

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved October 10, 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
John Albright
Gabriel Lyons
John Tufaro

Absent

Others Present

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

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II. PRESENTATIONS

-Security Benefit representative Don Wiley presented his company's financial investing options for the staff.

III. PTO REPORT

Dr. Marycz read the report issued by new PTO President Wendy Parcell. Ms. Parcell was excited to announce an ice cream social, Fall Festival and skate night planned for September as well as a teacher auction to be announced at Back to School Night.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Marycz said she had received a draft of Bloomsbury's responses to Phillipsburg's interrogatories which was due on Friday.

V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

None

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VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz told the Board that the start of the school year went smoothly and the year was off to a great start. Back to School Night will be held on Thursday and sign-ups for November parent/teacher conferences would be forthcoming.

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 **1.4**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 To approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:

P&R 1642.01 Sick Leave

P&R 2419 School Threat Assessment Teams

1.3 To approve the High Impact Tutoring Grant.

1.4 To approve the NJDOE School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act Current Reporting Year 2022-2023 Self-Assessment Score of 71/78.

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 **2.3**;

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 **July 2023** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **July 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 September 12, 2023 current expense bill list for check numbers 18700 to 18754 totaling \$197,550.54.

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2.3 To approve a Shared Services Agreement with the Pohatcong Township Board of Education for the purposes of sharing an Art Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year whereas the Bloomsbury Board of Education will reimburse the Pohatcong Township Board of Education an amount not to exceed \$30,396 of the total cost of the overall pay and benefit package of the Art Teacher provided.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

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

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3.1 To approve Kathryn Sniscak as a substitute teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

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 **4.8**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4.1 To approve the 2023-24 tuition contract with the Warren County Technical School District for 4 students at an annual tuition rate of \$5,315 per student, plus a prior year adjustment of (\$19,624), for a total of \$1,636.

4.2 To approve the 2023-2024 tuition contract with the Phillipsburg School District for 19 students at an annual tuition rate of \$15,750 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of \$63,998 for a total of \$363,248.

4.3 To approve the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District's learning language disability program for the 2023-24 school year at an annual tuition cost of \$21,034.

4.4 To approve the placement of the identified student in the Hunterdon County Vocational School District's Computer Science and Engineering Academy for the 2023-24 school year at an annual tuition cost of \$12,861.

4.5 To approve the revised 2023-24 school year calendar.

4.6 To approve the bus evacuation drill done on September 13, 2023.

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

- Jenniffer Marycz to attend the Annual Hunterdon County Superintendent's Conference on 10/5/23 & 10/6/23 in Shawnee, PA. Cost is \$224 registration, lodging, mileage and M&IE.
- Wes Santo to attend the IPM Training Session on 10/27/23 in Washington, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- Katie Scuderi to attend the 32nd Annual School Health Conference on 10/18/23 in Somerset, NJ. Cost is \$235 registration plus mileage.

4.8 To approve the following field trips:

- Student Council to Six Flags Great Adventure on 5/29/24 in Jackson, NJ.
- PK-2 to the West Portal Pumpkin Patch on 10/13/23 in Asbury, NJ.

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PK-2 to Desales University on 3/19/24 in Center Valley, PA.

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 7:28 pm on a motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Board Member