

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved September 10, 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

None

III. PTO REPORT

Dr. Marycz met with former PTO members who will help to put the organization's affairs in order to start the new year. There will be a special officer election in the fall.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

None

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said that the school has been quite busy over the summer thus far. The

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building is undergoing a boiler replacement, HVAC installations in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classrooms along with internal and external painting. On the educational front, Learning Academies and the ESY program encompassing all grades has been taking place as well. Overall, its been a great and productive summer.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul McCullen said that he supports motion 1.8 and the move to the North Hunterdon Regional High School. He is happy for the students and community that this is taking place.

Kristin Santoro stated that she also supports motion 1.8. She thanked the Board and administration for seeing the transition to the North Hunterdon Regional High School through and for all of their efforts to get to this point. She said that the Board has been completely transparent throughout the process, which has been on agendas and spoken about in public meetings for years and that this in no way be considered a “surprise”.

Kim Gasparovic, on behalf of the BEA, supports the Board and administration’s efforts to establish a relationship with the North Hunterdon Regional High School. She thanked the Board and Dr. Marycz for doing all they could to support the children of the district and doing whatever they can to provide the best educational opportunities possible.

Rich Maraventano supports the transition to the North Hunterdon Regional High School and doesn’t understand those that oppose the change.

Amy McKinsey stated that she supports that transition and thanked the Board for all of its efforts.

Diana Pulcini asked about the voting process to so that Bloomsbury would officially become part of the North Hunterdon regionalization. Dianna Albright explained the process for regionalization and the initial send/receive relationship the district would have with North Hunterdon until the regionalization could be voted upon.

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 **1.8**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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- 1.1** To approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 regular meeting.
- 1.2** To approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 executive session.
- 1.3** 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 77/78.
- 1.4** To approve the district’s Student Safety Data System Report for period two (January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024) reporting no incidents leading to removal, no HIB alleged, no restraints/seclusions, six HIB trainings and thirteen HIB programs.
- 1.5** To approve the submission and acceptance of the application for “Elementary and Secondary Education Act” (ESEA) fiscal year 2025 in the following amounts:
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| Title I: | \$ 0 |
| Title IIA: | \$ 1,994 |
| Title IV: | \$ 0 |
| Total Allocation: | \$ 1,994 |
- 1.6** To approve the submission and acceptance of the application for “Individuals with Disabilities Education Act” (IDEA) fiscal year 2025 in the following amounts:
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| Basic: | \$ 32,569 |
| Preschool: | \$ 711 |
| Total Allocation: | \$ 33,280 |
- 1.7** To approve the first reading of the following policies and regulations:
- P 0141 Board Member Number and Term (Revised)
 - P 0141.1 Board Member Number and Term – Sending District (Revised)
 - P 0141.2 Board Member Number and Term – Receiving District (Revised)
 - P 0164.6 Remote Public Board Meetings During a Declared Emergency (M) (Abolished)
 - P 2200 Curriculum Content (M) (Revised)
 - P & R 3160 Physical Examination (M) (Revised)
 - P & R 4160 Physical Examination (M) (Revised)
 - R 5200 Attendance (M) (Revised)
 - P 5337 Service Animals (Revised)
 - P 5350 Student Suicide Prevention (M) (Revised)
 - P 7231 Gifts From Vendors (M) (Abolished)
 - P 8420 Emergency and Crisis Situations (M) (Revised)
 - P & R 8467 Firearms and Weapons (M) (Revised)
 - P 9181 Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Activity Advisors/Assistants (Revised)

- 1.8** To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on or about February 14, 2023, the Bloomsbury Board of Education filed a petition with the Commissioner of Education seeking to terminate its current sending-receiving for its high school students with the Phillipsburg Board of Education and enter into a new sending-receiving relationship with the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education to educate Bloomsbury’s students in grades 9-12, and thereafter seek to become a

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constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District through the regionalization process as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined it is in the best interest of the District to amicably resolve the matter and avoid the uncertainty and expense of legal action, thereby allowing the Petition to proceed uncontested; and

WHEREAS, members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the termination of the existing sending-receiving agreement and the proposed new sending-receiving relationship between Bloomsbury and North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional in accordance with the uncontested procedure set forth in *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-6.1*.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education opens the public comment period, in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-6.1*, and formally announces the following:

On or about February 14, 2023, the Bloomsbury Board of Education filed a petition with the Commissioner of Education seeking to terminate its current sending-receiving for its high school students with the Phillipsburg Board of Education and enter into a new sending-receiving relationship with the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education to educate Bloomsbury's students in grades 9-12, and thereafter seek to become a constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District through the regionalization process as provided by law.

The record for public comment will be open for twenty days from today. Comments should be addressed to the Commissioner of Education, c/o Director, Office of Controversies and Disputes, New Jersey Department of Education, 100 River View Plaza, PO Box 500, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0500. Comments shall not exceed 10 pages in length, shall be served on all parties to the case, shall include proof of such service when filed with the Commissioner, and shall specifically address the following statutory standard for the Commissioner's review of applications for change in designation, allocation, or apportionment: "Comments shall address the question of whether the proposed change in designation, allocation, or apportionment will result in a substantial negative impact in any of the affected school districts in one or more of the following areas: educational and financial implications; quality of education received by students; and racial composition of the student populations." Comments must be served on the Commissioner of Education as set forth above, the Bloomsbury Board of Education and the Phillipsburg Board of Education, in person or by mail in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:3-1.2* and *1.3*.

Upon passing motion j1.8, Daniela Albright read the Board announcement commencing the public comment period.

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 **2.7**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2.1 To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$193,729.09 for the period June 5, 2024 through June 30, 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 acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **May 2024** and further that, in compliance with *NJAC 6A:23A-*

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16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **May 31, 2024**, 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

- 2.3** To approve the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **June 2024** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **June 30, 2024**, 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
- 2.4** To approve the June 30, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 19141 to 19197 totaling \$421,182.04
- 2.5** To approve the July 30, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 19198 to 19232 totaling \$134,791.72.
- 2.6** To approve a contract with the Language Learning Network to provide sign language instruction services for the 2024-25 school year at annual cost of \$27,000 until the teacher receives certification and then \$10,000 will be added to the cost prorated for the time the certification is obtained.
- 2.7** To approve a contract with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission to provide a Preschool Instructional Coach for the 2024-25 school year at a rate of \$75.50 per hour.

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 Laney Lemasters for an additional 16 hours for mural painting to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.
- 3.2** To approve Kevin Snyder as substitute custodian for the 2024-25 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 **4.7**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1** To approve the 2024-25 District Professional Development Plan.
- 4.2** To approve the 2024-25 Indoor Air Quality Plan.
- 4.3** To approve the 2024-25 Integrated Pest Management Plan.
- 4.4** To approve a contract for the placement of the identified student in the North Hunterdon-Vorhees Regional School District's special education program for the 2024-25 year at an annual tuition of \$49,304.85.

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- 4.5 To approve two hours of online CPI training for Catherine Hoben to be paid at the contractually hourly rate.
- 4.6 To approve the placement of the identified student in the Hunterdon County Vocational School District's Computer Science and Engineering Academy for the 2024-25 school year at an annual tuition cost of \$8,062.
- 4.7 To approve the following field trips:
- 8th grade to the Mykee Fowlin presentation on 11/14/24 in Clinton, NJ.

IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul McCullen said that the Town Council does not currently have a location due to mold issues. He suggested that maybe the Board and Council could work together to establish a common administrative location.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 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