

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved October 8, 2019

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Daniela Albright 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:

Daniela Albright 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, Daniela Albright
Vice-President, Kristin Santoro
John Tufaro
Kaydeon Whidbee

Absent

John Albright

Others Present

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

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II. PRESENTATIONS

None

III. PTO REPORT

Renee Bickert said that Organization would be having its first meeting of the year on September 12th. She told the Board that that they conducted an ice cream social and that the Halloween Party in October will be their first big event.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

C. Negotiations Committee

Daniela Albright told the Board that the next meeting with the BEA is scheduled for September 24th.

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D. Bloomsbury Sustainability Committee

Daniela Albright reported the North Hunterdon Board of Education unanimously approved the feasibility study motion at their last meeting. Mrs. Albright said that she, Kristin Santoro, Dr. Marycz and Board Attorney John Comegno attended the Phillipsburg Board of Education meeting on August 12th to present the feasibility study motion. The Phillipsburg Board did not take action on the motion that evening and the Bloomsbury representatives sensed that the Phillipsburg was opposed to doing so. Regardless, the Board is currently looking for firms to conduct the feasibility study.

V. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said that start of school went very well and kids seem excited to be back. The school’s Open House is tomorrow.

Dr. Marycz told the Board that she had met with the Fire Marshall regarding replacing the fire doors. The administration will begin to replace these doors one at a time over the upcoming years. Dr. Marycz will issue a letter to the Fire Marshall stating the district’s intent going forward.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Deb Hill-Whipple asked if the fire doors were necessary in the building and at which locations.

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 Daniela Albright, 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 July 30, 2019 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the 2019-20 Bloomsbury School District Mentoring Plan.

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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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 **July 2019** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **July 31, 2019**, 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 September 10, 2019 current expense bill list for check numbers 16816 to 16861 totaling \$113,512.12.
- 2.3** To approve a Shared Services Agreement with the Bethlehem Township Board of Education for the purposes of sharing a Music Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year whereas the Bloomsbury Board of Education will reimburse the Bethlehem Township Board of Education an amount not to exceed \$21,322.95 of the total cost of the overall pay and benefit package of the Music Teacher provided.
- 2.4** To approve a Shared Services Agreement with the Bethlehem Township Board of Education for the purposes of sharing a Media Specialist for the 2019-2020 school year, on an as-needed basis, whereas the Bloomsbury Board of Education will reimburse the Bethlehem Township Board of Education in the amount of \$1,500 for services provided.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To hire Amy Elphick as a long-term maternity leave replacement teacher for the 2019-20 school year, beginning on August 26, 2019 through January 27, 2020, at a salary of \$50,138, Step 1 BA, prorated for time worked, pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A-6-7.6.

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 **4.5**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1** To approve a 2019-2020 tuition contract with the Warren County Technical School for 5 students at an annual tuition rate of \$4,100 per student, a transportation cost of \$750 per student plus a FY18 adjustment of (\$2,050) for a total contract cost of \$22,200.
- 4.2** To approve a 2019-2020 tuition contract with the Phillipsburg School District for 30 students at an annual tuition rate of \$15,312 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of (\$26,666) for a total of \$432,694.

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4.3 To approve the following field trips:

- Grades 5-8 to “The Diary of Anne Frank” on 11/18/19 in Branchburg, NJ.
- Grades 6-8 to “Youth and Prejudice: Reducing Hate, Lessons of the Holocaust Conference” on 11/21/19 in Allentown, PA.
- Grade 8 to “Michael Fallon Character Education Tolerance, Acceptance, Bullying, and Suicide Prevention” on 10/29/19 in Clinton, NJ.
- Grades 6-8 to the Holocaust Learning Experience on 4/21/20 – 4/23/20 in Washington, DC.
- PreK, K, and 1st grade to the West Portal Pumpkin Patch on 10/10/19 in Asbury, NJ.

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

- Katie Scuderi on 10/8/19 and Matt Garfein on 10/4/19 to the Fixed Facility Tabletop Exercise in Flemington, NJ. Cost is mileage expense.
- Jenniffer Marycz and Daniela Albright to attend the NJSBA Workshop 2019 on 10/21/19 – 10/24/19 in Atlantic City, NJ. Cost is \$750 registration, lodging and mileage expense.
- Daniela Albright, Jenniffer Marycz and Kristin Santoro to attend the Hunterdon County Safety Summit on 11/19/19 in Flemington, NJ. Cost is \$174 speaker contribution and mileage expense.
- Angela Matus to attend the “Ask the Liaison Hunterdon County McKinney Vento Session” on 9/20/19 in Flemington, NJ. Cost is mileage reimbursement.
- Jenniffer Marycz, Katie Scuderi, Matt Garfein, Angela Matus, Deb Hill-Whipple and Michele Duerring to attend CPI training in Belvidere, NJ. Cost is \$30/person registration and mileage expense.
- Jenniffer Marycz and Matt Garfein to attend the Heartsaver CPR/AED training on 10/2/19 in Flemington, NJ. Cost is \$60/person registration and mileage expense.

4.5 To approve 7th and 8th grade students to babysit during PTO meetings.

VIII. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Kaydeon Whidbee asked if there was a way to alleviate all of the morning traffic in the front of the school. Dr. Marycz said that there still is not a crossing guard available and that, in lieu of that fact, if the State Police are not available, it is difficult to regulate.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm on a motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kristin Santoro.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Board Member