

**Westfield Board of Education**  
**Westfield, New Jersey**  
**Office of the Secretary**

**MINUTES – Board Meeting**  
**2017-2018 Public Budget Hearing**  
**April 25, 2017**

Ms. Ohlig opened the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and read the following statement:

April 20, 2017

Notice is hereby given of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Town of Westfield, in the County of Union, New Jersey, at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday April 25, 2017, in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a Public Hearing on the 2017-2018 Budget and to transact the regular business of the Board and any other business to come properly before the Board.

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the Minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," the Westfield School Board on Thursday, April 20, 2017, caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 302 Elm Street, Westfield, New Jersey, and delivered to The Westfield Leader, The Star-Ledger, the Westfield Library, Town Clerk of Westfield, TAP into Westfield and Patch.com, a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

Mrs. Sullivan called the roll with the following members present:

Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster  
Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root

Absent: Mr. Garrison

Also Present: Dr. Margaret Dolan, Superintendent  
Mrs. Dana Sullivan, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Mrs. Barbara B. Ball, Human Resources Specialist  
Dr. Michael Weissman, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services  
Mr. Paul Pineiro, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

- **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Mrs. Root

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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- **RECOGNIZE PUBLIC** for agenda items only

Ms. Ohlig recognized the public on agenda items only. There were none.

**BUDGET HEARING FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR**

Dana Sullivan, Business Administrator, presented a summary highlighting the financial and educational aspects of the budget. She gave examples of the high level of academic accomplishments by our students and noted that the majority of the budget is allocated toward instruction.

- The total budget, which includes special revenue and debt service, is \$106,829,072 with an operating budget of \$103,481,072.
- The budget demonstrates the district's record of efficient spending and is lower than the state adjusted CAP.
- State aid remains flat. Percent of budget supported by the State decreases every year.
- The average increase to homeowners is \$248.
- Westfield continues to maintain its cost per pupil at less than similar school districts and the state average.
- The budget will include an increase of 4 teachers (3 in special education and 1 at the intermediate level), investments in technology and maintaining district programs at a level of excellence.
- Within the capital reserve funds, the district will replace the track and turf at Kehler Stadium as well as locker room renovations at RIS and EIS, HVAC control upgrades, and classroom renovations.
- The district's maintenance reserve will include the funding of ceiling and lighting replacements, resurfacing and replacing floors, painting, concrete repairs and HVAC repairs.

Ms. Ohlig recognized the public for comments and/or questions on the budget. There were none.

Upon motion of Ms. Ohlig, seconded by Mr. Friedman, it was moved to approve the following Resolution:

Adoption of the 2017-2018 School Year Budget and Tax Levy

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, the Westfield Board of Education adopted a tentative budget to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on April 7, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was advertised in the legal section of the Westfield Leader on April 20, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was presented to the public during a public hearing on April 25, 2017; and

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WHEREAS, the total amount of the budget for General Fund Expenses shall be \$106,829,072 of which \$96,710,506, shall be raised by tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the budget for Special Revenue Fund Expense shall be \$1,944,755 of which \$0.00 shall be raised by tax levy; and

WHEREAS, the total amount of the budget for Debt Service Expense shall be \$4,255,122 of which \$3,459,971 shall be raised by tax levy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Westfield Board of Education hereby adopts the 2017-2018 School Year budget; and

BE IT RESOLVED that there should be raised for the General Fund \$96,710,506, for the ensuing School Year (2017-2018); and

BE IT RESOLVED that there should be raised for Debt Service Fund, \$3,459,971 for the ensuing School Year (2017-2018).

ROLL CALL:           Yes: Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
  Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster,  
  Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root  
  Absent: Mr. Garrison

• **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Paul Pineiro, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Program, was joined by Master Technology teachers Jeanine Gottko (K-8) and Adam Pizzi (9-12) to discuss the strides in technology which have taken place since the district launched its Walls to Windows initiative a few years ago. The trio underscored the growth of teacher use of technology in the classroom and the fluidity of its function. Ms. Gottko introduced the SAMR (Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, Redefinition) framework incorporated in measuring the growth of technology as it enhances curriculum and provided examples of technology use across the district. Mr. Pineiro stressed that professional development was a key component of technology's success in the Westfield Public Schools. He also noted that the ability of the Master Technology teachers to work side by side with individual teachers has proven to be most valuable.

In planning for the future, Mr. Pineiro stated two essential goals:

1. To support teachers and administrators in their continued growth in the use of technology; and
2. To enhance learning through integration of technology.

• **MINUTES**

Upon motion of Ms. Ohlig, seconded by Mrs. Root, it was moved to approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 28, 2017, and Private Minutes of March 28, 2017. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0, with one abstention.

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• PERSONNEL

The following items relative to personnel are recommended to the Board of Education by the Superintendent of Schools in accordance with Policy 3125 and state guidelines, pending school employee criminal history review.

Upon motion of Mr. Friedman, seconded by Mrs. Root, it was moved to approve the following Personnel motions:

Accept with regret, the retirement of staff with their last day of employment being, as follows:

Daria Bonavita	Jefferson School - Library	6/30/17
Patricia Cheek	Franklin School - Secretary	6/30/17
Dona Panagos	Roosevelt Intermediate School - Mathematics	6/30/17
Jerzy Romaniecki	Edison Intermediate School - Custodian	6/30/17

Accept the resignation of staff, with their last day of employment being, as follows:

Heather Berk	Lincoln School - Paraprofessional	6/30/17
Nicolette Cranga	Westfield High School - Mathematics	6/30/17
Kristina Doherty	Tamaques School – Third Grade	6/30/17

Approve disability, family and child rearing leave for Tiffany Jacobson, Supervisor Language Arts, K-12, beginning 7/1/17 through 10/1/17 (medical benefits in accordance with the WAAS agreement).

Approve disability, family and child rearing leave for Cecilia Pedde, Westfield High School World Languages teacher, beginning 9/1/17 through the second marking period (medical benefits in accordance with the WEA agreement).

Approve disability, family and child rearing leave for Amanda Gant, Edison Intermediate School Music teacher, beginning 9/30/17 until the beginning of the fourth marking period (medical benefits in accordance with the WEA agreement).

Approve extension of current contract for Kim Blutfield, Jefferson School Resource teacher, (transitioning with Employee #6368, returning from leave), from 3/31/17 through 4/6/17.

Approve Secretary salaries for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #1

Approve increment changes in Secretary longevity amounts for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached. ATTACHMENT #1

Approve Custodian/Mechanic salaries for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #2

Approve salary recommendations for substitutes, home instructors, lunchroom aides and others for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached. ATTACHMENT #2

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Approve the job description for the Custodial Staff Coordinator, as attached.  
ATTACHMENT #3

Approve the following additional substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year.

Teacher  
Nicole Jacinto  
Michael McDarby

Secretary  
Amanda Scope-Friss

Paraprofessional  
Elyce Rivera

Approve the following Fall Coaching Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached. ATTACHMENT #4

Approve the following Winter Coaching Assignments for the 2017-2018 school year, as attached. ATTACHMENT #5

Approve the following additional staff members as Lunch Supervisors for the 2016-2017 school year. They will be paid per the WEA agreement.

Franklin School  
Rachel Kennedy  
Karen Reichel  
Maryann Topping

Approve the following additional Lunch Aides for the 2016-2017 school year, pending State and District required clearances. Lunch aides will be paid at the Board approved rate of \$13.50 per hour, including attendance at an orientation meeting. As per the WISSA Agreement, paraprofessionals performing lunch duty will be paid at their hourly rate.

Franklin School  
Pamela Kelly  
Andrea Scarola

Approve change in assignment for the 2016-2017 school year for the following paraprofessional, effective 5/1/17.

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Christine Lauer	Washington School  Half-time, student assigned \$8,698	Washington School  Full-time, student assigned \$16,995

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Approve the following salary adjustment for Tina McClave, full-time paraprofessional at Lincoln School, effective 9/1/17 through 6/30/17.

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$17,345	\$18,345 (includes longevity stipend)

Approve the following change due to reclassification of Westfield High School secretarial position, effective 7/1/17.

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Lisa Karter	Scale II	Scale III
	\$35,804 (includes ed. stipend)	\$37,707 (includes ed. stipend)

Approve compensation to Dawn Browning, substitute teacher, for proctoring mid-term make-up exams, as follows. She will be paid at her hourly rate.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
2/14/17	2 hours
3/2/17	2 hours

Approve compensation to the following staff member for working the 2016-2017 Spring Musical at Roosevelt Intermediate School. Funds are provided by ticket proceeds.

Marisa Minogue	Pit orchestra musician	\$450
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Approve compensation to the following employees as Westfield High School Winter Guard Instructors, for the 2016-2017 Winter Guard Rehearsals and Shows. Funds are provided by the Westfield High School Music Department.

Daniel Matos	\$2,000
Kristen Litterer	\$1,300

Approve compensation to the following 2016-2017 Professional Development Instructor. He will be paid based on the professional development rate of \$35 per hour.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Adam Pizzi	8	\$280

Approve compensation to Lucy Arbes, Scale III (10 ½ month) Secretary at Tamaques School, to work a maximum of 23 days from 7/1/17 through 8/14/17 while continuing the duties of Head Secretary. She will be paid per diem based on an annual salary of \$45,688 including longevity stipend, Scale V (12 month) on the salary guide.

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Approve appointment of Enrique Pincay, (replacing Greer, resigned) Supervisor of World Languages, K-12, effective 8/1/17. He will be paid a salary based on an annual rate of \$128,500 (tenure track).

Approve revised compensation for the following teachers for an additional 20% of their 2016-2017 salary (prorated) for teaching an additional class, over and above the agreed upon teaching periods, effective 4/18/17 through 6/30/17 per WEA Agreement.

Paula Parada	Westfield High School	\$13,821
Cecilia Pedde	Westfield High School	\$13,821
Liliana Pabon-Correa	Westfield High School	\$14,060
Bonnie Underwood	Westfield High School	\$16,118

Approve revised compensation for Maria Martinez, Westfield High School, for an additional 20% of the Bachelors, Step 1 salary (prorated) to teach one period of Spanish per day, effective 4/18/17 through 6/30/17. She will be paid \$12,592 for this assignment.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Westfield Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies a Settlement Agreement with Employee No. 2842 and authorizes the Board Attorney and the Business Administrator to take whatever steps are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

ROLL CALL:           Yes: Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
  Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster,  
  Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root  
  Absent: Mr. Garrison

- **FACILITIES**

Upon motion of Mr. Galligan, seconded by Mr. Langhart, it was moved to approve the following motion:

The Westfield Board of Education hereby approves the submission of a grant application for the 2015-2016 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's Eric North Subfund, for the purpose of sidewalk repair and replacement in the Westfield Public School District. The amount of this grant application is \$25,526.64 and the project duration is July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. ATTACHMENT #1

ROLL CALL:           Yes: Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
  Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster,  
  Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root  
  Absent: Mr. Garrison

- **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

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• **POLICIES**

Upon motion of Mr. Langhart, seconded by Mr. Ostroff, it was moved to approve the following Policy motion:

Approve for second reading the following policies, as attached. ATTACHMENT #1

1510 Americans with Disabilities Act (Administration)  
8505 Wellness/Nutrition (Operations)

ROLL CALL: Yes: Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster,  
Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root  
Absent: Mr. Garrison

Upon motion of Mr. Langhart, seconded by Mrs. Root, it was moved to approve the following Policy motion:

The Board affirms the Superintendent's decision on HIB incident 17MC01 for the reasons set forth therein.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster,  
Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root  
Absent: Mr. Garrison

• **CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & PROGRAMS**

Upon motion of Ms. Ohlig, seconded by Mr. Bielen, it was moved to approve the following Curriculum motions:

Approve the following district field trips, as attached. ATTACHMENT #1

Approve for first reading the following curricula:

Physical Education

Physical Education, Grade 9  
Physical Education, Grade 10  
Physical Education, Grade 11  
Physical Education, Grade 12

Practical Arts

Wood Working I  
Wood Working II





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is based on the following conditions and assumptions remaining in effect for the school year:

- a. Cash and/or reimbursement levels from State and Federal sponsors do not fall below the levels estimated in Chartwells' proposed budget.
- b. The value of USDA donated foods will not be less than the value of USDA donated foods estimated in Chartwells' proposal (if year one) or the previous Agreement year
- c. The number of days' meals are served during the school year will not be less than:

<u>School Category</u>	<u>Breakfast</u>	<u>Lunch</u>
Elementary Schools	NA	167 days
Middle Schools	NA	175 days
High School	167 days	167 days

- d. Changes in district policies, practices and serving requirements including but not limited to changes in bell schedules, meal service periods or proposed staffing may result in an adjustment.
- e. The student enrollment for the current year will not be less than 6,156 students.
- f. The selling prices of Menu Pattern Meals and a la carte selections will not be less the prior year.
- g. Service will not be interrupted as a result of fire, work stoppage, strike or school closing.
- h. The District and its representatives including but not limited to, school principals, teachers and District employees shall fully cooperate with Chartwells in the implementation of the Food Service Program. The District shall fully cooperate with Chartwells to limit the expansion of competitive food sales in order to maximize the gross receipts and other non-cash sales of the Food Service Program.
- i. The District shall have timely submitted all documentation for reimbursement claims, except where such failure is due to an act or omission of Chartwells.
- j. Changes in legislation (including but not limited to the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act and the Affordable Care Act), regulation, reimbursement rates, meal components or quantities required by the National School Lunch Program or the Smart Snacks in Schools Program will affect the guarantee in proportion to the impact of such change.
- k. Make-up days due to inclement weather shall have equal or greater sales revenue as a normal day of operation for the period in which the inclement weather cancellation occurred.
- l. Chartwells guarantee does not account for bad debts/uncollected funds. In the event, there are bad debts/uncollected funds, such amounts shall be subtracted from Chartwells' guarantee obligation.
- m. The number of students eligible for free and reduced price meals will be no less than that estimated in Chartwells' proposed budget.

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n. The following variable District expenses charged to the Food Service budget by the District must be identified and capped so as not to exceed the following amounts:

- Ongoing contract monitoring in the amount of \$ 15,204.00
- Equipment maintenance and repair in the amount of \$ 10,000.00
- Annual Point-Of-Sale System service and system maintenance fees of \$2,270.00

In the event the foregoing conditions are not met during the school year, Chartwells' guarantee obligation shall be reduced by an amount equivalent to any increased cost or loss of revenue attributable to the changes in such conditions.

Approve lunch prices for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

<u>Lunch Prices</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Reduced Price</u>
High School *	\$3.50	\$.40
Intermediate Schools	3.00	.40
Elementary Schools	2.75	.40
Milk	.75	
Adult	5.00	

\*High School is not on National Lunch Program.

Approve the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS  
WITH VENDORS THROUGH COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT  
FOR BOARDS OF EDUCATION  
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 & 12

WHEREAS, the Westfield Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-11 & 12 and N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5), may, by resolution and without advertising for bids, award contracts for the purchase of any goods or services and that were procured through cooperative purchasing agreements; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Board of Education authorized participation in the Morris County, Union County, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, Somerset County, Hunterdon County, and the Educational Data Service Cooperative Programs, and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Board of Education has the need on a timely basis to purchase goods or services utilizing these; and

WHEREAS, the Westfield Board of Education intends to enter into contracts with the attached Vendors through this resolutions, which shall be subject to all the conditions applicable to the current Cooperative contracts;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Westfield Board of Education authorizes the Purchasing Agent to purchase certain goods or services from the Vendors on the attached list for the 2016-2017 school year pursuant to all conditions of the individual contracts; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the duration of the contracts between the Westfield Board of Education and the Vendors shall be from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

ATTACHMENT #1

Approve and award contract for District-Wide Kindergarten Expansion Study at all Elementary Schools and Elm Street Board Office Building, to Fraytak Veisz Hopkins Duthie, P.C., in the amount of \$6,900.

Approve transfer from the capital reserve account to fund the local share of the following Security Phase II project:

Tamaques School - additional cameras	\$1,104
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Approve and award transportation contract renewals for the 2017-2018 school year as attached. ATTACHMENT #2

Approve the Bid Specifications and advertisement for Routes LLB2 and RSV2, as attached. ATTACHMENT #3

Approve agreement for participation in coordinated Transportation Services with the Union County Educational Services Commission for the 2017-2018 school year, as per attached. ATTACHMENT #4

Approve agreement for participation in coordinated Transportation Services with the Morris-Union Jointure Commission for the 2017 Extended School Year and the 2017-2018 school year.

Approve agreement for participation in coordinated Transportation Services with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2017 Extended School Year and the 2017-2018 school year.

Approve submission of an amendment for FY-2017 IDEA Basic & Preschool to include FY 2016 carryover funds as follows:

IDEA Basic	\$67,810 Public
	\$19,092 Nonpublic
IDEA Preschool	\$56,037 Public
	\$ 737 Nonpublic

Approve submission of an amendment for NCLB Title I, Title IIA and Title III for FY 2017 to include FY 2016 carryover funds as follows:

Title I	Public	\$12,156
Title IIA	Public	\$46,151
	Nonpublic	\$ 2,123
Title III	Public	\$ 479
	Nonpublic	\$ 308

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Approve out-of-district placement for the following student:

<u>Student</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
2320001	Wediko School Windsor, NH	2/10/17	\$58,864.45 - Instruction \$77,471.25 - Residential

District will pay full tuition to the school and the parent will reimburse the district the full amount paid by the insurance company.

Approve reimbursement to the parents of student 29003021 in the amount of \$884 for transportation mileage to an out-of-district placement at Somerset Hills Learning Institute, Bedminster, NJ.

Approve Payment of Bill lists for April, March Payroll, hand checks for March, and the Employee Reimbursement Report dated 3/30/17, for a total amount of \$10,415,847.50. ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #1

Approve the following Budget Transfers ending 3/31/17 as per attached.  
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #2

Approve the following Resolution:

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 (c) 4 the Westfield Board of Education certifies that as of 3/31/17 after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations.

Board Secretary's Report, including Certification of Budgetary Status for the month ended 3/31/17. ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #3

Approve the following Treasurer's Report for the month ended 3/31/17.  
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #4

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Westfield Board of Education, and Dana Sullivan, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary shall certify to the availability of sufficient funds prior to the expenditure of funds for such goods or service.

Approve in accordance with Policy 6471, Travel Expenses for Board Members, Administrators and Teachers, travel request, as per attached.  
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMO #5

Accept a gift of \$9,350 from an anonymous donor to Franklin School to purchase 30 Chromebooks and a Chromebook cart.

Accept a gift of \$8,025 from the McKinley PTO to McKinley School to purchase 25 Chromebooks and a Chromebook cart.

Accept a gift of \$3,059 from the McKinley PTO to purchase 100 folding chairs to replace older chairs at McKinley School.

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Accept a gift of \$500 from Mr. Richard Cheng to Roosevelt Intermediate School to purchase technology.

Accept a gift of \$250 from the Weinreb-Berenda-Carter Foundation, Inc. in memory of Dr. Ruth W. Berenda to support the Instrumental Music Program at Tamaques School.

Accept a gift of \$548.50 from the Westfield Coalition for the Arts to cover travel expenses for the Westfield High School Wind Ensemble's concert performance at the New Jersey State Band Gala on 4/30/17.

Accept a gift of four lateral art filing cabinets valued at \$450 from Ms. Suzanne Hanas to Roosevelt Intermediate School.

Approve student #610234 to attend the General Education Program at Westfield Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year with no tuition charged for enrollment.

ROLL CALL:            Yes: Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
  Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster,  
  Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root  
  Absent: Mr. Garrison

- LEGISLATION
- TECHNOLOGY
- NOTES FOR THE RECORD

--The start date of Giovanni Rosado, Maintenance Mechanic, was changed to 4/10/17.

--Suspension of students as follows:

W-1733        March 31, April 3 & 4, 2017

T-1734        April, 7, 2017

--Termination of placement of student M17-54 from Union County Vo-Tech-Magnet Program, Scotch Plains, NJ, effective 3/2/17.

--March 2017, Fire/Security Drill Report, as attached. ATTACHMENT #1

- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS

Through the years, the district observed that each periodical uses different criteria for their high school rankings. Using various methodologies, Newsweek has ranked Westfield High School #67 in the country and NJ Monthly's most recent ranking placed WHS 8<sup>th</sup> in the state. This week, US News & World Report did not include

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Westfield High School in its ranking. PARCC was used as the first step in the publication's assessment for ranking high schools. Since Westfield High School students traditionally earn high scores on the SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement exams, a significant percentage of our High School students opted to meet NJ graduation requirements through those tests instead. PARCC is an assessment that has been politicized, it is a moving target, and because there are other measures for graduation requirements, a number of our students don't take it seriously. It is very difficult to make a valid comparison of high schools using PARCC as the first criteria.

### • LIAISON REPORTS

Mrs. Root reported that Roosevelt Intermediate School will be holding a spaghetti dinner this Friday. A year end field day project is being planned. Mrs. Root is among those on a search committee to replace retiring principal, Stewart Carey, who will be missed. Mrs. Root also reported that the Parent Teacher Council (PTC) BRAKE'S Committee sponsored Crossing Guard Appreciation Day on April 21. Lastly, at the PTC meeting on April 20, the PTO presidents shared assembly ideas and cost-sharing landscaping projects.

Mr. Bielen reported that at the Westfield Memorial Library meeting, it was announced that the Friend's book sale was taking place this week.

Ms. Ohlig, who is liaison for Westfield High School, thanked the WHS-PTSO for its successful fundraiser to install window air conditioners in those classrooms still without AC. She noted that the hope was that the energy costs will be offset by the solar installation on the school's roof.

### • RECOGNIZE PUBLIC

Ms. Ohlig recognized the public for questions and/or comments. There was none.

### • PRIVATE SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., upon motion of Ms. Ohlig, and seconded by Mrs. Root, and approved by a vote of 8-0, moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education move into Private Session for the purpose of discussing matters rendered confidential by state and federal law, legal matters, contract negotiations, personnel, and Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying incidents and be it further.

RESOLVED, that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential and the results of the discussion will be made public as soon as practicable.

At 9:43 p.m. the Board went back into public session.

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Upon motion of Mr. Friedman, seconded by Mrs. Root, it was moved to approve the following Finance motion:

Approve student #610234 to attend the General Education Program at Westfield Public Schools for the 2017-2018 school year with no tuition charged for enrollment.

ROLL CALL:           Yes: Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
  Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster,  
  Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root  
  Absent: Mr. Garrison

Upon motion of Mr. Friedman, seconded by Mrs. Root, it was moved to approve the following Personnel motion:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Westfield Board of Education hereby approves and ratifies a Settlement Agreement with Employee No. 2842 and authorizes the Board Attorney and the Business Administrator to take whatever steps are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this resolution.

ROLL CALL:           Yes: Mr. Bielen, Mr. Friedman, Mr. Galligan,  
  Mr. Langhart, Ms. Ohlig, Mrs. Oster,  
  Mr. Ostroff, Mrs. Root  
  Absent: Mr. Garrison

At 9:45 p.m. the Board went back into private session.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:55 p.m., Ms. Ohlig moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Oster. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0.

Respectfully submitted,



Mrs. Dana Sullivan  
Board Secretary