

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

Dr. Marycz and Kaydeon Whidbee presented the honor roll awards.

III. PTO REPORT

Jessica Flizack told the Board that the PTO conducted Red Ribbon Week and pie sale fundraisers. They are planning a breakfast with Santa event for December 7th.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dr. Marycz said that the Porzio group did not have an update on when the Commissioner of Education might make a decision on Bloomsbury's transfer to the North Hunterdon Regional High School.

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V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Elsa Holtz said that the Student Council was planning a Parent’s Night Out, conducted a “Food Wars” food drive and will be going to a retirement home for the holidays to interact with the residents.

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said that parent/teacher conferences had concluded and was happy to report nearly a 100% participation rate.

Dr. Marycz said the district is undergoing QSAC this year and is in the process of gathering the appropriate information required per the DPR’s.

Dr. Marycz thanked those staff that helped to move 5 classrooms in order to make more space for the PreK class.

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 **1.3**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 To approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the Memorandum of Agreement with law enforcement.

1.3 To approve the QSAC Statement of Assurance and the submission of the 2024-2025 NJQSAC District Performance Review.

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 unanimous roll call vote.

2.1 To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$8,199 for the period October 17, 2024 through November 12, 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.

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- 2.2** To approve the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **October 2024** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **October 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 November 12, 2024 current expense bill list for check numbers 19342 to 19378 totaling \$260,156.96.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda item **3.1**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve Madison Pietro as a substitute teacher for the 2024-25 school year pending criminal history check and approval 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 the Prekindergarten Projected Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year to be 15 students.
- 4.2** To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:
- Troudai Ayoub and Nancy Vitale to attend Creative Curriculum/Teaching Strategies on 1/17/25 at the Holland Twp School. Cost is mileage.

IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the following three goals for the 2024-25 school year:

- Work with North Hunterdon Vorhees School District to foster a cohesive relationship amongst the sending districts with like middle school goals creating a seamless transition into the high school
- 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.
- Work with faculty, community and PTO members to strengthen the PTO organization promoting student, teacher, community and family success.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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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,

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Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Board Member