

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved March 12, 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

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II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marycz presented the Honor Roll recipients.

III. PTO REPORT

None

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:01 pm to discuss Student, Personnel and Legal issues.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

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V. RECONVENE

Motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 7:12 pm.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Daniela Albright stated that a representative from the Porzio law firm would attend the March 12th meeting to provide an update on the feasibility study defense.

VII. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Dr. Marycz said that the Student Council conducted an overnight lock in a couple weeks ago that went well and reviewed upcoming events.

VIII. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said that NJSLA scheduling is being done.

Upcoming events were the Spring Concert, Art Show and the Drama Club presentation in April.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Tersigni said that he had heard that the North Hunterdon-Vorhees Board of Education had approved Bloomsbury students to attend North Hunterdon High School and asked if any Bloomsbury who wanted to attend North Hunterdon was now able. If that was the case, he inquired about the tuition rated.

Dr. Marycz said that nothing has been approved regarding North Hunterdon and the send/receive with Phillipsburg High School is still in effect. She said that the Bloomsbury Board of Education is still working on terminating the send/receive with Phillipsburg High School and that our attorneys are involved and working on this.

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 **1.3**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 To approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 regular meeting.

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1.2 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.

1.3 To approve the following Board of Education goals for the 2023-24 school year:

- Strengthen community partnerships: Collaborating with local organizations and businesses to provide students with diverse learning opportunities.
- To continue the possibility of terminating the send/receive relationship with the Phillipsburg School District and to solidify becoming part of the North Hunterdon Regional High School regionalization.

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 roll call vote. All members voted in the affirmative with Daniela Albright abstaining from check 18965.

- 2.1** To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$7,736.16 for the period January 24, 2024 through February 26, 2024 as presented, noting that Commissioner approval was not required as the year to date transfers on a cumulative basis do not exceed 10% pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1.
- 2.2** To approve the February 26, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 18938 to 18989 totaling \$356,482.69.
- 2.3** To approve a public school services contract with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2024-25 school year per the service rate proposal.

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 **3.6**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3.1 To appoint the following stipend positions for the 2023-24 school year to be paid at the contract specified rate:

Dance Club (1 quarter) Brooke Moyle

- 3.2** To accept Maureen Woerner's letter of resignation effective March 8, 2024.
- 3.3** To accept Zachary Moyer's letter of resignation effective April 12, 2024.
- 3.4** To accept Patti Fischer's letter of retirement effective February 1, 2024.
- 3.5** To hire Jessica Hanics as Treasurer for the 2023-24 school year, beginning on 2/16/24, at a salary of \$7,000 prorated for time worked.
- 3.6** To hire Lisa Ribaldo as part-time paraprofessional for the 2023-24 school year, beginning March 11th, at an annual salary of \$22,754, prorated for time worked, pending criminal history check and approval N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.

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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 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 2024-25 school year.

4.2 To approve the following field trips:

- Grades 6-8 to RVCC on 2/29/24 in Branchburg, NJ.

XI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

None

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 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