

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Waldwick, New Jersey**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**APRIL 8, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER/ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING**

President Marro called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and stated that this is a REGULAR MEETING of the Waldwick Board of Education for which adequate notice has been given pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, Laws of 1975. In addition to providing the annual notice of board meetings required under Section 13 of the Act, a separate written advance notice of this meeting under Section 3(d) of the Act specifying the time, date, location and, to the extent known, the agenda of the meeting was posted at the School Administration Building and hand delivered to the Waldwick Borough Clerk on Friday, April 5, 2024. It is posted on the District website. This is an official meeting.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT:           Trustee Christine Figliuolo  
                      Trustee Andrew Frey  
                      Trustee Julie Mangler  
                      Trustee Mary Beth Nappi  
                      Vice President Troy Seifert  
                      Trustee Amy Weiner  
                      President Daniel Marro, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT:   Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of Schools

ABSENT:           Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

In the absence of Board Secretary John Griffin - Board President Daniel Marro would assume the role of Acting Board Secretary for this meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REPORTS**

- A.     Superintendent of Schools - Dr. Casarico reminded the Board of the end of year activities as the final two months of the school year things usually pick up speed. He announced the two unused emergency days will be approved at the next Board meeting with the recommendation of Friday, May 24 and Tuesday May 28 school will be closed. The spring sports season has started and he wished all the teams and athletes good luck.

- B. Board President - President Marro thanked the kids for behaving on the Florida trip. He thanked softball for running the Goodell Scholarship Tournament. He thanked the Waldwick Police Department for the daily walk throughs and for getting onto the grounds immediately after the earthquake. He congratulated girls lacrosse for their fast start and several players meeting milestones. He wished the Assistant Principals a Happy Assistant Principals Week. He announced that the Traphagen and Crescent STEM teams competed at NJIT. He informed the Board members that the Financial Disclosures are due by the end of this month. He stated that the Mayor informed him that they would not enforce removing out of town individuals from using our fields.

Curriculum Committee - Trustee Nappi stated that the Committee met and commented that there will be changes to the Math and Health curriculum. She also stated that she was informed that 12 students were interested in the Computer Science classes.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Offered by Trustee Frey, seconded by Trustee Mangler:

March 11, 2024

Regular Meeting

### ROLL CALL VOTE

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	X			
Trustee Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
Trustee Weiner	X			
President Marro	X			

### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to introduce the Consent Agenda

Offered by Trustee Seifert, seconded by Trustee Figliuolo:

34-A-1 through 34-A-19	Administration
34-F-1 through 34-F-5	Finance
34-P-1 through 34-P-10	Personnel

- B. Discussion – any item on Consent Agenda – Board of Education only

Dr. Casarico noted that on the agenda is a resolution to approve Johanna Ross for the position of Director of Secondary Education. He stated that

close to 90 resumes were received. He thanked Dr. Elias and Mr. Sussman for the first round of 20 preliminary interviews and then Mr. Carroll, Mr. Meyers, Dr. Elias and he met with six candidates and then Mrs. Ross was selected. Dr. Casarico gave a brief overview of Mrs. Ross and that he is excited that she will join his administrative team. President Marro thanked the Football Association and Traphagen PSO for their donations.

- C. Open Floor to public comment on Consent Agenda only - None.
- D. Close public participation
- E. ROLL CALL VOTE – REVISED CONSENT AGENDA

**Trustee Frey asked that 34-A-10 be voted upon separately.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE: 34-A-1 through 34-A-9; 34-A-11 through 34-A-19  
34-F1 through 34-F-5 AND 34-P-1 through 34-P-10**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	X			
Trustee Frey	X			
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
Trustee Weiner	X			
President Marro	X			

**34-A-10 APPROVAL - COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT - ICE HOCKEY TRI-OP  
WITH LAKELAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL - 2024-2025 AND  
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEARS**

BE IT RESOLVED that upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the

Waldwick Board of Education approves the continuation of the Ice Hockey Cooperative Agreement with Lakeland Regional High School through June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$5,000.00 each year for the remaining two years.

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Trustee Figliuolo	X			
Trustee Frey			X	
Trustee Mangler	X			
Trustee Nappi	X			
Vice President Seifert	X			
Trustee Weiner	X			
President Marro	X			

## **COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – ANY SUBJECT**

A resident thanked the Board for allowing the sport teams to go to Florida.

A parent asked if the new Director of Secondary Education would be changing the honors policy that is currently in place.

A parent asked about the test scores and if they were already discussed.

A parent asked if the STEM program at the elementary schools would be expanded.

## **COMMENTS FROM TRUSTEES – ANY SUBJECT - None.**

## **CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – April 8, 2024**

Offered by Trustee Seifert, seconded by Trustee Nappi:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Walldwick Board of Education go into Closed Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters relating to:

1. Litigation

Above resolution unanimously approved by voice vote.

When the need for confidentiality no longer exists, the minutes will be made available to the public.

## **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**

The open Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:54 p.m. on motion of Trustee Seifert, seconded by Trustee Nappi and unanimously approved by voice vote.

## **ROLL CALL**

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Trustee Andrew Frey  
Trustee Julie Mangler  
Trustee Mary Beth Nappi  
Vice President Troy Seifert  
Trustee Amy Weiner  
President Daniel Marro, Sr.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Paul Casarico, Superintendent of Schools

ABSENT: Mr. John Griffin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

## ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m. on motion of Trustee Seifert, seconded by Trustee Nappi.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Marro', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DANIEL MARRO  
Acting Board Secretary