

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved November 12, 2024

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President, Kaydeon Whidbee called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Kaydeon Whidbee 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

Vice-President, Kaydeon Whidbee
Gabriel Lyons
John Tufaro

Absent

President, Daniela Albright
John Albright

Others Present

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

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II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marycz presented the NJSLA testing results.

III. PTO REPORT

Jessica Flizack told the Board that the PTO has been reestablished, officers have been elected and a meeting schedule has been established. She discussed upcoming events and fundraisers.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

None

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said the District just finished its “Week of Respect” event which was well received.

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Dr. Marycz reported that there have been repeated issues on the playground after school hours which is not the responsibility of the district to address. Should these issues continue, the gates to the playground will be locked with trespassers being reported to the police.

Dr. Marycz said that parent/teacher conferences would begin the first week in November.

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 Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by John Tufaro, 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 September 10, 2024 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).

1.3 To approve the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (M-1).

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by John Tufaro, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.3**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2.1 To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$51.74 for the period September 11, 2024 through October 16, 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 **September 2024** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 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

2.3 To approve the October 16, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 19294 to 19341 totaling \$422,777.70.

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D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by John Tufaro, to approve the following school affairs agenda items **4.1** through **4.9**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1** To approve a 2024-25 tuition contract with the Warren County Technical School District for 5 students at an annual tuition rate of \$3,000 per student, minus prior year adjustments in the amount of \$4,902, for a total of \$10,098.
- 4.2** To approve a 2024-25 tuition contract with the Phillipsburg School District for 17 students at an annual tuition rate of \$16,830 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of (\$18,979.20) for a total of \$267,130.80.
- 4.3** To approve the placement of the identified students in the Phillipsburg School District's learning language disabilities program for the 2024-25 school year at an annual tuition rate of \$21,665.70 and a personal aide cost of \$35,154 for a total cost of \$56,819.70.
- 4.4** To approve the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District's ESY'24 program at a total cost of \$5,050.72.
- 4.5** To approve the 2024-25 Nursing Services Plan.
- 4.6** To approve the 2025-26 Three Year Preschool Program Plan and Annual Update.
- 4.7** To approve the revised 2024-25 school year calendar.
- 4.8** To approve the following field trips:
 - Grades PreK-2 to the West Portal Pumpkin Patch on 10/25/24 in Asbury, NJ.
 - Grades PreK-2 to DeSales University on 3/27/25 in Center Valley, PA.
 - 6th grade to the Junior Achievement BizTown Simulation Trip on 4/8/25 in Edison, NJ.
 - Grades 6-8 to Medieval Times on 1/17/25 in Lyndhurst, NJ.
 - Grades 3-5 to the Lehigh Valley Zoo on 4/25/25 in Schnecksville, PA.
- 4.9** To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:
 - Auburn Donaruma and Brooke Moyle to virtually attend I&RS Team Training on 10/17/24. Cost is \$178 registration each.
 - Troudai Ayoub and Nancy Vitale to attend Preschool Creative Curriculum Training on 10/14/24. Cost is mileage.
 - Kim Gasparovic and Catherine Hoben to attend a meeting at the Warren County Technical School on 10/10/24. Cost is mileage.
 - Catherine Hoben to attend the Hunterdon County Special Education Meetings monthly in Flemington, NJ. Cost is mileage.
 - Kim Gasparovic to attend the CPIS Workshop Series for Preschool on 11/20/24 and 12/14/25 in Trenton, NJ. Cost is mileage.
 - Kim Gasparovic and Catherine Hoben to attend the HCVSD High School CST scheduling process and information session on 10/25/24 in Flemington, NJ. Cost is mileage.
 - Kim Gasparovic to attend the North Hunterdon High School scheduling process and information session on 10/14/24 in Annandale, NJ. Cost is mileage.

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- Katie Scuderi to attend PD for nursing knowledge on 10/16/24 in Somerset, NJ. Cost is \$250 registration and mileage.
- Catherine Hobin to attend the Mental Health Toolbox seminar on 10/30/24 in West Orange, NJ. Cost is mileage.

IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Marycz provided the rationale behind the 2024-25 calendar revision.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm on a motion by Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by John Tufaro.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Member