

**WESTWOOD REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SEPTEMBER 05, 2024**

SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING AGENDA

1. Meeting called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room, Westwood Regional High School.
2. Roll Call

3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion: the Board will recess to meet in Private Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal matters. The Board will reconvene in Public Session immediately following. The decisions which emanate from these discussions will be disclosed to the public when action is taken by the Board.

4. Meeting called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Hurley Theater, High School.
5. SALUTE TO THE FLAG
6. Roll Call
7. The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure 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 Westwood Regional Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be sent to the following announcing time and place thereof:

Westwood Borough Hall
 Westwood Public Library
 Township of Washington Administration Building
 Township of Washington Free Public Library
 The Record
 Community Life
 Pascack Press

8. **PUBLIC FORUM** (Pursuant to Board Policy 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings)

During this first public forum, district residents and staff are invited to address the Board of Education on agenda items specifically listed on this evening’s agenda. Board Policy 0167 requires that individuals sign the speakers’ list, giving name, municipality of residence, and specific agenda item(s) on which a member of the public plans to speak and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking.

Although the Board may not respond to items raised during the public forum, all public comments will be considered and may be discussed tonight under the appropriate agenda items or "new business" at this meeting, at subsequent meetings under "old business," or during a Board committee meeting, if appropriate.

Each speaker’s statement will be limited to three (3) minutes in duration. This first Public Forum will be limited to thirty (30) minutes in duration.

9. **ADMINISTRATIVE/GOVERNANCE**

- A. Motion: that upon the recommendation of the Board, approval be given to the settlement agreement in the matter of Jill Mortimer, Ed.D, v. Board Of Education of the Westwood Regional School District, in the County of Bergen; Michael Pontillo; Laura Cooper; Kristen Pedersen; ABC Corporations, Docket No. BER-L-003393-24.

10. **PERSONNEL**

- A. Motion: that upon the recommendation of the Board, approval be given for the appointment of Dr. Bronwen Calderón as Acting Superintendent for a period up to 90 days or until the appointment of a new Superintendent, effective September 7, 2024 with a stipend of \$5,000 monthly and prorated for any partial months. Furthermore, approval be given with a stipend of \$2,000 monthly and prorated for any partial months to Mrs. Denise Vélez for assisting the Acting Superintendent of Schools.

11. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM** (Pursuant to Board Policy 0167 – Public Participation in Board Meetings)

During this second public forum, district residents and staff are invited to discuss any area of public concern that may be in respect to the operation of the schools. Board Policy 0167 requires that individuals sign the speakers' list, giving name and municipality of residence, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board as a whole (not to individuals). The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking.

Although the Board may not respond to items raised during the public forum, all public comments will be considered and may be discussed tonight under "new business" at this meeting, or at subsequent meetings under "old business," or during a Board committee meeting, if appropriate.

Each speaker's statement will be limited to three (3) minutes in duration. This second Public Forum will be limited to thirty (30) minutes in duration.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: that this meeting be adjourned.