

**BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Approved April 8, 2025**

**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

Absent

John Tufaro

Others Present

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

Flag Salute

**II. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**III. PTO REPORT**

Jessica Flizack said the Sweetheart Dance was successful and that the PTO is working with the firehouse to host future events. The PTO voted to gift a magic show for the entire school on March 10<sup>th</sup> for National Social Emotional Learning Day paid for through the popcorn fundraiser profit. Upcoming events include the Book Fair during the week of March 17<sup>th</sup>, Kids Bingo on 3/21, the Walking School Bus on 4/1 and the Tricky Tray in September.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Daniela Albright said that the Negotiations Committee had its initial meeting with the BEA with the second scheduled for next week.

Dr. Marycz said that the Porzio firm working on the regionalization feasibility study.

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**V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**

Kim Gasparovic reviewed what the Student Council was working on.

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

Dr. Marycz said that QSAC had been rescheduled for 3/19 and 3/26.

Dr. Marycz stated that Greg Ogden would be starting on 3/17.

Dr. Marycz told the Board that the Alaine Lemaster's Teacher of the Year celebration would be 5/9 and the BOE was invited. The Board will donate \$250 to the event as has been done in year's past.

**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**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**1.1** To approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025.

**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 **2.5**;

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 **February 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **February 28, 2025**, 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.

**2.2** To approve the March 11, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 19506 to 19544 totaling \$278,627.72.

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- 2.3 To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2025-2026 school year with an Administrative Fee of 4.5%.
- 2.4 To approve the 2025-26 preschool budget.
- 2.5 To approve the following resolution:

To approve the tentative 2025-2026 school district budget as follows;

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-2026 School Year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the Secretary to the Board of Education be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$3,719,078	\$2,075,021
Special Revenue Fund	<u>269,921</u>	
Total Base Budget	\$3,988,999	\$2,075,021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held on April 29, 2025 at the Bloomsbury School for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-2026 School Year.

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$1,500 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq. as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.2(b), to a maximum expenditure of \$7,500 for all staff and board members.

**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 **3.7**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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- 3.1** To approve Josh Marason as a substitute custodian for the 2024-25 school year, beginning 3/12/25, at an hourly rate of \$20 pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.2** To approve John Marason as a substitute custodian for the 2024-25 school year, beginning 3/12/25, at an hourly rate of \$20 pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.3** To approve all certified staff for the 2025-26 “Summer Learning Academies”, as needed, to be paid at the contract specified hourly rate.
- 3.4** To approve all certified staff as substitute teachers and paraprofessionals for the 2025 extended school year and Learning Academies, as needed, to be paid at the contract specified rate and \$16/hr for the paraprofessional rate.
- 3.5** To approve Gabby Hynes as a teacher for the 2025 extended school year for 4.5 hours a day, 16 days total from 7/7/25 through 7/31/25 to be paid at the contract specified hourly rate.
- 3.6** To approve Catherine LePage as a paraprofessional for the 2025 extended school year for 3.5 hours a day, 16 days total from 7/7/25 through 7/31/25 to be paid at an hourly rate of \$16.
- 3.7** To approve Katie Scuderi as a nurse for the 2025 extended school year for 4.5 hours a day, 16 days total from 7/7/25 through 7/31/25 to be paid at the contract specified hourly rate.

**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 attendance of staff members at the following conferences:
  - Dianna Pulcini to attend “Science of Reading” professional development on 3/26/25 at the HCESC. Cost is mileage.
  - Kim Gasparovic to attend the Hunterdon & Warren County CPIS Preschool meeting at the HCESC on 3/27/25. Cost is mileage.
  - Catherine LePage to attend the Hunterdon County School Counselor Association Spring meeting on 3/28/25 in Flemington, NJ. Cost is mileage.
  - Karen Bolmarcich to attend the Hunterdon County Tech Leader meeting in Califon, NJ on 3/13/25. Cost is mileage.
- 4.2** To approve the following field trips:
  - 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Urban Air in Trexlertown, PA and Red Robin in Allentown, PA on 5/22/25.

**IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Marycz referenced the correspondence from Wendy Parcell addressed to the Board regarding a perceived incident that allegedly took place between Dr. Marycz and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The correspondence is seeking a resolution from the Board on the matter.

Dr Marycz reviewed what happened and stated that the parent is calling for an investigation for intimidation. The parent was provided with the option to file a HIB report.

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After speaking with Board Attorney John Comegno, he suggested that an external investigation be conducted via a person outside of the District. The Board agreed to this course of action.

Dr. Marycz thanked the staff for attending this evening's Board meeting to support her.

Kim Gasparovic, on behalf of the BEA, said the staff came to the meeting to support Dr. Marycz as she has always supported them.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**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,

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Board Member