

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved October 14, 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
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

Jessica Flizack said that the PTO is looking for new members. Anyone interested would be able to sign up at the upcoming meeting as well as during Back To School Night. The organization is working on setting class moms for the year as well as upcoming fundraisers. The PTO will host the Holiday Shop again this year and feel it will a great event. The PTO will fund the 8th grade trip to Camp Bernie with the generous donation from the Briggs foundation. Through fundraising the organization has purchased novels for the current 6th grade and look forward to providing a few free events for the students.

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IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Negotiations Committee:

Daniela Albright referenced the contract with the BEA on the agenda for approval and thanked everyone involved in reaching this agreement.

Bloomsbury Sustainability Committee:

Daniela Albright referred to the motion on the agenda opposing The Tinsley project. Dr. Marycz reported that the Porzio firm has finished the second phase of the feasibility study a grades 9-12 regionalization.

V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

None

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said that the year is off to a great start and Back To School Night would be held on Thursday. She touched upon some new aspects incorporated with the new year.

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 **1.6**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1.1 To approve the minutes of the July 29, 2025 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the acceptance of the fiscal year 2026 REAP grant award in the amount of \$30,808.

1.3 To approve the submission and acceptance of the application for “Elementary and Secondary Education Act” (ESEA) fiscal year 2026 in the following amounts:

Title IIA:	\$ 2,009
Total Allocation:	\$ 2,009

1.4 To approve Peter Fallon’s request for additional compensation in the amount of \$1,291.10 above the original \$6,000 proposed fee for services rendered as an independent investigator.

1.5 To approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies and regulations:

P 0173	Duties of Public School Accountant (Revised)
P 0174	Legal Services (M) (Revised)

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- P 0177 Professional Services (M) (Revised)
- P & R 1570 Internal Controls (M) (Revised)
- P 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts (M) (Revised)
- P & R 6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M) (Revised)
- P 6220 Budget Preparation (M) (Revised)
- R 6220 Budget Preparation (Revised)
- P 0141.3 Board Member Number and Term – Regional School District (New)
- P 0141.4 Board Member Number and Term – County Vocational School District (New)
- P 0143 Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised)
- P1636.01 Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities (New)
- P1648.15 Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings In School Buildings – Covid-19 (M) (Abolished)
- P 2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements (M) (Revised)
- P & R 5117 Interdistrict Public School Choice (Revised)
- P 5339.01 Student Sun Protection (M) (New)

1.6 To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Borough School District (“School District”) Board of Education (“Board of Education”) has learned of a land use application made to the Planning Board/Land Use Board of the neighboring municipality of Greenwich Township that it believes will negatively impact the health and safety of the Board of Education’s School Property located at 20 Main Street, Bloomsbury, New Jersey 08804 (“Board of Education’s School Property”), as well as its students and the Bloomsbury Borough community at large; and

WHEREAS, the land use application, which is identified as Greenwich Township Planning Board/Land Use Board Application No. 2024-04, has been filed by an applicant identified as The Tinsley, Greenwich Township NJ LLC and concerns an extensive project planned at the nearby parcel of property identified as Block 31, Lot 12, 717 New Jersey State Highway Route 173 (“Route 173”), Greenwich Township, New Jersey 08804, which is a sloped site consisting of approximately 43.36 acres, located in Greenwich Township’s Research Office and Manufacturing District/ROM Zone (“Tinsley Property Site”), seeking Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approvals along with numerous variances, which may include, but not limited to, use variances concern principal and accessory uses, as well as bulk variances for various items including minimum front yard depth, floor area ratio, maximum accessory building height, location of accessory buildings, minimum accessory front yard setback, right-of-way improvements, sidewalk distance from building, traffic circulation, driveway distance from intersection, pedestrian walks, stream corridor setback, frontage buffer, transition buffer, limit of disturbance, vegetation preservation, off-street parking, site lighting and utilities, as well as a design waiver for maximum industrial driveway width, and any additional variances and/or waivers that may be required (“Tinsley Application”); and

WHEREAS, the Tinsley Property Site involved which the Tinsley Application is located within approximately 200 feet of the Bloomsbury Borough and the Musconetcong River, within approximately

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1,000 feet of the Board of Education's School Property, and its southern property line is situated along Route 173 (with 1,290 ft of frontage along Route 173), being a main thoroughfare through the Bloomsbury Borough, where the site egress and ingress for all trucks/tractor trailers/heavy vehicles and passenger vehicles will occur; and

WHEREAS, although the Tinsley Application characterizes the underlying project as a Light Manufacturing Building, the project is extensive, with plans including, but not limited to, the construction of a 185,850 sq. ft. warehouse (dimensions of 885' x 210') surrounded by parking areas consisting of 74 trailer stalls, 32 loading docks, 4 drive-in ramps, and 335 parking spaces (34 van parking spaces, and 301 vehicular parking spaces); new driveways to Route 173 and road widening measures based on the anticipated increased traffic entering and exiting the site; along with lighting, landscaping, a water tank, stormwater management facilities, a new septic system and various utility connections including a proposed water main extension to serve the facility ("Tinsley Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Tinsley Project would involve the disturbance of over 1,091,960 sq. ft. of land (over 25 acres) and result in in excess of 15 acres of impervious coverage, with plans for the ultimate facility to house up to 4 commercial tenants with as many as 186 employees; and

WHEREAS, reasonable concerns have been raised as to whether the Tinsley Project can meet the required definition of a Light Manufacturing Building or whether the suggested classification is an attempt to circumvent zoning restrictions on warehouses, as well as why so many trailer stalls and loading docks would be needed for a manufacturing building; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education is concerned about the significant increase in truck/tractor trailer/heavy vehicle and vehicular traffic that will impact Route 173 and the surrounding roads as a result of the Tinsley Project, with the Tinsley Application including traffic studies suggesting it would generate 914 additional weekday trips, including 829 passenger vehicles and 85 trucks/tractor trailers/heavy vehicles, calculated to be the equivalent of 1,254 new passenger vehicle weekday daily trips, in an area so close to the Board of Education's School Property, and creating increased traffic, sight distance and other significant safety concerns; and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of the Board of Education's school children may potentially be seriously compromised because of this anticipated increased traffic, as the Board of Education is primarily a walking district, and parents of students and some school buses must also travel Route 173 to access the Board of Education's School Property, as well as provide transport to a nearby receiving districts, the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District and Phillipsburg School District; and

WHEREAS, Tinsley Project would result in increased risks of collision, and students walking to school would also be placed at further risk on their trips to and from school, based on the significant increase in truck/tractor trailer/heavy vehicle and passenger traffic on Route 173 and the surrounding roadways, including Main Street where the Board of Education's School Property is located; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education believes existing truck/tractor trailer/heavy vehicle traffic already poses a threat to the Board of Education's School Property, with the nearby streets not designed or wide enough for trucks/tractor trailers/heavy vehicle traffic, and with multiple trucks/tractor trailers/heavy vehicles routinely driving down Main Street on a daily basis despite not being approved to do so, and with

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trucks/tractor trailers/heavy vehicles, in the very recent past, having run over the Board of Education's mailbox 3 times, run over/crashed through the wall of one of its teacher's homes directly across the street from the Board of Education's School Property 2 times trying to turn on Church Street, and also having hit the Route 579 bridge located less than ¼ mile from Board of Education's School Property 2 times attempting to cross it despite being over the weight limit, resulting in traffic closures while repairs had to be made; and

WHEREAS, with the addition of the Tinsley Project, the Board of Education believes the significant traffic increases will increase the health and safety risks to students and staff, resulting in an even less safe environment for students and community; and

WHEREAS, the increased truck/tractor trailer/heavy vehicle traffic will also result in greater health risks for children and families in the Board of Education's School District, due to increased pollution and exhaust, especially with many trucks/tractor trailers/heavy vehicle often using diesel fuel; and

WHEREAS, the proposed facility and significant acres of impervious coverage included in the Tinsley Project will also result in stormwater and environmental issues, including the possibility of resulting contamination of the surrounding groundwater and the Musconetcong River and its surrounding areas, potentially impacting wildlife and the availability of clean drinking water to residents of Bloomsbury Borough and the Musconetcong Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education therefore believes that the construction of the proposed Tinsley Project is not in the best interests of the School District, its students or the citizens of Bloomsbury Borough;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby incorporates the findings above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does not believe the Tinsley Project can be constructed without substantial detriment to the public good, including substantial detriment to the Board of Education, its students, community, and/or the Board of Education's School Property, and that any potential benefit of the Tinsley Project, if any, would be substantially and significantly outweighed by the burdens/negative impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Education hereby urges the Greenwich Township Council and Planning Board/Land Use Board to reject the Tinsley Application to build the Tinsley Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education urges the Bloomsbury Borough Committee to adopt an analogous resolution to this one, in opposition to the proposed Tinsley Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education urges the boards of education of the towns surrounding Bloomsbury Borough and the proposed Tinsley Project, and located nearby, including of the school districts of Greenwich Township, Franklin Township, Bethlehem Township and Holland Township, to adopt an analogous resolution to this one; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Secretary shall provide a certified copy of this Board of Education Resolution to the Bloomsbury Borough Council and Township Committee; the boards of education of nearby school districts including Greenwich Township, Franklin Township, Bethlehem Township and Holland Township whose buses, parents and staff frequently travel on Route 173 and nearby roadways; the municipal governing bodies of areas nearby and surrounding the proposed Tinsley Project; and local legislators as well as the New Jersey Governor and New Jersey Commissioner of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, School District Administration and their designees are authorized to take any other actions which are reasonably in furtherance of the Board's opposition to the Tinsley Application.

This resolution will take effect immediately on this 9th day of September, 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 **2.3**;

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 **July 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **July 31, 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 acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **August 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **August 31, 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.
- 2.3** To approve the September 9, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 19750 to 19804 totaling \$251,592.13.

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 **3.5**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To approve Victoria Caprari as a leave replacement teacher for the 2025-26 school year, beginning on 8/21/25 through on or about 3/30/26, at Step 1, BA pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.

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- 3.2 To approve Laney Lemasters for 25 hours of mural painting to be paid at the contractual hourly rate.
- 3.3 To approve the Agreement between the Bloomsbury Board of Education and the Bloomsbury Education Association for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2028 as presented.
- 3.4 To approve all faculty/staff to attend all articulation/curriculum meetings at North Hunterdon Regional High School or Phillipsburg High school throughout the year as necessary. Cost is mileage.
- 3.5 To approve Gabriela Adamcak as the substitute for the 2025-26 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 **4.8**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1 To approve the 2025-2026 tuition contract with the Warren County Technical School District for 5 students at an annual tuition rate of \$3,000 per student, plus prior year adjustments in the amount of (\$1,740) for a total of \$13,260.
- 4.2 To approve the placement of the identified student in the Phillipsburg School District's learning language disability program for the 2025-26 school year at an annual tuition of \$21,963 and personal aide cost of \$35,154.
- 4.3 To approve the bus evacuation drill on 9/17/25.
- 4.4 To approve Greg Ogden to attend IAQ on 9/19/25 and IPM training on 9/26/25 at the Warren County Vo-Tech. Cost is mileage.
- 4.5 To approve the 2025-26 Nursing Services Plan.
- 4.6 To approve Dr. Marycz, Kim Gasparovic, Stevie Ader, Lisa Hutchison, Gabby Hynes and Greg Ogden to attend CPR training at the Bloomsbury School on 10/13/25. Cost is \$60 per person.
- 4.7 To approve Jess Flizack to attend crossing guard training on 9/16/25 in Lebanon, NJ. No cost.
- 4.8 To approve the following field trips:
 - Grades PK-2 to the West Portal Pumpkin Patch on 10/24/25 in Asbury, NJ.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:12 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:

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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.

X. RECONVENE

Motion by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 7:22 pm.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

XI. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Daniela Albright said that the Board received an email from a parent inquiring about an after care program at the school. Mrs. Albright commented that the Board continues to explore options should enough participants present themselves but that, at current, there are not enough to run a program.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Myra Bush applauded the motion opposing The Tinsley project and thanked the Board for its support.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 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