

**BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – January 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Approved February 13, 2018**

**I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

President, Craig Levesque  
Vice-President, Daniela Albright  
John Albright  
Kristin Santoro

Absent

Others Present

Dr. Jenniffer Marycz, Chief School Administrator  
Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Flag Salute - Pledge of Allegiance

**II. ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT**

Due to the inability of the Board to elect officers at the January 2<sup>nd</sup> re-organizational meeting, the matter was referred to the Hunterdon County Executive County Superintendent for resolution. Upon interviewing the interested candidates, the Executive County Superintendent appointed Craig Levesque as Board President and Daniela Albright as Board Vice-President.

**III. ESTABLISH BOARD COMMITTEES**

Motion by Craig Levesque, second by Daniela Albright, that be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education establishes the following Board Committees with the following board members appointed to each committee for the 2018 year:

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Policy/Personnel/Education	Craig Levesque chair, / Kristin Santoro
Finance/Building & Grounds	Daniela Albright chair, / John Albright
Negotiations	Daniela Albright chair, / Kristin Santoro
PHS Tuition	Daniela Albright chair, / Craig Levesque

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**V. PTO REPORT**

Renee Bickert reported that Friday would be “Incredible Kid Day”, the annual tricky tray has been rescheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>, March 16<sup>th</sup> the Organization would be hosting a St. Patrick’s Day family dance and auction and that the Gertrude Hawk fundraiser was on going.

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None

**VII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Dr. Marycz said that Sally Pulcini will be recognized as Bloomsbury’s Teacher of the Year and that Katie Scuderi will be recognized as ESP of the Year.

Dr. Marycz told the Board that state testing for science would now be referred to as the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment for Science. This test would be taken by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Dr. Marycz suggested that June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> be utilized to make up the two recent snow days.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**IX. 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 Craig Levesque, seconded by Kristin Santoro to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.4**;

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with John Albright abstaining from motion 1.1.

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**1.1** To approve the minutes of the December 12, 2017 regular meeting.

**1.2** To approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 re-organizational meeting.

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

- Policy 0169.02: Board Member Use of Social Networks
- Policy 3437: Military Leave
- Policy 4437: Military Leave
- Policy 5516.01: Student Tracking Devices
- Policy 7425: Lead Testing of Water in Schools
- Policy 7440: School District Security
- Policy 7441: Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
- Policy 8507: Breakfast Offer Versus Serve (OVS)
- Policy 8630: Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility
- Policy 9242: Use of Electronic Signatures
- Regulation 5460.1: High School Transcripts
- Regulation 7101: Education Adequacy of Capital Projects
- Regulation 7440: School District Security
- Regulation 7441: Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
- Regulation 8630: Emergency School Bus Procedures

**1.4** Be it resolved that the Bloomsbury Board of Education approves the filing of a waiver to exempt the Bloomsbury School District's participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) due to the fact that the district projects an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students.

**B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

Motion made by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kristin Santoro, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.4**;

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 **November 2017** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **November 30, 2017**, 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 **December 2017** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **December 31, 2017**, 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

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district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- 2.3** To approve the January 23, 2018 current expense bill list for check numbers 16043 to 16094 totaling \$383,726.65.
- 2.4** To approve the 60 month lease agreement beginning February, 2018 and ending January, 2023 with Municipal Capital Finance for the leasing of one copier at a rate of \$158 per month plus a per copy charge of \$.004 which includes maintenance service calls, preventative maintenance, parts, labor, drums toner and developer.

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

Motion made by Kristin Santoro, seconded by Craig Levesque, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.4**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve a contract with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2017-18 school year, beginning on January 1, 2018, to provide speech and language therapy services and/or evaluations two days a week at an hourly rate of \$80.
- 3.2** To approve Jenniffer Marycz as the district's School Safety Specialist.
- 3.3** To approve Deborah Czerna as a substitute teacher for the 2017-18 school year.
- 3.4** To approve Olivia Kapigian as an occupational therapist student assistant through Rockland Community College from March 26<sup>th</sup> through May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS**

Motion made by John Albright, seconded by Kristin Santoro, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.4**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1** To approve an after school Mandarin Language Club, to be conducted through Urban Movement, for one hour per week running from February 6<sup>th</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- 4.2** To approve a Girls on the Run club from March 5<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 4.3** To approve a tuition contract for placement of the identified student in the Lakeland Andover School for the 2017-18 school year, for the time period of 10/31/17 through 1/12/18, at an annual tuition rate of \$55,800 prorated for time in attendance.
- 4.4** To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:
- Graziella Woodruff and Deb Hill-Whipple to the Gang Awareness Training on 2/21/18 in Flemington, NJ. Cost is mileage expense reimbursement.

**X. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Kristin Santoro asked how the wildlife presentation was received. Dr. Marycz said that it went very well.

**XI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Tersigni referred to an online article in which NJ state officials released a school ranking based on numerous variables. He reviewed the scores and rankings of the Phillipsburg cluster schools and commented that Bloomsbury did quite well posting a score

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of 60.9 ranking them in the 67<sup>th</sup> percentile. He asked how the Board planned to keep the school viable for the next three to five years.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm on a motion by Craig Levesque, seconded by Daniela Albright.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz  
Board Secretary/B.A.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Member