

MINUTES OF THE WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, September 15, 2025
Town Hall Main Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Piascyk, called the meeting to order (7:02 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Dr. Jay Dahya (7:43 PM); Sarah Beth Del Prete, Secretary (7:27 PM); Dr. Lauren Francese; Jeff Hughes; Steven Lawrence, Vice Chair; Dr. Michael Strambler and Erin Williamson.

STAFF: Christopher Montini, Superintendent; Analisa Sherman, Principal; Cheryl Tafel, Assistant Principal; Carrie Borcharding, Special Services Director; Donna Coonan, Director of Business Services/ Operations and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

As announced previously Chair Piascyk reviewed the Vision, Mission and Goals for the 2025/26 SY.

CORRESPONDENCE – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PTO – Monica Phillip provided an overview of the activities and projects that will be implemented for the 2025/26 school year. The PTO is looking forward to build and grow the good that is already in place. Highlights of the year include the annual Ice Cream Social, Halloween Hoot, Book Fairs, Math Night, Artsweek, the shifting of Science Night to a daytime activity and the addition of a fall parents night out. The primary fund raising activity this year will be a Read-a-Thon instead of the Fun Run conducted in previous years. Approximately, 50% of funds raised will support academic enrichment. The Board and administration extended a sincere thank you to the PTO for their continued support of BRS students.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented.

Mr. Lawrence

Mr. Hughes

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Superintendent Report – Superintendent Montini noted the smooth opening of the 2025/26 school year in a vibrant and caring community that he is proud to be a part of. Recognition of teachers attaining tenure at the end of the 2024/25 school year and the start of the 2025/26 included Sarah Burke, Carissa Cadelina, Lucille Smetak, Rafay Irfan, Natasha Knoblauch and Janet Criscuolo. The district is grateful for their commitment to continue their educational journey with us as numerous districts are competing for talented teachers.

Ms. Del Prete arrived (7:27 PM).

September enrollment has seven (7) fewer students than last year, average class sizes are 17-21 with Grades 1 and 2 being the largest groups. On average, there is fluctuation of 33-47 students during the course of a school year. Positions still vacant include the .5 Psychologist and 6 paras. It is anticipated the part-time social worker will be increased to full-time for the remainder of the 2025/26 school year and the vacant para slots will be filled with an outside agency with minimal impact on the 2025/26 budget. As there is no impact on the Board adopted budget, Board action for modification of the budget at this time is not required.

BRS Update – Ms. Sherman highlighted the launch of the 2025/26 sy with bubbles and music, the whole-school walk, ice cream social and the forthcoming Halloween Hoot. Universal STAR screenings in Math and Reading (Grades 3-6) will commence this week along with Dibels (K-3) and implementation of several new subset tests. Also, the formulation of responsive classroom communities and expectations was outlined as each classroom is unique and structured differently through the collective conversation process. Spanish Heritage month kicked off today and will continue for the next several weeks.

BRS Infrastructure Committee – this Committee will meet with the TriBoards on September 18 at 6:30 PM in the Center Cafe to review and discuss the various pricing proposals from Antinozzi and Associates. This information was also shared with the Building Oversight Ad Hoc Committee.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Hughes reviewed the September 4 meeting inclusive of the new Annihilare cleaning system and fire panel installs, closing of 105 “fix-it” tickets, life expectancy of systems / custodial services and the aging infrastructure.

Dr. Dahya arrived (7:43 PM).

Finance Committee – Mr. Lawrence reviewed the September 9 meeting. Currently, there is a surplus in the range of \$200,000 as a result of the vacant para / psychologist positions. This could potentially be offset by an out-of-district placement that may occur in the coming months as well as the possibility of an additional teacher for preschool placements. As the surplus is significant, it was suggested that there be clear delineation and explanation for how it was achieved.

CABE Liaison – Board members were apprised of upcoming workshops on Understanding the 2025 Changes to State Education Funding on September 17 and Legal Issues on October 16. Also, early registration for the November CABE / CAPSS Conference has ended, however, Board members are still able to register for the conference on November 21 and 22. It was agreed Ms. Del Prete will attend the Delegate Assembly on November 20.

Upcoming Meeting Presentations – SBA, EDay and Open Choice.

Committee Meetings – TriBoard on September 18 to receive the cost estimate proposals at 6:30 PM in the Center Café; Policy on October 6 at 4:30 PM; Curriculum on October 9 at 4:00 PM; Finance on October 14 at 4:30 PM. The WBOE regular meeting has been moved to October 21 in the BRS South Assembly Room with an Executive Session for review of the WEA Contract with Board Counsel in attendance. The Halloween Hoot is October 25 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: (8:04 PM)
Ms. Williamson
Second by Dr. Strambler
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