

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved January 23, 2024

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
John Albright
Gabriel Lyons
John Tufaro

Absent

Others Present

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

Flag Salute

II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marycz and Daniela Albright presented the Honor Roll awards.

III. PTO REPORT

None

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Marycz said that the hearing in front of an Administrative Law Judge had been pushed back to May.

Daniela Albright commented that the Board was in receipt of a letter from the Hunterdon County DOE Executive Superintendent Juan Torres stating that Bloomsbury will again not a representative on the Phillipsburg Board of Education as Bloomsbury students account for 1.12% of the high school enrollment.

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V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Kim Gasparovic said that the Winter Dance held last Friday went very well. In January the student council will host an indoor snowball fight as a fundraiser to collect socks to donate to those in need. In February the student council is planning a “lock in” and the Valentine’s Day Dance.

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz told the Board that the Holiday Shop will be conducted on 12/18 through 12/20, the Holiday Concert will be on 12/22 and the PTO Bazaar and Holiday Luncheon for the staff on the 23rd.

Dr. Marycz reviewed the FY25 school calendar on the agenda for approval.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Shelly Fulper stated that her daughter would be interested in helping with the talent show. Dr. Marycz said that the PTO ran the program and suggested she reach out to them.

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 item **1.1**;

Motion carried by roll call vote. All voted in the affirmative with Kaydeon Whidbee abstaining.

1.1 To approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 regular meeting.

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 **2.4**;

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 **October 2023** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **October 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

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that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- 2.2 To approve the December 12, 2023 current expense bill list for check numbers 18853 to 18885 totaling \$256,488.52.
- 2.3 To approve the purchase of the McGraw Hill Teen Health textbook six year digital subscription for middle school at a cost of \$1,808.10.
- 2.4 To approve the following motion:

WHEREAS, the District, heretofore has maintained the Bloomsbury School District 403(b) ("the Plan") for the benefit of its eligible employees; and

WHEREAS, the District has reserved the right to amend the Plan at any time; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District has determined that it would be in the best interests of the district to amend the Plan;

NOWHEREFORE, be it:

RESOLVED, that the Plan shall be amended to add Security Benefit as an approved vendor effective as soon as administratively possible after the signature date.

And be it further:

RESOLVED. That the officers of the District hereby are authorized to execute such documents and to take other additional actions as they shall deem necessary or appropriate to effect the foregoing resolutions.

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 approve Megan LaFrance as a long term leave replacement for the 2023-24 school year, beginning on 12/12/23, at a daily rate of \$300.
- 3.2 To approve Kimberley Cammarota as a substitute teacher for the 2023-24 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 **4.2**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1 To approve a contract with the Phillipsburg School District for a personal aide for the identified student for the 2023-24 school year at an annual cost of \$34,020.
- 4.2 To approve the 2024-25 school year calendar.

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IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Board scheduled its reorganization meeting for January 3rd at 6:00 pm.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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