

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved December 11, 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

II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marycz and Craig Levesque presented the first marking period honor roll awards.

III. PTO REPORT

Renee Bickert reported the Craft Fair went well and that they already have participants signed up for next year. Mrs. Bickert said the organization hosted a reverse costume swap in October, are working on a “glow in the dark” dance, will have cookies and coco with Santa along with pictures, a holiday shop and holiday babysitting on December 15th.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Craig Levesque said that he and Kristin Santoro met with representatives from the Bethlehem Township Board of Education to discuss potential shared services between the schools. Discussions will be on going.

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V. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz reported that parent/teacher conferences went well.

Dr. Marycz said that the district hosted a Veteran’s Day celebration the day before. The students sang songs and interviewed the six veterans that were in attendance. She thanked the BEA for providing lunch.

Dr. Marycz commended Dianna Pulcini for her efforts in assisting the staff in her capacity as a reading specialist.

Dr. Marycz stated that it was Bloomsbury’s turn to appoint a representative to the Phillipsburg Board of Education in 2019.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. 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 Daniela Albright, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.5**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 1.1** To approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 regular meeting.
- 1.2** To accept emergency aid in the amount of \$378,483 for the 2018-19 school year.
- 1.3** To approve the 2018-19 Mentoring Plan.
- 1.4** To approve the 2018-19 Professional Development Plan.
- 1.5** To approve the revised district curricula that is in compliance with the NJ Student Learning Standards and Next Generation Science Standards which includes: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies/History, Visual/Performing Arts, Dance & Theater, Comprehensive Health and PE, World Languages, 21st Century Life & Careers and Technology.

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by Daniela Albright, seconded by John Albright, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.2**;

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- 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 2018** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 30, 2018**, 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 November 13, 2018 current expense bill list for check numbers 16447 to 16485 totaling \$245,156.70.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by John Albright, seconded by Kristin Santoro, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.7**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve the Agreement between the Bloomsbury Board of Education and the Bloomsbury Education Association for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 as presented.
- 3.2** To approve Auburn Donaruma to be the advisor, for the three quarters, of the "Divide and Conquer Club" for grades K-4 to be paid per the contract.
- 3.3** To approve Jessica Patrick as a substitute teacher for the 2018-19 school year pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.4** To approve an unpaid leave of absence for Frank Piazza from October 29, 2018 through January 1, 2019.
- 3.5** To hire Lydia Lopez as a .45 FTE part-time teacher for the 2018-19 school year at a salary of \$22,652, Step 3 BA pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.6** To approve Karen Bolmarcich as the Yearbook Advisor for the 2018-19 school year to be paid per the contract.
- 3.7** To approve the Hybridge Learning Group to provide BCBA consultation and report writing services for the 2018-19 school year at an hourly rate of \$142.

D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Kristin Santoro, seconded by Daniela Albright, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.3**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1** To approve a tuition contract for the identified student to attend the Midland School for the 2018-19 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$69,094.20.
- 4.2** To approve the following field trips:
- 6th, 7th and 8th grade to the Kingwood Township School on 5/17/19 in Frenchtown, NJ.
 - 5th through 8th Student Council to Six Flags Great Adventure in May 2019 in Jackson, NJ.
 - 6th & 7th grade to the New Jersey State Museum on 4/16/19 in Trenton, NJ.

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

- Jenniffer Marycz, Angela Vinchur, Deb Hill-Whipple and Auburn Donaruma to the Social Emotional Learning Seminar on 11/14/18 in Kingwood, NJ. Cost is \$9.30 per person registration fee and mileage.
- Angela Vinchur to the Suicide Prevention Training on 12/12/18 in Annandale, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- Jenniffer Marycz to the NJSPRA Bond Referendums workshop on 12/5/18 in Clark, NJ.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Kaydeon Whidbee submitted a letter of interest for the vacant board of education seat. The Board reviewed the letter and interviewed Ms. Whidbee.

Kaydeon Whidbee was sworn in.

The Board discussed the current enrollment and how it might affect the FY20 budget.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Hill-Whipple, speaking on behalf of the BEA, stated that the Association did not appreciate Kristin Santoro's comments, made at the last meeting, regarding the salary guide.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Craig Levesque, seconded by Kristin Santoro, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:23 pm to discuss Student, Personnel and Legal issues.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

XI. RECONVENE

Motion by Craig Levesque, seconded by Kristin Santoro, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 8:06 pm.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 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,

Board Member