

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved September 11, 2018

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Craig Levesque called the meeting to order at 7:01 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
Kristin Santoro

Absent

John Albright arrived at 7:10 pm

Others Present

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

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II. PRESENTATIONS

None

III. PTO REPORT

Renee Bickert said that the PTO would be hosting an Ice Cream Social on the first day of school. Ms. Bickert reviewed the events scheduled for October.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

V. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said that the teacher's first professional development day was today and she thanked the PTO for providing breakfast, lunch and snacks. The second professional development day would be tomorrow.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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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 **1.4**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 1.1** To approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 regular meeting.
- 1.2** To approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 executive session.
- 1.3** To approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:
 - Policy 1613 Disclosure and Review of Applicant’s Employment History
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 - Policy 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying Investigation Procedure
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(Abolished)
 - Policy 5561 Uses of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities
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 - Policy 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs
- 1.4** To approve the Comegno Law Group to initiate the process of appealing the Bloomsbury School District's reduction in state aid for FY19 to the State of New Jersey.

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**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 2.1** To approve the August 28, 2018 current expense bill list for check numbers 16382 to 16394 totaling \$21,264.44.
- 2.2** To approve the Bloomsbury School District’s Emergency Aid Application to recover the loss of \$503,574 in state aid as it will cause irreparable harm to the district’s financial standing in future years resulting in the district being unable to provide a thorough and efficient education.

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C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by John Albright, seconded by Craig Levesque, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.2**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve the Agreement for Legal Services for the 2018-19 school year with the Comegno Law Group, P.C, beginning on November 1, 2018, to be billed at a rate of \$185 per hour including a not to exceed amount of \$850 for attendance at Board meetings.
- 3.2** To approve Renee Bickert as a substitute secretary for the 2018-19 school year pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Craig Levesque asked the Board if it were comfortable reaching out to the Bethlehem Township School District to gauge their interest in potential merging/consolidation discussions. The Board approved making contact. Dr. Marycz would reach out to Bethlehem's Superintendent.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 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