

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved March 27, 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 led by January Super Student of the Month Thomas Albright

II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marycz and Craig Levesque presented the honor roll awards.

III. PTO REPORT

Renee Bickert said that the PTO hosted “Incredible Kid Day” in Janaury and that upcoming events include a St. Patrick’s Day family dance on 3/16/18, a Teacher Auction with online bidding running from 3/2/18 until 3/16/18, the talent show on 4/20/18 and the Tricky Tray.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Policy/Personnel/Education

Daniela Albright stated that the Committee would be meeting with the teacher’s union on 3/14.

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B. Buildings & Grounds/Finance

Daniela Albright said that the Committee met to discuss the preliminary FY19 budget. She stated that the budget was sound for next year and should remain so going forward should enrollment remains steady.

V. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said that students are enrolling for the “Girls on the Run” and Mandarin clubs, the 100 day celebration was held this past Friday and that the district would be celebrating “Read Across America” during the month of March.

Dr. Marycz reviewed the proposed 2017-18 calendar revisions prompted by the last snow day.

Dr. Marycz told the Board that Linda Payne was resigning and thanked her for her years of service to the Bloomsbury School.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Tesigni inquired about motion 2.4 and asked what the Warren County Special Services School District (WCSSSD) was. Dr. Marycz responded.

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 Kristin Santoro to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.2**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 To approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the second reading and adoption 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

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- Regulation 7440: School District Security
- Regulation 7441: Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds
- Regulation 8630: Emergency School Bus Procedures

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 2.1** To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$6,827.15 for the period January 24, 2018 through February 13, 2018 as presented, noting that Commissioner approval was not required, as the year to date transfers on a cumulative basis did not exceed 10% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.
- 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 **January 2018** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **January 31, 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.
- 2.3** To approve the February 13, 2018 current expense bill list for check numbers 16095 to 16127 totaling \$213,893.05.
- 2.4** To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2018-2019 school year with an Administrative Fee of 4%.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Kristin Santoro, seconded by Daniela Albright, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.2**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve an increase in the substitute teacher and substitute aide per diem to \$90/day.
- 3.2** To accept Linda Payne's letter of resignation effective March 30, 2018.

Craig Levesque thanked Linda Payne for her years of service to the Bloomsbury School District. He stated that she was a wonderful asset to the school and that she will be missed.

D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by John Albright, seconded by Craig Levesque, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.3**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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4.1 To approve the 2018-19 school year calendar.

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

- Matt Garfein to the IPM Training on 4/20/18 in Bridgewater, NJ. Cost is mileage expense reimbursement.

4.3 To approve the following field trips:

- 8th grade to New York City and the NYC Cruise Spirit Cruiseline on 5/25/18 in New York, NY.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed changing the March meeting to a later date to accommodate the late release of state aid figures.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Tersigni asked which vendors WCSSSD used for transportation.

Mr. Tersigni asked the Board what Senator Doherty would need to assist Bloomsbury remain viable for the next 3-5 years. Daniela Albright said that the school's enrollment, and how it is constituted, is the key. If enrollment remains steady at the current levels, the district should be able to maintain its current status. Mr. Tersigni asked what the Board could ask the Senator to do to help the district. Two potential requests would be to consider bringing back the "Abbott School" status and to construct a clearer and more transparent funding formula that would allow schools to look ahead and anticipate potential fluctuations.

Mr. Tersigni asked how many choice seats the district has. Dr. Marycz said the school is currently allotted 34 seats. She is waiting for a response from the State regarding the district's projected choice enrollment and open seats.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm on a motion by Craig Levesque, seconded by Kristin Santoro.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Member