

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved April 29, 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

Absent

Gabriel Lyons
John Tufaro

Others Present

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

Flag Salute

II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marycz and Kaydeon Whidbee presented the Honor Roll awards.

III. PTO REPORT

Jessica Flizack the PTO will be providing breakfast for students during state testing, sponsoring potted plants for Mother’s Day and continues to plan for the Tricky Tray. The Book Fair was very successful and the organization will use the extra proceeds for classroom books. The “Walking School Bus” event will be held tomorrow.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Daniela Albright said that the Negotiations Committee continues to meet with the BEA.

V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Kim Gasparovic reviewed what the Student Council was working on.

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VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz congratulated the Student Council for the Spring Soiree was a huge success as there was so much for the students to do and enjoy. She commented that the Student Council members that helped were terrific.

Dr. Marycz stated that the district’s performance report was available on the NJ DOE website. The school did not make the 95% participation rate due to parents opting their students out of the testing. It is likely the district would make the participation rate this year as well. She explained how the lack of participation affects the district from QSAC and teacher evaluations.

Dr. Marycz referred to the letter from the Jada Decker addressed to the Board.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:15 p.m. This executive session is expected to last about 15 minutes. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is legal & personnel matters.

It is anticipated that action pursuant to this executive session may be taken.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Bloomsbury Board of Education, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the specified subject matter.
2. It is anticipated at this time that the above stated subject matter will be made public upon resolution of all information discussed.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

VIII. RECONVENE

Motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 7:24 pm.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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X. 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 March 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 **2.12**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 2.1** To approve the April 8, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 19545 to 19574 totaling \$303,672.21.
- 2.2** To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for 2024-2025 with an Administrative Fee of 5.5%.
- 2.3** To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission for the 2025-2026 school year with an Administrative Fee of 5.5%.
- 2.4** To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2025-2026 school year with an Administrative Fee of 5.5%.
- 2.5** To approve a Shared Services Agreement with the Holland Township Board of Education for the purposes of sharing a World Language Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year whereas the Bloomsbury Board of Education will reimburse the Holland Township Board of Education an amount not to exceed \$27,150 of the total cost of the overall pay and benefit package of the World Language Teacher provided.
- 2.6** To approve an agreement with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission to provide a Speech and Language Specialist for the 2025-26 school year at a cost of \$81,660 for salary plus benefit costs.
- 2.7** To approve a public school services contract with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the 2025-26 school year per the service rate proposal.
- 2.8** To approve a Proposal for Representation Independent Investigation with Peter B Fallon, Esq. at an hourly rate of \$225.
- 2.9** To approve a student lunch price of \$3.75 for the 2025-26 school year.
- 2.10** To approve a student breakfast price of \$2.00 for the 2024-25 school year.
- 2.11** To approve Hope Educational Associates, LLC to provide school psychological services including psychological evaluations, consultation services and attendance at meetings for the 2025-26 school year at a rate of \$445/evaluation and \$75/hr for consultation service and attendance at meetings.

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2.12 To approve a Shared Services Agreement with the Holland Township Board of Education for the purposes of sharing a Library/Media Arts Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year whereas the Bloomsbury Board of Education will reimburse the Holland Township Board of Education an amount not to exceed \$926.33 of the total cost of the salary of the Library/Media Arts Teacher provided.

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 **3.4**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve Karen Bolmarcich to work up to 50 summer hours, paid at the contractual rate, to perform technological maintenance and upgrades.
- 3.2** To approve Troudai Ayoub to take over as Dance Club advisor for the 2024-25 school year in place of Brooke Wilbur.
- 3.3** To approve Auburn McGinty for a maternity leave of absence starting on or around 9/29/25 until on or around 4/7/26 with 6 weeks of unpaid leave from 2/23/26 through 4/1/26.
- 3.4** To appoint the following stipend positions for the 2025-26 school year to be paid at the contract specified rate:

I&RS Coordinator	Gabby Hynes
I&RS Coordinator	Brooke Wilbur
New Teacher Coordinator	Kim Gasparovic
Curriculum Coordinator	Kim Gasparovic
Anti-Bullying Specialist	Catherine LePage
Anti-Bullying Coordinator	Katie Scuderi
504 Coordinator	Katie Scuderi
Teacher in Charge	Katie Scuderi
Teacher in Charge	Dianna Pulcini
Student Council Advisor	Kim Gasparovic
8 th Grade Advisor	Kim Gasparovic
Arts & Crafts Club PK-3 (2 quarters)	Troudai Ayoub
Yearbook	Kim Gasparovic
Dance Club Advisor K-3 (1 quarter)	Troudai Ayoub
Characters in Action 4-5 (2 quarters)	Shannon Williamson
Comic Creation Club 4-8 (1 quarter)	Shannon Williamson
Lego Club 1-8 (2 quarters)	Michelle Duerring
Pickle Ball Club 3-8 (2 quarters)	Gabby Hynes
Science Documentary Club 4-8 (2 quarters)	Stevie Ader

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 **4.4**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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- 4.1** To approve the 2013 Danielson Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument and the 2007 Danielson Enhancing Professional Practice Rubrics for the 2025-26 school year.
- 4.2** To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:
- Dr. Marycz to attend the Hunterdon County Superintendent’s Conference on 9/25/25 & 9/26/25 in Shawnee, PA. Cost is \$280 registration, lodging, mileage and M&IE.
 - Greg Ogden to attend the Asbestos Safety Training on 4/29/25 & 4/30/25 in Somerset, NJ. Cost is \$395 registration and mileage.
 - Greg Ogden to attend the Facility Manager School Buildings and Grounds monthly meetings at the Chalet in Asbury, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- 4.3** To approve the following field trips:
- 4th & 5th grade to Sunnyside Farmstead in Bloomsbury, NJ on 4/7/25.
- 4.4** To approve the amended 2024-25 school year calendar.

XI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Daniella Albright said that the Board received a letter from Jada Decker regarding a grading scale for the district. Mrs. Albright said that the school already has a well publicized grading scale which the Board is comfortable with. Dr. Marycz further commented that keeping the bar high benefits the students and provided data from prior years to support this.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm on a motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Board Member