

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved April 14, 2026

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
Kristin Santoro
John Tufaro

Absent

John Albright

Others Present

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

Flag Salute

II. PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Marycz recognized Students of the Month Natalie Smith and Daniel Grimes.

III. PTO REPORT

Jess Flizack gave the report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kaydeon Whidbee reported that public comment regarding the Tinsley Project likely won't happen until May.

V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

None

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Marycz said that the staff and PTO are working on hard in preparation of the upcoming NJSLA testing.

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Dr. Marcyz said that there would be a school wide class trip to National Police Week in Trenton on May 13th.

Dr. Marcyz told the Board that the district was able to get out of their contract with LifeTouch prompted by community concerns. Beginning next year, the school will be using Christmas City for pictures.

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 February 10, 2026 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the acceptance of the NJDOE Phone-Free Schools Grant in the amount of \$1,000.

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

P 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator

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 **2.8**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2.1 To approve budget transfers in the amount of \$25,000 for the period February 11, 2026 through March 10, 2026 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.

2.2 To approve the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of **February 2026** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **February 28, 2026**, 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.

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- 2.3** To approve the March 10, 2026 current expense bill list for check numbers 20028 to 20070 totaling \$336,138.67.
- 2.4** To approve a Shared Services Agreement with the Kingwood Township Board of Education for the purposes of sharing a Preschool Instruction Coach/Preschool Intervention Resource Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual cost of \$5,775 plus applicable mileage between districts.
- 2.5** To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2026-2027 school year with an Administrative Fee of 5.5%.
- 2.6** To approve a joint transportation agreement with the Hunterdon County ESC for the 2026-2027 school year with an Administrative Fee of 5.5%.
- 2.7** To approve the following Resolution of State Application for Bloomsbury School District of the Partial Roof Replacement at Bloomsbury School:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Bloomsbury School District in the County of Hunterdon, NJ (the “Board”), would like to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of a partial roof replacement at Bloomsbury School:

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take steps in order to proceed with the Project:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, In accordance with the requirement of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves all plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of the same to their County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval by Parette Somjen Architects. This project is designated a capital project and the Board is not seeking state funding.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board hereby authorizes, if necessary, the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determination of the Board set forth in this resolution, including the submission of Information to the New Jersey Department of Education as applicable to the proposed Project.

- 2.8** To approve the following resolution:

This agreement made this 10th day of March 2026 in the County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, by and Between the Schools Health Insurance Fund referred to as “SHIF” and the governing body of the Bloomsbury Board of Education a duly constituted Board of Education, hereinafter referred to as “School Board”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the governing bodies of various school boards within the State of New Jersey, have elected to form a joint insurance fund as defined in N.J.A.C. 11:15-5.2, and as such an entity is authorized and described in N.J.S.A. N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 et. seq. and the administrative regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; and

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WHEREAS, the SCHOOL BOARD has agreed to become a member of the SHIF in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Bylaws of the SHIF and in consideration of such obligations and benefits to be shared by the membership of the SHIF;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed as follows:

1. The SCHOOL BOARD accepts the SHIF's Bylaws as approved and adopted and agrees to be bound by and to comply with each and every provision of said Bylaws and the pertinent statutes and administrative regulations pertaining to same.
2. The SCHOOL BOARD agrees to participate in the SHIF with respect to health insurance, as defined in N.J.S.A. 17B:17-4, and as authorized in the SCHOOL BOARD's resolution to join.
3. The SCHOOL BOARD agrees to become a member of the SHIF and to participate in the health insurance coverages offered for an initial period, (subject to early release or termination pursuant to the Bylaws), such membership to commence on **January 1, 2026** and ending on December **31, 2029** at 12:01 AM provided, however, that the SCHOOL BOARD may withdraw at any time subsequent to the delivery of ninety (90) day prior written notice of the intent to withdraw to the SHIF as provided in the Bylaws.
4. The SCHOOL BOARD certifies that it has never defaulted on payment of any claims if self-insured and has not been cancelled for non-payment of insurance premiums for a period of at least two (2) years prior to the date of this Agreement.
5. In consideration of membership in the SHIF, the SCHOOL BOARD agrees (i) that it shall jointly and severally assume and discharge the liability of each and every member of the SHIF for the periods during which the SCHOOL BOARD is a member of the SHIF, (ii) acknowledges that the SCHOOL BOARD and all other members of the SHIF, as a condition of membership in the SHIF, have executed and delivered an Indemnity and Trust Agreement similar to this Agreement and (iii) by the execution of this Agreement the full faith and credit of the SCHOOL BOARD is pledged to the punctual payment of any sums which shall become due to the SHIF in accordance with the Bylaws thereof, this Agreement or any applicable Statute. However, nothing herein shall be construed as an obligation of the SCHOOL BOARD for claims and expenses that are not covered by the SHIF, or for that portion of any claim or liability not within the SCHOOL BOARD's retained limit or in an amount which is in excess of the SHIF's limit of coverage.
6. If the SHIF in the enforcement of any part of this Agreement shall incur necessary expenses or become obligated to pay attorney's fees and/or court costs, the SCHOOL BOARD agrees to reimburse the SHIF for all such reasonable expenses, fees, and costs, inclusive of attorney fees, on demand.
7. The SCHOOL BOARD and the SHIF agree that the SHIF shall hold all moneys in excess of the SCHOOL BOARD's retained loss fund paid by the SCHOOL BOARD to the SHIF as fiduciaries for the benefit of SHIF claimants all in accordance with N.J.A.C. 11:15-5.1 et seq.
8. The SHIF shall establish and maintain Claims Trust Accounts for the payment of health insurance claims in accordance with N.J.S.A. N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1 et seq., and N.J.A.C. 11:15-5.13 and such other statutes and regulations as may be applicable. More specifically, the aforementioned Trust Accounts shall be utilized solely for the payment of claims, allocated claim expense and stop loss insurance or reinsurance premiums for each risk or liability as follows:
 - a) Employer contributions to group health insurance
 - b) Employee contributions to contributory group health insurance
 - c) Employer contributions to contingency account
 - d) Employee contributions to contingency account
 - e) Other trust accounts as required by the Commissioner of Insurance
9. Notwithstanding the terms of paragraph 8, above, to the contrary, the SHIF shall not be required to establish separate trust accounts for employee contributions provided the SHIF provides a plan in its

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Bylaws or Risk Management Plan for the recording and accounting of employee contributions of each member.

10. Each SCHOOL BOARD who shall become a member of the SHIF shall be obligated to execute an Indemnity and Trust Agreement similar to this Agreement. Each SCHOOL BOARD, by the execution and delivery of an Indemnity and Trust Agreement agrees to be jointly and severally bound with each other member of the SHIF who executes and delivers an Indemnity and Trust Agreement to the terms and conditions set forth in said Indemnity and Trust Agreement.

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 **3.2**;

Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Daniela Albright abstaining from 3.1.

3.1 To approve Emma Albright as a volunteer for Academic Sessions and Homework Hub for five hours to fulfill requirements for the National Honors Society.

3.2 To approve Duncan Thurber as part-time custodian for the 2025-26 school year, beginning March 11, 2026, at an hourly rate of \$20.

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 following field trips:

- PreK – 8th grade to National Police Week in West Trenton, NJ on 5/13/26.
- 8th grade to Camp Bernie in Port Murray, NJ on 9/24/26 to 9/25/26.
- 8th grade to NYC for a lunch cruise in New York, NY on 5/14/26.

4.2 To approve the attendance of staff members at the following conferences:

- John MacKinnon to attend the IPM training at 4/10/26 in Bridgewater, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- John MacKinnon to attend the IPM training on 4/24/26 in Bridgewater, NJ. Cost is mileage.
- Sherri Glaab to attend professional development workshops in Whitehouse Station, NJ on 4/21/26 in Annandale, NJ. Cost is mileage.

IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Marycz discussed the numerous building issues that have presented themselves throughout the year including significant bathroom piping repairs, boiler maintenance and the upcoming roof project.

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Mr. Mantz discussed the FY27 budget and, in lieu of the issues with the building, asked the Board to consider using the banked cap available to it. Once state aid is known, the Board agreed to use a portion should aid be flat or decreases.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 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