

**GARWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
GARWOOD, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Christine Guerriero in the all-purpose room of the Lincoln School.

PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the Westfield Leader, the official newspaper of the Garwood Board of Education. The News Tribune, Courier Home News, Westfield Leader, Star Ledger, and Suburban News are approved for use for legal notices. Notice of this meeting was sent to the Borough Clerk, and a copy of this meeting notice is posted on the front door of Lincoln School.

II. ROLL CALL:

<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. A. DelConte	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms. L. Koenig	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. M. Scepkowski
<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. S. Groning	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. S. Piarulli	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. T. Simitz
<input type="checkbox"/> Miss C. Guerriero	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. D. Ridente	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. R. Trentacosta

III. OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Teresa Quigley, Superintendent
 Mrs. Debra LeBrun, SBA/BS
 Mr. John Geppert, Board Attorney

IV. FLAG SALUTE

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Be it resolved that the GBOE conducts a closed, executive session concerning the following topic(s) as permitted by the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act after which time the Board may or may not return to public session to take action:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> personnel matter, staff	<input type="checkbox"/> safety and protection of property
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> personal matter, student	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contract negotiations
<input type="checkbox"/> litigation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other permitted by law

Be it further resolved that at such time as it is legally appropriate for the substance of the closed session to be made public that same will be ordered.

Time of vote to enter closed session: p.m.

Time returning to public session: p.m.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENT OF UNOFFICIAL RESULTS OF SCHOOL ELECTION:

3 – Three year terms: Mrs. Adrienne Barnes - 485
Dr. Mary Ann Kjetsaa – 495
Mr. Tim Ryan - 501

Mrs. Susan Groning- 419
Mr. Sal Piarulli - 408
Mrs. Tina Simitz - 410

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 15, 2019 regular and executive session meetings

ROLL CALL:

___ Mr. A. DelConte	___ Ms. L. Koenig	___ Mrs. M. Scepkowski
___ Mrs. S. Groning	___ Mr. S. Piarulli	___ Mrs. T. Simitz
___ Miss C. Guerriero	___ Mrs. D. Ridente	___ Mr. R. Trentacosta

VIII. PRESENTATION – Dr. Thomas Gambino -NJDOE
Office of School Preparedness & Emergency Planning

IX. LIAISON REPORTS:

Clark Board of Education	T. Simitz, Delegate
Education Foundation of Garwood	M. Scepkowski, Delegate
New Jersey School Board Association on December & June	L. Koenig, Delegate Alternate: S. Piarulli
Representative to the Borough Council	A. DelConte, Delegate
Union County Educational Services Commission	L. Koenig, Delegate Alternates: C. Guerriero M. Scepkowski
Union County School Boards Association	S. Groning, Delegate Alternate: M. Scepkowski

X. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

There was one reported HIB incident which was deemed a violation of our student code of conduct.

Resolved that the Garwood Board of Education accepts the November 2019 Superintendent’s report. Moved by: Seconded by: Motion carried:

*During the course of the board meeting the Garwood Board of Education offers members of the public an opportunity to address issues regarding the operation of the Garwood Public Schools. The Board reminds those individuals who take this opportunity to identify themselves by name and address and to limit their comments to items listed on the agenda and/or items directly related to the operation of the School District. Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board. All comments will be considered and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged and will not be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments and be aware that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

XI. HEARING OF CITIZENS

The following is a summary of the Board’s understanding of comments made by members of the public. This is not a verbatim transcript.

XII. FINANCE COMMITTEE

- 1. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and the SBA/BS, the attached list of budget transfer for the month of October 2019.
- 2. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator and the SBA/BS, the payment of the October 2019 bills in the amount of \$889,948.40.
- 3. WHEREAS, the Garwood Board of Education, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator, and pursuant to N.J.A.C. (6A:23-2.2), has received the Financial Reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Monies for the month of October 2019; and

WHEREAS, said reports are in agreement, and it has been certified by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary that no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. (6A:23-2.12), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garwood Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports for the month of October 2019 as submitted and certified.

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___ Miss C. Guerriero	___ Mrs. D. Ridente	___ Mr. R. Trentacosta

XIII. BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, in cooperation with the SBA/BS, approves the attached three-year Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for 2018-2019 expenditures; 2019-2020 budget; 2021-2022 projected.
2. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, in cooperation with the Supervisor of Building and Grounds, the use of the gym by the Garwood Recreation Department from December 2, 2019 thru February 28, 2020, Monday thru Friday and Fridays as needed between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

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XIV. POLICY COMMITTEE

1. Move to approve upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the second reading of the following:

Policy 4116	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members
Policy 4117.4	Reduction in Force/Abolish a Position
Policy 4117.41	Non-Renewal
Policy 4119.21	Conflict of Interest
Policy 4119.22	Conduct and Dress
Policy 4119.23	Employee Substance Abuse
Policy 4119.26	Electronic Communication by School Staff
Policy 4121	Substitute Teachers
Bylaw 9322	Public and Executive Sessions

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XV. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

1. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the findings and decisions presented at the October 15, 2019 board meeting regarding bullying incidents I-1.

2. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, in cooperation with the Lincoln School Principal, the appointment of the following staff as part-time paraprofessionals not to exceed 25 hours per week without benefits for the 2019-2020 school year pending a criminal history background check and mantoux results:

- A. Angela Drake (\$13.25/hour)
- B. Jisca Morinvil (\$13.25/hour)
- C. Mireya Kolfenback (\$12.00/hour)

3. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, in cooperation with the Lincoln School Principal, the appointment of the following as substitute teachers for the 2019-2020 school year pending a criminal history background check and mantoux results:

- A. Jennifer Blumenstock
- B. Russ Graham

4. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, in cooperation with the Lincoln School Principal, approves the appointment of Courtney Capizzi as a maternity leave replacement teacher on BA + Step 1 prorated for Mrs. Zultanky in accordance with the negotiated contract pending a criminal history background check and mantoux results. (First 20 days \$90/day and Step 1 + BA prorated \$275.74/day for days 21+).

5. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, in cooperation with the Lincoln School Principal, the appointment of Cheryl Paolino to mentor Amanda Cohen for the 2019-2020 school year in accordance with the negotiated teachers' contract (\$550).

6. Move to approve, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, in cooperation with the Certified School Nurse the 2019-2020 Nursing Plan.

ROLL CALL:

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| ___ Mr. A. DelConte | ___ Ms. L. Koenig | ___ Mrs. M. Scepkowski |
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XVI. OLD BUSINESS

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made at p.m.

Moved by:
Seconded by:
Motion carried:

Legend: P = Present
 M = Moved motion
 S = Seconded motion
 Y = Yes Vote
 N = No Vote
 AB = Abstain

Respectfully submitted,

Debra LeBrun, SBA/BS