

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

REORGANIZATION MEETING

October 18, 2012 7:00 p.m.

Approved November 26, 2012

Mission Statement: "The Bloomsbury School District, in partnership with parents and the community, will provide challenging educational programs that enable all students to achieve academic excellence and to develop the social skills necessary to become contributing members of the school, community, and society".

Agenda

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

A. Call the Meeting to Order at 7:08 p.m.

B. Reading of the Notice of Public Meeting-

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to insure 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 either discussed or acted upon. The Board has fully complied with the notice requirements by advertising in the Hunterdon County Democrat & The Express Times posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting.

C. Flag Salute

II. ROLL CALL

Marnie Carrick	<u> X </u>
Rebecca Petri	<u> X </u>
Kiersten Robbins	<u> X </u>
Marianne Treanor	<u> X </u>

Motion made by Marianne Treanor, seconded by Kiersten Robbins, to accept Karyn Frey's letter of resignation from the Bloomsbury Board of Education effective immediately.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Carrick	<u> X </u>	Treanor	<u> X </u>
Petri	<u> X </u>		
Robbins	<u> X </u>		

Marianne Treanor stepped down as Vice President.

III. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Purdy invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board President.

Marnie Carrick, seconded by Kiersten Robbins, nominated Marianne Treanor.

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A motion was made by Albert Purdy, seconded by Rebecca Petri, to close nominations for School Board President.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Hearing only one nomination, the Superintendent declared Marianne Treanor as School Board President.

Marianne Treanor invited nominations from the floor for the office of School Board Vice President.

Kiersten Robbins, seconded by Rebecca Petri, nominated Marnie Carrick.

A motion was made by Marianne Treanor, seconded by Kiersten Robbins, to close nominations for School Board Vice President.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Hearing only one nomination, the Superintendent declared Marnie Carrick as School Board Vice President.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

V. DISCUSSION

1. Strauss Esmay-Mr.Purdy shared that if the BOE decides to purchase the service it could be covered by payments over 3 years time. Kiersten Robbins noted that policies reviewed from School Boards are not reviewed by a lawyer. Strauss Esmay will help with liability regarding BOE policies.
2. Press Release-The BOE discussed making a statement to the press regarding the informal survey sent out to registered voters.

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Motion made by Marianne Treanor and seconded by Marnie Carrick to hire Meredith Schwartz to cover a maternity leave effective on or before November 26, 2012 for the remainder of the 2012/2013 school year at step 1/MA.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited on any educationally pertinent subject. All participants will be given five (5) minutes to state their issue. In addition, the subject matter may be discussed by the Board for an additional five (5) minutes. **All audience participants must state their name and address before speaking.** Thank you for understanding.

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Nicole Walen asked Marianne Treanor if she has been to Phillipsburg High School yet. Marianne Treanor responded that she has not been able to go during the day due to work, however she has gone to the school and viewed the school grounds. Nicole Walen asked what is our budget for legal fees? How is the school planning to cover the legal fees if we decide to sever the relationship with Phillipsburg High School. Marianne Treanor responded that the decision to sever the relationship with Phillipsburg has not been voted on yet. Nicole responded that Phillipsburg is planning to fight Bloomsbury legally. Rebecca Petri stated that we would discuss this prior to the next budget.

Karen Murray asked when the BOE plans to vote on the issue of severing the send/receive relationship with Phillipsburg High School? Marnie Carrick responded that we are not sure when the date of that vote will occur.

Eva Barnakowski stated that the informal survey appears slanted. She stated that she wonders if the BOE has an agenda. Rebecca Petri asked how we can we work with you to open a dialogue?

Bert Furnari spoke and stated that he thinks the BOE should continue trying reaching out to the public. We should encourage an open dialogue with the Phillipsburg Board of Education. He encouraged the Bloomsbury BOE not to go to Phillipsburg just one time. Bert asked the BOE to consider tabling this item until the Spring. He is not in favor of pursuing the Delaware Valley High School option. Bert Furnari also recommended using taxpayers from town to do research on both high schools.

Karyn Frey stated that the Bloomsbury BOE should not rush this decision.

Michael Galuppo asked why this meeting was being held. Marianne Treanor responded that the Board felt it necessary to reorganize at this time. Mr. Galuppo asked the cost of holding this meeting? He also if surveys would be accepted even if they were not fully completed. The Board stated as long as the surveys were signed, they would be accepted.

Marnie Carrick asked the audience how we could work together. Discussion followed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Marianne Treanor, seconded by Marnie Carrick, to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

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