

**BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – November 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Approved December 11, 2012**

**I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President, Marianne Treanor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:**

Marianne Treanor read the following statement:

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.

**ROLL CALL**

Present

President, Marianne Treanor  
Vice-President, Marnie Carrick  
Rebecca Petri  
Kiersten Robbins

Absent

Others Present

Albert Purdy, Interim Chief School Administrator  
Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Paul Barger, Board Attorney

Flag Salute - Pledge of Allegiance led by October Super Student of the Month Ethan Horton.

**II. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Marianne Treanor, seconded by Marnie Carrick, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:03 pm to discuss Legal & Personnel issues.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

**III. RECONVENE**

Motion by Rebecca Petri, seconded by Kiersten Robbins, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 7:45 pm.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

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**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

Paul Barger reported the results of the community survey issued by the Board. A total of 320 surveys were received of which 36 were not counted for various reasons that Mr. Barger explained. Of the 284 counted surveys, 176 were in favor of continuing the send/receive relationship with the Phillipsburg School District, 87 were in favor of establishing a new send/receive relationship with the Delaware Valley Regional School District while 21 responses did not give an answer.

Mr. Barger said that question #2 on the survey dealt with allowing the students of Bloomsbury to have a choice of which high school they would attend in the form of establishing a send/receive agreement with DVRHS while also maintaining the current relationship with PHS. The results to this question were 150 in favor of having a choice, 87 not in favor of providing a choice with 47 abstentions in the form of non-answers.

Marianne Treanor said that the Board would not pursue the severing of the relationship with the Phillipsburg School District.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

The Board received a letter from Kevin Kerfoot expressing his interest in filling the vacant Board of Education seat. When asked why he was interested, Mr. Kerfoot said that he had one child in the district with another that would be attending Bloomsbury and wanted to do his part to ensure that they receive the best education possible.

Motion made by Marianne Treanor, seconded by Kiersten Robbins, to approve the appointment of Kevin Kerfoot to occupy the vacant Board of Education seat.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

Kevin Kerfoot was sworn in by Mr. Mantz.

**VI. PTO REPORT**

Beth Roles reported on the "Spooky Sprint" fundraiser sponsored by the PTO and discussed the upcoming holiday functions.

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**VIII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Purdy reported that there were no HIB incidents for September, October or November.

Mr. Purdy attended a FEMA meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> and discussed the potential for recovering any expenses incurred due to the power outage from Hurricane Sandy.

Mr. Purdy said that the school's QSAC review had been rescheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup>.

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Mr. Purdy said he would begin the first round of interviews for the Principal opening.

**IX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Scott Parker asked if the Board intended on moving forward with exploring a dual send/receive arrangement per the results of question #2 of the community survey. Mr. Barger said that the Board had not gotten a definitive answer from the Executive County Superintendent as to the feasibility of doing this. The Board might write to the NJ Commissioner of Education to see if this would be possible.

Mr. Parker asked if any personal epi-pens that were kept at the school would be replaced by FEMA.

Karyn Frey asked which Bloomsbury board member would be acting as the representative on the Phillipsburg Board of Education. This has not yet been decided.

Karen Murray asked how the Board would publicize the fact that they have decided not to pursue severing its relationship with Phillipsburg. The Board responded they made that statement at a public meeting and it would be reflected in the minutes.

Nicole Whalen asked how the eight days missed due to the power outage would be made up. Mr. Purdy said that was yet to be determined.

**X. ACTION ITEMS: Chief School Administrator's Recommendations**

CONSENT AGENDA: Matters listed within the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Board of Education and/or its standing committees, for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion.

**A. Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS**

Motion made by Kiersten Robbins, seconded by Marnie Carrick, to approve the following board affairs agenda item **1.1** through **1.5**;

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Kevin Kerfoot abstaining and Kiersten Robbins abstaining from 1.3.

- 1.1** To approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012 regular meeting.
- 1.2** To approve the minutes of the October 9, 2012 executive session.
- 1.3** To approve the minutes of the October 18, 2012 workshop meeting.
- 1.4** To approve the second reading and adoption of policy 5141.22 Food Allergies.
- 1.5** To approve the second reading and adoption of policy 6145 Extracurricular Activities.  
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**B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

Motion made by Marnie Carrick, seconded by Marianne Treanor, to approve the following business affairs agenda item **2.1** through **2.4**;

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Kevin Kerfoot abstaining.

- 2.1** To approve, on the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **September 2012** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 30, 2012**, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- 2.2** To approve, on the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **October 2012** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **October 31, 2012**, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(a)1 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- 2.3** To approve the November 26, 2012 current expense bill list for check numbers 13358 to 13414 totaling \$344,570.97.
- 2.4** To approve a contract with Strauss Esmay Associates, LLP to prepare the Bloomsbury District's Bylaw, Policy and Regulation Manuals at an initial cost of \$13,000, to be paid over three fiscal years, and an annual fee of \$2,395 for annual maintenance and access to the ELAN Database.

**C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS**

Motion made by Marianne Treanor, seconded by Rebecca Petri, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda item **3.0** through **3.4**;

Motions 3.0 – 3.2 and 3.4 carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Kevin Kerfoot abstaining.

Motion 3.3 did not pass.

- 3.0** To approve a maternity leave of absence for Michelle Duerring beginning 10/16/12 and ending 7/1/13 according to Article V of the "Agreement Between the Bloomsbury Board of Education and the Bloomsbury Education Association".
- 3.1** To approve Rosemaria A. Perretta to be a speech and language consultant for the 2012-13 school year, on an as-needed basis, at a rate of \$245 per speech only evaluation and \$280 per speech and language evaluation.
- 3.2** To approve Basil Homa as a substitute custodian for the 2012-13 school year.

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- 3.3** To approve Gia Puia as a substitute teacher for the 2012-13 school year.
- 3.4** To appoint the following stipend positions for the 2012-13 school year:  
ZUMBATOMIC Club (\$251)                      Dianna Arlotto

**D. Consent Agenda Motion: School Affairs**

Motion made by Rebecca Petri, seconded by Marnie Carrick, to approve the following school affairs agenda item **4.1** through **4.3**;

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Kevin Kerfoot abstaining.

**4.1** To approve the following building use requests:

- i. Greenwich Township Recreation Commission on Monday through Friday beginning 12/10/12 through 3/15/13 from 6:40 pm to 7:40 pm in the gym for basketball practice.
- ii. Ann Vitale on 12/5/12 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, 12/6/12 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 12/7/12 in the front hall for the book fair.
- iii. Bloomsbury Environmental Commission on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the library for meetings.

**4.2** To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:

- Deb Hill-Whipple to the “School Climate Improvement Workshop” on 11/15/12 in Budd Lake, NJ. Cost is mileage expense of \$20.15 (65 miles @ \$.31/mile).
- Kathleen Barbee to the “School Climate Improvement Workshop” on 11/15/12 in Budd Lake, NJ. Cost is mileage expense of \$20.15 (65 miles @ \$.31/mile).
- Linda Payne to the Professional Training in Autism and Applied Behavior Analysis Training on 1/17/13 & 1/18/13 in Monroe Township, NJ. Cost is \$150 registration fee and mileage expense of \$40.30 (130 miles @ \$.31/mile).
- Tara Baranowski to the Autism & Applied Behavior Analysis training on 1/17/13 & 1/18/13 in Monroe Township, NJ. Cost is \$150 registration and mileage expense of \$40.30 (130 miles @ \$.31/mile).
- Nancy Vitale to the Autism & Applied Behavior Analysis training on 1/17/13 & 1/18/13 in Monroe Township, NJ. Cost is \$150 registration and mileage expense of \$40.30 (130 miles @ \$.31/mile).

**4.3** To approve the following field trips:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to the Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm on 6/5/13 in Stroudsburg, PA.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to the Young Consumer Culminating Project at Shoprite on 4/17/13 in Greenwich, NJ.

**XI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Marianne Treanor said that the Personnel Committee would meet with the union to discuss the 2012-13 calendar revisions.

Marianne Treanor said that Board would have to appoint a representative to the Phillipsburg Board of Education for 2013 and asked that everyone check their availability going forward.

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Rebecca Petri discussed community communication during the power outage and ways it could be improved in the future.

**XII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chris Smith asked who from the Greenwich Recreation Committee submitted the facility use request. Mr. Smith was under the impression that the Bloomsbury gym would not be used and that he would confirm this for the Board.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. on a motion by Marianne Treanor, seconded by Kiersten Robbins.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz  
Board Secretary/B.A.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Member