Facilities with Sophisticated Productions** and the Cedar Grove Board of Education for a dance competition at Cedar Grove High School on March 25-26, 2022. The agreement is on file in the Board office.
- B12. Motion to **approve the application for use of Cedar Grove Facilities with 3Cheers Dance & Fitness** and the Cedar Grove Board of Education for a dance recital at Cedar Grove High School on June 4, 2022. The agreement is on file in the Board office.
- B13. Motion to **approve the application for use of Cedar Grove Facilities with CMG Dance Project** and the Cedar Grove Board of Education for a dance recital at Cedar Grove High School on June 10-12, 2022. The agreement is on file in the Board office.
- B14. Motion to **approve the application for use of Cedar Grove Facilities with All Out Dance Competition** and the Cedar Grove Board of Education for a dance recital at Cedar Grove High School on April 30, 2022 to May 1, 2022. The agreement is on file in the Board office.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

PERSONNEL

- S1. Second Reading
A. BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby affirms the Superintendent's decision in HIB Investigation involving SID # 202407601315 for reasons set forth in the Superintendent's Report to the Board and directs the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator to transmit a copy of the Board's decision to the affected students' parents forthwith.
a. Confirmed Non-HIB
- S2. Motion to approve submission of the 2021-2022 School Self-Assessment HIB Grades as per the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Law.
- S3. Motion to **approve the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)** between Education and Law Enforcement Officials with Essex County for the 2021-2022 school year.

S4. Motion to **appoint the following staff in accordance with the State Emergent Hiring Start Date procedures:**

- **Mary Ann De Nicola**, HS Paraprofessional for 18-21 progressions program, Step 1, \$20,824 prorated, retroactively starting on November 8, 2021 through June 22, 2022
- **Anna Wrocenski**, HS Paraprofessional (for C. Varricchio maternity leave), Step 1, \$20,824 prorated retroactively starting on November 8, 2021 through June 22, 2022.
- **Steven Goodman**, HS Business Teacher (replacing B. Meisner), MA Step 1 \$56,564 prorated from start date of November 8, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
- **Amanda Weil**, SE paraprofessional (for L. Mastria’s medical leave) to assist L. Okker who presently teaches the Kindergarten class, retroactively starting on November 29, 2021, through June 22, 2022, Step 1, \$20,824 prorated

S5. Motion to **rescind Motion S13 on October 26, 2021 agenda and retroactively approve Veronica Galambos as HS Yearbook Business Advisor Stipend from 11/9/2021 through the end of June 2022.** Brian’s Meisner release date will be November 8, 2021 due to hiring Steven Goodman, a HS Business teacher with an 11/8/21 start date.

S6. Motion to **approve Casey Tinston, Memorial Middle School English Teacher** at MA+30, step 8, \$61,014 starting on January 3, 2022 through June 30, 2022 replacing V. Perrazone retiring on December 31, 2021.

S7. Motion to **retroactively approve the following High School STEM/STEAM Design course** to instruct an extra class from October 8, through October 29, 2021 at a stipend of \$6300 prorated: **Michael Tedesco**

S8. Motion to **approve the following as school volunteers:**
 *Ashley Genchi SE *Nicole Kelly SE *Melissa Stawinski NE

S9. Motion to **approve Kari DiTonno, as substitute teacher** at a rate of \$100/diem starting on November 24, 2021 through June 22, 2022.

S10. Motion to **authorize attendance** at the following event/s:

Program	Date	Employee(s)	Board Member(s)	Cost
Autism Conference	10/21-12/15/2021 - online program offered through 1/19/22	A.Santamaria	0	\$149.00
PECS Level I	11/8 & 9/2021	A.Castelli	0	\$399/pd by board
NJEA	12/2 & 3 / 2021	C. Cannella	0	\$0
Blue Ribbon School Ceremony	11/4-11/5/21 (retroactively)	A.Grosso T. Dyer K. Massotto	0	\$2,000 (hotel, meal, travel exp)

SEC	11/9;12/14;1/11;2/8;3/8 4/12;5/10;6/14/22 (AM)	R. Gogerty	0	\$0
NJASBO	11/16/2021	J. Bannon	0	\$150

S11. 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>
L. Mastria	Medical	SE/Gr K	n/a	9/13-12/3/21 (60)	n/a	12/6/21	RTW date
C. Cifaretto	Family	SE/ Para	n/a (1 Family Illness)	n/a	Leave w/o pay 11/16-26/21	11/29/21	New Request
I. Shutovsky	Mat'y	HS/Science	9/20-10/22/21 (25)	10/25-11/23/21 (22)	11/24-2/23/22 (60)	2/24/22	Fed Lv Ext

High School:

S12. Motion to approve the following Winter Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

Wrestling

Omer Ersen Asst 4 \$6,426

S13. Motion to **approve the following Spring Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:**

Boys' Track

Vincent LoProto Head 1 \$ 8,223

Girls' Track

Colleen Merklinger Head 5 \$ 9,280

Softball

Nicole Velardi Head 5 \$ 9,280

Eddie Capozzi Asst 5 \$ 6,179

Baseball

Vincent Cordasco Head 2 \$ 8,481

Boys' Tennis

Robert Dunn Head 5 \$ 6,038

Heather Dapuzzo JV 5 \$ 3,782

Boys' Lacrosse

Lou Aboyoun Head 5 \$9,280

Mike Caposella JV 4 \$5,837

Golf

Michael Valenzano Head 1 \$5,204

CURRICULUM

CONTRACTS

S15. Motion to **approve the following contracts for special education students**, as recommended by the Director of Special Services, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Pillar Care Continuum Pillar Elementary School

Student 202607602500

Tuition for the remainder of the 21-22 school year

\$ 51,935.33

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Announcement of future meetings:

December 16, 2021 CGHS Auditorium 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg

January 4, 2022 CGHS Auditorium 6:30 pm Executive Session; 7:30 pm Regular Mtg