

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved November 11, 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

Dr. Marycz recognized Students of the Month Evan Mason and Aubrey Stellas.

Dr. Marycz presented the NJSLA testing results.

III. PTO REPORT

Jessica Flizack gave her report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bloomsbury Sustainability Committee:

Daniela Albright referred to the motion on the agenda to move forward with joining the North Hunterdon regional.

Kaydeon Whidbee discussed the Board not supporting the Tinsely warehouse project and is attempting to get the resolution passed last board meeting in opposition of the project on record with the Greenwich Land Use Board.

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V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Kim Gasparovic provided her report.

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said the staff is preparing for parent conferences in November. She shared that the students have been actively participating in numerous school functions specifically mentioning campaigning for the upcoming student council elections.

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 **1.7**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 1.1** To approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 regular meeting.
- 1.2** To approve the minutes of the September 9, 2025 executive session.
- 1.3** To approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).
- 1.4** To approve the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (M-1).
- 1.5** To approve the Memorandum of Agreement with law enforcement.
- 1.6** To approve the acceptance of the NJDOE Phone-Free Schools Grant in the amount of \$500.
- 1.7** To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education (“North Hunterdon”) operates a limited purpose regional school district that currently serves high school students from Bethlehem Township, Califon Borough, Clinton, Clinton Township, Franklin Township, Glen Gardner Borough, Hampton Borough, High Bridge Borough, Lebanon Borough, Lebanon Township, Tewksbury Township, and Union Township; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Board (“Bloomsbury”) contacted North Hunterdon regarding the possibility of joining North Hunterdon either as a constituent member or through a new sending-receiving relationship with North Hunterdon, either of which would require termination of Bloomsbury’s current sending-receiving relationship with the Phillipsburg Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Bloomsbury and North Hunterdon discussed the possibility of Bloomsbury sending its students in grades 9 through 12 to North Hunterdon High School; and

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WHEREAS, Bloomsbury and North Hunterdon agreed that, subject to approval by the Commissioner of Education of the Board's petition to withdraw from its sending/receiving relationship with Phillipsburg, Bloomsbury resident students in grades 9 through 12 would attend North Hunterdon High School via a sending-receiving relationship until such time as the voters in the respective communities approve Bloomsbury joining North Hunterdon-Vorhees Regional as a constituent member of the regional district; and

WHEREAS, following the Commissioner of Education's approval of Bloomsbury's petition, in September 2025, students from Bloomsbury who completed the 8th grade and therefore would be eligible to enroll in 9th grade began to attend North Hunterdon High School; and

WHEREAS, in October 2025, Statistical Forecasting, LLC, John Kazmark, Ed.D., and School Financial Management Strategies, LLC issued a feasibility study as to Bloomsbury becoming a constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District; and

WHEREAS, the consultants have concluded that, if Bloomsbury were to become a constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District, each community would be provided with financial and educational benefits over the current educational system; and

WHEREAS, after due consideration, the Board has determined there exists good cause to pursue a referendum on Bloomsbury becoming a constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District so as to provide the voters with the ability to decide how their tax dollars are spent and how their children are educated,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board seeks to have a referendum on Bloomsbury becoming a constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board retains and authorizes special counsel, Porzio, Bromberg, & Newman, P.C., to prepare and submit the required petition, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:13-43, to the Commissioner of Education seeking authorization to hold a referendum on Bloomsbury becoming a constituent member of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, following passage of a similar resolution by the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Board, special counsel, Porzio, Bromberg, & Newman, P.C., is authorized to take any and all appropriate action to obtain the aforementioned authorization from the Commissioner of Education and implement same.

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 budget transfers in the amount of \$15,000 for the period September 10, 2025 through October 14, 2025 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 **September 2025** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **September 30, 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 October 14, 2025 current expense bill list for check numbers 19805 to 19856 totaling \$340,216.97.
- 2.4** To approve Nicholas Brewer to perform snow removal for amounts exceeding 6” of snow not to exceed \$600 for the season.
- 2.5** To approve an agreement for legal services with the Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C. for the time period of 1/1/25 through 12/31/25 at the rates of \$435/hr for senior attorneys, \$295/hr for associate attorneys and \$175/hr for paraprofessional staff 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 **3.4**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1** To accept Greg Ogden’s letter of resignation effective 10/25/25.
- 3.2** To accept Troudai Ayoub’s letter of resignation effective 9/11/25.
- 3.3** To approve Victoria Caprari as a leave replacement teacher for the 2025-26 school year, beginning on 8/21/25 through 6/30/26 at Step 1, BA pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.4** To approve Genesis Kerry as a part time paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year, beginning on 11/3/25, at a salary of \$24,289, prorated for time worked, pending criminal history check and approval of 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 **4.3**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1** To approve the 2025-26 Safety and Security Plan/Threat Assessment.
- 4.2** To approve the placement of the identified student in the North Hunterdon-Vorhees Regional High School District’s special education program for the 2025-26 year at an annual tuition cost of \$51,770.
- 4.3** To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:
- Greg Ogden to attend NJSBGA monthly meetings in Asbury, NJ. Cost mileage.
 - Stevie Ader and Grace Almquist to attend the “Maximizing On-Task Behavior” seminar on 2/19/26 in Ewing, NJ. Cost is \$285 per person registration and mileage.

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- Stevie Ader and Grace Almquist to attend the “Establishing Consistent Routines, Procedures and Classroom Rule” seminar on 4/16/26 in Ewing, NJ. Cost is \$225 per person registration and mileage.
- Stevie Ader to attend the “Development of Democracy in Ancient Civilization” seminar on 3/20/26 in New Brunswick, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- Katie Scuderi to attend CPR training on 10/13/25 in Allamuchy, NJ. Cost is mileage.

IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Marycz referred to the letter to the Board from Kim Gasparovic requesting a waiver of the 15 credit tuition reimbursement limit per fiscal year. She is requesting to be allowed to take 3 additional credits. The Board discussed and then offered the following motion:

Motion made by Daniela Albright, seconded by Kaydeon Whidbee, to approve waiving the 15 credit tuition reimbursement limit per fiscal year to enable Kim Gasparovic to take an additional 3 credits for a total of 18 for FY26.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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,

Board Member