

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

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, Kaydeon Whidbee
Gabriel Lyons
John Tufaro

Absent

John Albright

Others Present

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

Flag Salute

II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marycz and Daniela Albright conducted the Honor Roll presentation.

III. PTO REPORT

Jada Decker said they held a candy gram fundraiser for Valentine’s Day, the book fair was scheduled for 3/20/23 through 3/27/23 and that in-person PTO meetings will begin next month.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

D. Bloomsbury Sustainability Committee

Dr. Marcyz said that the petition to terminate the send/receive relationship with the Phillipsburg School District has been submitted to the NJDOE as well as Phillipsburg.

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 said the grades 6-8 “lock in” went very well and the students had a great time. She also reported that the road construction around the school had concluded, referred to the motion approving a full day PreK program on the agenda and told the Board the Field Day Committee is beginning to plan Field Day.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:07 pm to discuss Student, Personnel and Legal issues.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

VIII. RECONVENE

Motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 7:30 pm.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

X. 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 **1.2**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 To approve the minutes of the January 10, 2023 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the second reading and adoption 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)

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- P 5512 Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (M) (Revised)
- P 8140 Student Enrollments (M) (Revised)
- 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 Gabriel Lyons, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.6**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 2.1** To approve the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **December 2022** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **December 31, 2023**, after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC 6A:23A-16.10a 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 February 14, 2023 current expense bill list for check numbers 18430 to 18474 totaling \$280,780.77.
- 2.3** To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2023-2024 school year with an Administrative Fee of 4.5%.
- 2.4** To approve the 60 month lease agreement beginning March, 2023 and ending February, 2028 with Municipal Capital Finance for the leasing of two copiers at a rate of \$354 per month, plus a per copy charge of \$.005 for back copies and \$.055 for color copies, which includes maintenance service calls, preventative maintenance, parts, labor, drums toner and developer.
- 2.5** To accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor’s Management Report on Administrative Findings for the Year Ending June 30, 2022 and order that a copy be filed in the business office and with the New Jersey Department of Education.
- 2.6** To acknowledge that there were no audit recommendations under the following headings and to approve the corrective action plan.

Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2022

Schedule of findings of Non-Compliance None

Summary of Recommendations

- 1. Administrative Practices and Procedures None
- 2. Financial Accounting and Reporting None
- 3. School Purchasing Programs None
- 4. School Food Service None
- 5. Student Body Activities None
- 6. Applications for State School Aid None

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7. Pupil Transportation	None
8. Facilities and Capital Assets	None
9. Miscellaneous	None
10. Follow-up on prior year findings	None

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 **3.3**;

Motions 3.1 and 3.3 carried by unanimous roll call vote. Motion 3.2 was defeated unanimously.

- 3.1** To approve a FMLA maternity leave of absence for Taylor Gibson from September 5, 2023 through December 4, 2023 in accordance to Article V of the “Agreement Between the Bloomsbury Board of Education and the Bloomsbury Education Association”.
- 3.2** To approve a paternity leave of absence for Zach Moyer from May 14, 2023 through August 23, 2023.
- 3.3** To approve Work Family Connection to provide after school care at a rate of \$375/month for 5 days/week, 2 hrs/day for 10 participating students or \$600/month for 5 days/week, 2 hrs/day for 8 or less participating students.

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 instituting a full day Pre-kindergarten program for the 2023-24 school year for four and five year old students and to increase the preschool program to five days a week from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm for three year old students.
- 4.2** To approve a Pre-kindergarten tuition rate of \$6,000 for four and five year old students and \$3,500 for the three year old students for the 2023-24 school year.
- 4.3** To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:
 - Andrew Kennedy on 3/19/23 through 3/22/23 to the NJSBGA Expo & Conference in Atlantic City, NJ. Cost is \$325 registration, lodging, M&IE and mileage expense.

XI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Dr Marycz told the Board she had received a response from Senator Oroho’s office regarding Alpha/Bloomsbury/Pohatcong representation on the Phillipsburg Board of Education. The response indicated that the Senator would attempt to amend the current bill to lower the combined enrollment ceiling to 10% of the overall population.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 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,

Board Member