

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Meeting A Work Session/Special Meeting of the Board of Education was held at the Administration Office on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mr. Scerbo.

Meeting Notice Mr. Scerbo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings announcement as follows: 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 meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on December 19, 2012 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices and copies sent to newspapers serving Oakland: The Record, Ridgewood News and Suburban News. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.

The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that, neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.

Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according the laws of New Jersey.

Roll Call The following members were present: Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Talamini. Also present was Dr. Jeffrey P. Feifer, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Joan C. Dunn, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and one member of the public. Mr. Akovity arrived at 6:15 PM.

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REPORTS

Tonight's Schedule

- . Public Work Session
- . Special Meeting to approve NCLB Carry-Over Funds, Septic Tank Project at VMS, Financial Advisory Services and Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program Agreement
- . Executive Session to discuss Superintendent Search

Enrollment Update

- . Our total enrollment for December 2012 was 1660. This is unchanged from the previous month.

Meetings To-Date

- . Mayor Schwager
 - Meeting to share contact information, and commit to continued cooperation between the schools and the community
- . Administrative Team
 - Weekly meetings, agendas can be sent to BOE as Weekend Reading, via e-mail, or items can be listed on work session reports
- . Building Administrators
 - Individual meetings to discuss school and liaison issues and responsibilities, ongoing regular meetings with VMS administrators
- . Director of Student Personnel and Special Services
 - Individual meeting to discuss district and liaison issues and responsibilities
- . District Coordinators – English Language Arts, Northern Valley Coordinators will meet with Language Arts Coordinators tomorrow to discuss balanced literacy. Science, Technology
 - Individual meetings to discuss curriculum and instruction
- . Building Coordinators – English Language Arts and Mathematics
 - Group meeting to discuss roles, responsibilities, and program needs
- . OEA President
 - Weekly meetings to discuss district matters
- . PTO Council Meeting
- . Realtime Webinar
 - Information concerning more comprehensive use of our Realtime software in the areas of lesson planning, a parent portal, and more efficient use of SwiftReach
- . FLOW Superintendents Meeting
 - School Calendar
 - World Language
 - Emergency Closings
 - Regional Cooperation
- . BCASA Meeting
 - Mr. Gilmartin has resigned from the County Office
 - A film has been developed concerning school shooting/intruders and will be distributed
 - Bill Stallone, security risk assessment coordinator, will be surveying schools in the County.

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Additional Meetings in January

- . Negotiations – January 16
 - BOE meets with Mr. Fogarty at 6:00 p.m.
 - BOE and Mr. Fogarty meet with OEA at 6:30 p.m.
- . Regular Board Meeting – January 22
- . Superintendent Interviews – January 23 and 24
- . FLOW Calendar Committee Meeting – January 30

2013/2014 Budget Preparation

- . Preliminary Budget Calendar
- . Information collection from staff and vendors
- . Proposed change in Budget Hearing date from March 28 to March 27, 2013

Principals' Reports at Board Meetings

- . School Events/Commendations and Liaison Reports

Electronic Communications

- . Weekend Reading
- . Use of SwiftReach
- . AESOP (sub caller software) and AppliTrack

HIB Investigations and Incidents Occurring Between 9/1/12 and 12/31/12

- . Mandated Data Collection, submitted 1/4/13
- . Number of HIB Investigations – 1
- . Number of Affirmed HIB Incidents – 0
- . Mr. Clark will report at Board of Education Meeting on January 22

HIB Report for December 2012

- . Number of HIB Investigations – 0

Future City Competition

Our students participated in this competition on Saturday, January 12, 2013 and Oakland will once again be a finalist in the nationals to be held February 15-19, 2013.

MLK Day Library Display – January 8-31, 2013, Oakland Public Library

Dogwood Hill School - fifth grade students prepared a display based upon Dr. King's famous, "I have a dream," quote. The students will complete the quote to reflect what they believe will lead to a better tomorrow, representing the values of Dr. King.

Manito Elementary School - students created a mosaic illustrating the King quote, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree." All grade levels at Manito are involved in the project.

Heights Elementary School - fifth grade students created ceramic hands, with messages reflecting the attitudes and aspirations of Dr. King.

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Valley Middle School - students will be presenting ceramic doves and other artwork signifying the overall message of Peace that was central to the life and work of Dr. King.

Educators Evaluation Systems

- . Teachers
- . Administrators

World Language – Grade 3

- . Use of Rosetta Stone Program - Although it was thought that this could be implemented mid year, Dr. Feifer believes more time is needed before staff are ready to begin implementation

Planning for Literacy Initiative

Staff Development Day - January 21, 2013

Buildings and Grounds

- . Boilers – Dogwood Hill
- . Drainage – Heights

Ellis Island Trip has been cancelled.

RECOMMENDATIONS

. Monthly Reports

- Safety Drills
- HIB
- Cafeteria
- Nursing Services
- Library Media Center

. Conferences/Workshops

. Grade 6 Social Studies Curriculum

. Special Education Teacher Time

Approve the per period pay rate of \$26.80 for Ms. Mallory Griffith for one additional period of teaching three times per week from January 7, 2013 through February 4, 2013, as per a student IEP.

. Parent Transportation Contract

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. Field Trips

Holy Apostle Soup Kitchen, VMS Student Council, January 30th

Two changes due to hurricane:

(1) BrainBusters (VMS) from 10/29 to 3/4 and

(2) NJ Japanese School (Manito) Global Ed Unit from 11/5 to 2/5

. Reimbursement for Unused Sick Days

. Teacher Chaperones for Philadelphia Trip

. Drainage Pipe Repairs

SPECIAL MEETING

OPENED FROM PUBLIC WORK SESSION AT 7:00 PM

Present: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Talamini,
Dr. Feifer and Ms. Dunn

Finance

NCLB Grant

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the 2012-2013 NCLB Grant Application for an additional \$801. These are 2011-2012 carryover funds for Nonpublic Schools. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**Lerch, Vinci &
Higgins, LLP**

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to authorize the financial advisory services contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP for August, 2006 through June 2012 debt obligations as per attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

**Nonpublic School
Technology
Initiative**

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to approve the Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program Agreements effective October 31, 2012 between the Oakland Board of Education and the following schools:

1. Apple Montessori
2. Barnstable Academy
3. Gerard Berman
4. NJ Japanese School
5. Our Lady of Perpetual Help
6. Reed Academy
7. Kids Interactive Day

as per the attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Matts, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

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Buildings & Grounds

VMS Septic Tank Mr. Talamini moved and Ms. Matts seconded to authorize the award of a contract for a septic tank and septic controls repair/replacement at Valley Middle School to Residuals Management Services, LLC dba EarthCare under Educational Data Services Inc. Bid #4450, as per attached. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Talamini, Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

Regular Education

A. Tarantola Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Alissa Tarantola as a Long Term Substitute Teacher at Heights School, effective February 27, 2013 through the last day of school at a per diem salary of \$245.41. (Ms. Tarantola is substituting for Ms. Jamie Opalka.) Ms. Tarantola will be working as a substitute teacher on February 13, 25 & 26 at the substitute teacher rate of pay. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

T. Venezia Mr. Akovity moved and Ms. Matts seconded to approve the appointment of Ms. Tia Venezia as a Long Term Substitute Teacher at Dogwood Hill School, effective February 11, 2013 through the last day of school at a per diem salary of \$245.41. (Ms. Venezia is substituting for Ms. Kristen Hedden.) Ms. Venezia will be working as a substitute teacher on February 4-8 at the substitute teacher rate of pay. On a roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Talamini, Mr. Scerbo. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Gaffney moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to enter Executive Session at approximately 7:25 PM. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES. Executive Session was entered at 7:25 PM.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel matters/legal issues concerning the District;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions that are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in closed executive session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in a closed executive session by this Board and administrative staff at the conclusion of the public segment of this meeting and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

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**Return to Open
Session**

Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to Return to Open Session.

Open Session was returned to at 8:15 PM

Adjournment

Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to adjourn meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Joan C. Dunn
Board Secretary/Business Administrator