

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved January 13, 2015

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President, Craig Levesque 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:

Craig Levesque 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 Express Times & The Star-Ledger posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present

Vice-President, Craig Levesque

Sara Dickinson

Rebecca Petri

Peggy Shelton

Absent

President, Kevin Kerfoot

Others Present

Maria Eppolite, Superintendent

Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Flag Salute - Pledge of Allegiance led by November Super Student of the Month Phoebe Montemurro

II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Jenniffer Marycz recognized those students named to the honor roll.

III. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

None

IV. PTO REPORT

None

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

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VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. 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 Rebecca Petri, seconded by Craig Levesque, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.4**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 To approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 executive session.

1.3 To approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

Policy 5305 Health Services Personnel

Policy 5308 Student Health Records

Policy 5310 Health Services

Policy 5339 Screening for Dyslexia

Policy 5530 Substance Abuse

Policy 8505 Wellness Policy

1.4 To abolish Policy 1522 School-Level Planning as it is no longer required per administrative code.

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by Peggy Shelton, seconded by Rebecca Petri, to approve the following business affairs agenda item **2.1** through **2.3**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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 **October 2014** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **October 31, 2014**, 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 the December 9, 2014 current expense bill list for check numbers 14491 to 14530 totaling \$259,572.58.

2.3 To approve renewing the Bloomsbury Board of Education's dental coverage with Bollinger, Inc. for the time period of 1/1/15 to 12/31/15 at a 2% increase in premium rates remaining over the current year.

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D. Consent Agenda Motion: School Affairs

Motion made by Sara Dickinson, seconded by Craig Levesque, to approve the following school affairs agenda item **4.1** through **4.2**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1 To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:

- Katie Scuderi to the “School Counselor Confidentiality Notes, Files and Health Plans vs. 504 Plans” on 12/12/14 in Ringoes, NJ. Cost is \$20 registration fee.
- Jenniffer Marycz to the “Bullying/Harassment and Students with Disabilities” workshop on 1/30/15 in New Providence, NJ. Cost is \$150 registration fee.

4.2 To approve the following field trips:

- K, 1st & 2nd grades to DeSales University on 4/14/15 in Center Valley, PA.
- 7th grade to Medieval Times on 4/17/15 in Lyndhurst, NJ.
- 3rd grade to the Shoprite of Greenwich on 6/9/15 in Greenwich, NJ.
- 3rd grade to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty on 5/26/15 in New York, NY.

Although allowing parents to provide transportation to field trips is permitted per Board policy, the Board expressed their concern regarding the general liability of allowing parents to drive. Additionally, some of those to be approved as parent drivers have since reconsidered. As a result, motion 4.3 was eliminated from the agenda for further consideration.

4.3 To approve the following parent drivers for the field trip to Clinton Township Middle School:

- Heather Horton
- Nicole Randazzo
- Jessica McNulty

IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Sara Dickinson told the Board about “Sustainable NJ” which is a certification program for municipalities and schools in New Jersey that want to go green, save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life over the long term. The group is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides tools, training and financial incentives to support and reward communities as they pursue sustainability programs.

Craig Levesque provided an overview of what was discussed at the previous town council meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Craig Levesque, seconded by Rebecca Petri, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:24 pm to discuss Student, Personnel and Legal issues.

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Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

XII. RECONVENE

Motion by Craig Levesque, seconded by Sara Dickinson, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 7:41 pm.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

Once returning to public session, the following motions were offered:

Motion made by Rebecca Petri, seconded by Peggy Shelton, to approve the following:

Code	School	Incident Date	Conclusion of HIB
1	Bloomsbury School	11/15/14	Not HIB

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Motion made by Peggy Shelton, seconded by Sara Dickinson, to approve moving Dana Nitzsche on the guide from Step 3, MA to Step 6, MA, effective January 1, 2015, for the 2014-15 school year.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm on a motion by Craig Levesque, seconded by Peggy Shelton.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Member