

**BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Approved June 4, 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  
Gabriel Lyons  
John Tufaro

Absent

John Albright

Others Present

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

Flag Salute

**II. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**III. PTO REPORT**

Dr. Marycz said that the PTO currently has no officers and therefore is currently not operating. She and former officers have been going through the organization's financials and previous issues trying to bring everything to current. It is her hope that officials could be elected in earnest in the Fall and the PTO regains its status. Dr. Marycz and teachers have taken over the planning of Field Day.

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**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dr. Marycz said that the first hearing day on May 10<sup>th</sup> was interesting and productive in the Board's favor. It seems that Phillipsburg would like to pull out of the hearing altogether and strike an agreement which would see Bloomsbury having a dual send/receive with both the North Hunterdon Regional High School and Phillipsburg High School for the next four years terminating should Bloomsbury become part of the regional. In this scenario, Phillipsburg would charge Bloomsbury the same rate that North Hunterdon would charge. The goal of tomorrow's hearing is to work out a suitable deal for this to happen. Should a deal be agreed upon, Bloomsbury would pass it at their June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting and Phillipsburg at their June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Kim Gasparovic said that the council is wrapping up the school year with the Summer Kickoff scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> being the last event.

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

Dr. Marycz said the district is finishing up state testing and she is excited to have a middle school science teacher on the agenda for hire.

**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 **1.2**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**1.1** To approve the minutes of the April 30, 2024 regular meeting.

**1.2** To approve the application for \$2,000 for the NJ School Insurance Safety Program grant.

**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 **2.6**;

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 **April 2024** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **April 30, 2024**, after review of the

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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 May 14, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 19075 to 19097 totaling \$73,534.11.
- 2.3** To approve an agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission to provide a Speech and Language Specialist for the ESY'24 at \$96/hr and 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$78,842.64 for salary plus benefit costs.
- 2.4** To approve the Shared Services Agreement with the Pohatcong Township Board of Education for contracted Speech & Language Specialist Services for the 2024-25 school year whereas the Pohatcong Township Board of Education will reimburse the Bloomsbury Board of Education 60% of the overall cost of the Specialist.
- 2.5** To approve an agreement with Maschio's Food Service, Inc. to provide operation and management of the district's food service program for the 2024-25 school year, at a total cost of contract of \$49,071.03, for a management fee of \$7,665 with no guarantee.
- 2.6** 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 **3.3**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve Allison Peck to provide physical therapy services for the 2024-25 school year at an hourly rate of \$89.
- 3.2** To hire Stevielynn Ader as a full-time teacher for the 2024-2025 school year at Step 2, BA pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.3** To appoint the following stipend positions for the 2024-25 school year to be paid at the contract specified rate:

Art Club Advisor PK-3 (1 quarter)	Troudai Ayoub
Book Club Advisor 6-8 (2 quarters)	Connie Hynes
Dungeons & Dragons Club Advisor 6-8 (2 quarters)	Karen Bolmarcich

**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 the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District's ESY'23 program at a tuition and personal aide cost of \$4,893.76.
- 4.2** To approve the following field trips:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Junior Achievement Biztown Simulation on 4/8/25 in Edison, NJ.

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**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 7:14 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