

CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 2009

Meeting Opened: The regular monthly meeting of the Camden County Educational Services Commission was called to order at 7:30 P.M. on March 4, 2009 by Mrs. Miller, Board President.

Flag Salute: Everyone participated in the pledge of allegiance.

Public Announcement: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Camden County Educational Services Commission has caused notice of the meeting to be posted as follows:

- a. transmitted to the Courier Post and Record Breeze
- b. transmitted to the County Clerk's office
- c. posted at the Commission office

Roll Call: Those members in attendance at the time of roll call included: Ms. de Haan, Ms. Soulos, Dr. Teichman, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Walsh, Ms. Gibbs-Smith, Mr. Kammler, Ms. Costello and Mr. Reeder. Also in attendance were Mr. Schwartzner, Superintendent, Dr. Sorce, Director of Instruction, Ms. Boston, Board Secretary and Mr. Schmoll, our Solicitor.

The following members informed us prior to the meeting that they would not be able to attend: Mr. Nelson and Ms. Davis.

Minutes: Motion by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Reeder and unanimously approved by roll call vote to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2009 Board meeting.

Board Secretary's Report: Motion by Dr. Teichman, seconded by Mr. Reeder, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to approve the Board Secretary's report as of January 31, 2009, which includes the following necessary line item changes.

INCREASE:

REVENUE:

20-3232-0100

PL 192-193

88,316.00

APPROPRIATIONS:

20-500A-200-890R-10-100

REIMBURSEMENT TO DISTRICTS

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Certification: Motion by Dr. Teichman, seconded by Mr. Reeder, and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the following resolution:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve the certification by Noreen Boston, Board Secretary, that as of January 31, 2009 no budgetary line item account has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C.6:A:23-2.11(c) 3.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence at this meeting.

Public Discussion: Motion by Mr. Kammler, seconded by Ms. Gibbs-Smith and unanimously approved by roll call vote to open the floor to public discussion.

There was no public discussion at this meeting.

Motion by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Kammler and unanimously approved by roll call vote to close the floor to public discussion.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Substitute Teacher: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Patricia Gentile as a substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year.

Substitute: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Annamarie Zaum as a substitute instructional assistant and substitute teacher for the 2008-2009 school year.

Emergent Hiring: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve an emergent hiring application for Nicole Pope and Aisha Walker.

Leave of Absence: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve intermittent leave under the provisions of the Federal and New Jersey Family Medical Leave Acts for Employee #165 commencing February 2, 2009.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Workshops/
Conferences:

Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve staff attendance at the workshops and conferences and related travel expenses as presented in Attachment A sent to members and appended to these minutes:

Travel Date	Event	# of Employees	Cost
3/24/2009	Articulation Errors	1	\$199
3/28/2009	Aquatic Invertebrates	1	\$ 35
4/25/2009	Marine Mammals	1	\$ 35
5/23/2009	Ocean Conservation & Pollution	1	\$ 35
5/19,20/2009	NJTESOL/NJBE Conf.	1	\$159
3/18/2009*	Public School Bidding Process	1	\$236

*Approved last month; date correction only.

Field Trip:

Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following field trips for White Horse Academy students and staff:

Date/Time	Location	Activity	Cost
3/17/2009 9:30 AM-11:30 AM	Jewish Com. Ctr. Cherry Hill, NJ	Holocaust Museum	\$145
3/24/2009 9:15 AM-1:15 PM	Ritz Theatre Voorhees, NJ	View <i>Defiance</i> movie (Holocaust theme)	\$145

Amended

School Calendars:

Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to amend the 2008-2009 school calendars as follows.

Program	Date	From	To
Non-Public Schools	5/15/2009	Instructional Day	In-service Day
Nonpublic Schools	5/13/2009	In-service Day	Instructional Day

ESY Tuition
2009-2010:

Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve an estimated tuition of \$4,000 for the extended school year programs for 2009-2010.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Contracts: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve a contract with Teaching Strategies Inc. to provide professional development sessions on *The Creative Curriculum System* at a rate of \$2,375 per trainer per day.

Employment
Contracts: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint and approve an employment contract for Nicole Pope as a full time one-on-one instructional assistant in the preschool class at Gibbsboro at an annual salary of \$16,088 to be prorated plus benefits effective March 10, 2009 to June 30, 2009.

Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint and approve an employment contract for Aisha Walker as a part time (0.4 FTE) one-on-one instructional assistant in the preschool class at Gibbsboro at an annual salary of \$6,435 to be prorated with no benefits effective March 16, 2009 to June 30, 2009.

Substitute Teacher/
Instr. Assist.: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve Aisha Walker as a substitute teacher and substitute instructional assistant.

Amended
Calendars: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to amend the 2008-2009 school calendars for White Horse Academy by adding June 15, 16 and 17, 2009 as instructional days and for Camden County Youth Center by adding June 19, 2009 as an instructional day.

2009 Safety Grant: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve submission of an application for the 2009 Safety Grant through the NJSBAIG BACCEIC sub-fund in the amount of \$4,254.

NJ Council of
ESC's: Motion by Ms. de Haan, seconded by Dr. Teichman and unanimously approved by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the payment of the 2008-09 and 2009-10 assessment in the amount of \$5,000 to the New Jersey Council of Educational Services Commissions.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

Prior to the arrival of the new students, our family decreased by one. One of our successful eighth grade boys returned to his home district to finish the year and prepare for his high school experience. We are happy for his return to his home school but sad to see him leave us. However, we feel extremely confident he will have very little problems with the adjustment or the academics. Therefore, at this writing, our total student count is up to nine. Since we have such a small group of students, we look forward to admitting any middle school student who we feel can succeed in our new program at White Horse Academy.

Some exciting things are in the planning stages. We are looking into a field trip to the Holocaust Museum in Cherry Hill to enhance our social studies program. In March, we will participate in Project P.R.I.D.E., which is a major initiative of the New Jersey Department of Corrections. Project PRIDE brings minimum custody offenders into the school to talk about their personal experiences with drugs and alcohol. The main purpose of this program is for our youth to hear, first hand, the results that alcohol and drug abuse have on a person's life. We look forward to this very informative and helpful presentation.

As always, thank you all for your continued support.

Old Business: There was no old business discussed at this meeting.

New Business: There was no new business discussed at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation: No report.

Finance: No report.

Policy: Motion by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Mr. Reeder and unanimously approved by roll call vote to approve the First Reading of Policy 8220, School Day.

Personnel/
Negotiations: No report.

Education: No report.

Insurance: No report.

Future Programs/
Services: No report.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

- Facilities: No report.
- Bills Payable: Motion by Dr. Teichman, seconded by Mrs. Walsh and unanimously approved by roll call to approve bills submitted for payment during the month of March.
- Public Comments: There were no public comments at this meeting.
- Board Comments: Mrs. Miller thanked everyone for attending the Board meeting.
- Closed Executive Session: Motion by Dr. Teichman, seconded by Ms. Soulos and unanimously approved by roll call vote to approve the following resolution:
- BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, to enter into closed executive session to discuss legal/personnel matters.
- Closed session began at 7:45 p.m.
- Motion by Dr. Teichman, seconded by Mr. Reeder and unanimously approved by roll call vote to reopen the meeting to the public at 8:33 p.m.
- Programs: Mr. Schwartz updated the Board on the future of the programs at the Commission.
- Adjournment: Motion by Mrs. Walsh, seconded by Ms. Soulos and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Noreen W. Boston
Board Secretary