

**BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Approved February 14, 2023**

**I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President, Daniela Albright 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:**

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, Kaydeon Whidbee  
Gabriel Lyons  
John Tufaro

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**

Jada Decker said the Holiday/New Year’s breakfast was done on January 6<sup>th</sup> and went very well. She said the PTO is looking to reschedule the Ice Cream Social and might couple it with Paint Night. The Organization will be running a candy gram for Valentine’s Day and organizing a 5K Fun Run in the Spring.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**D. Bloomsbury Sustainability Committee**

Dr. Marcyz said that the Porzio firm should have a draft petition to the Board by the end of the month.

**V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Sarah Kate Bickert reported on the present activities of the Student Council.

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

Dr. Marycz told the Board that she, Diane Mandry and Seth Cohen would be meeting with Senator Oroho’s office regarding the Alpha/Bloomsbury/Pohatcong seat on the Phillipsburg Board of Education.

Dr. Marycz said the school was not aware of the road closures in town until it happened and that there was a potential for a water shut off but this has not been confirmed.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VIII. 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 Kaydeon Whidbee, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1** through **1.5**;

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

- 1.1** To approve the minutes of the December 13, 2022 regular meeting.
- 1.2** To approve the minutes of the January 3, 2023 reorganization meeting.
- 1.3** 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.
- 1.4** To approve the district’s Student Safety Data System Report for period one (August 31, 2022 through December 31, 2022) reporting no incidents leading to removal, no HIB alleged, two HIB trainings and five HIB programs.
- 1.5** To approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:
  - P 1648.11 The Road Forward COVID-19 – Health and Safety (M) (Abolished)
  - P 1648.13 School Employee Vaccination Requirements (M) (Abolished)
  - P 0152 Board Officers (Revised)
  - P 0161 Call, Adjournment, and Cancellation (Revised)
  - P 0162 Notice of Board Meetings (Revised)
  - P & R 2423 Bilingual and ESL Education (M) (Revised)
  - P 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (Revised)
  - R 2425 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program (M) (New)
  - P & R 5200 Attendance (M) (Revised)
  - P 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) (Revised)
  - P 8140 Student Enrollments (M) (Revised)

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- R 8140 Enrollment Accounting (M) (Revised)
- P & R 8330 Student Records (M) (Revised)
- R 8420.2 Bomb Threats (M) (Revised)
- R 8420.7 Lockdown Procedures (M) (Revised)
- R 8420.10 Active Shooter (M) (Revised)

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

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

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 2022** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of **November 30, 2022**, 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 January 10, 2023 current expense bill list for check numbers 18396 to 18429 totaling \$283,874.30.

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

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To hire Wes Santo as a part-time custodian for the 2022-23 school year, beginning on January 11<sup>th</sup>, to work 5 hours a day, 5 days a week at a rate of \$20 an hour pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.2** To hire Madison Hesse as a substitute teacher for the 2022-23 school year pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.

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

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1** To approve the 2023-24 school year calendar.
- 4.2** To approve the following field trips:
  - Grades 6-8 to the Clinton Township Middle School on 2/22/23 in Clinton, NJ.
  - Grade 6 to the JA Education Center on 4/18/23 in Edison, NJ.

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

- Karen Bolmarcich on 1/26/23 & 1/27/23 to the Techspo'23 Conference in Atlantic City, NJ. Cost is \$325 registration, lodging, M&IE and mileage expense.
- Katie Scuderi on 2/3/23 to take the online "Section 504 Law in NJ Today" seminar. Cost is \$119.99 registration.

**IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

None

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm on a motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz  
Board Secretary/B.A.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board Member