

BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Approved May 5, 2026

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-President, Kaydeon Whidbee called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Kaydeon Whidbee 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

Vice-President, Kaydeon Whidbee
Kristin Santoro
John Tufaro

Absent

President, Daniela Albright
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 Ptah-ka Mills and Keygan Venditti and presented the honor roll recipients.

III. PTO REPORT

Jess Flizack gave the PTO report.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kaydeon Whidbee reported that public comment regarding the Tinsley Project has been pushed to either May or June.

V. STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

None

VI. CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dr. Marycz thanked the PTO for all they're doing for state testing and described activities that will take place in an attempt to motivate the students for the test.

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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 Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by John Tufaro, 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 March 10, 2026 regular meeting.

1.2 To approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 regular meeting.

1.3 To approve the acceptance of the fiscal year 2027 REAP grant award in the amount of \$30,788.

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by John Tufaro, 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 \$8,681 for the period March 11, 2026 through April 14, 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 **March 2026** and further that, in compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-16.10c, the Board of Education certifies that as of **March 31, 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.

2.3 To approve the April 14, 2026 current expense bill list for check numbers 20071 to 20124 totaling \$365,686.94.

2.4 To approve a memorandum of agreement with the Warren County Special Services School District to provide related services, on an as needed basis, for the 2026-27 school year.

2.5 To approve a professional services contract with Parette Somjen Architects for producing the major amendment for the district's Long Range Facilities Plan at a flat fee of \$8,750.

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2.6 To approve a Shared Services Agreement with the Greenwich Township Board of Education for Occupational Therapy services for the 2026-27 school year, not to exceed 6 hours per week, billed at an hourly rate of \$63.

2.7 To approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Board of Education (“Board”) advertised for bids for the Select Roof Replacement at Bloomsbury Elementary School Project (“Project”); and

WHEREAS, the Public School Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et. seq. (“Public School Contracts Law”) provides that the Board must award bids to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for a project, as is defined in the Public School Contracts Law; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously held a public bid opening for the award of a contract for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the lowest numerical bid was submitted by Punjab Restoration Co. LLC (“Punjab”) with a base bid of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$232,000), which sum includes a general allowance of Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$30,200); and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed Punjab’s bid submission with the Board’s professionals and has determined Punjab to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for the Project; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Public School Contracts Law, Punjab’s bid included all of the mandatory, non-waivable documents and requirements and it also submitted all additional documents requested in the bid specifications prior to award; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law, the Board hereby awards the contract for the Project to Punjab in the total amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$232,000); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President, Business Administrator and their designees are authorized to execute a contract on behalf of the Board with Punjab for the Project, based on Punjab’s low bid of Two Hundred Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$232,000). This resolution will take effect immediately on this 14th day of April, 2026

2.8 To approve a withdrawal from the capital reserve account in the amount of \$153,000 to help fund the Select Roof Replacement at Bloomsbury Elementary School Project.

D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by John Tufaro, 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 amended 2025-26 calendar.

4.2 To approve the 2013 Danielson Framework for Teaching Evaluation Instrument and the 2007 Danielson Enhancing Professional Practice Rubrics for the 2025-26 school year.

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

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- Dr. Marycz to attend the Hunterdon County Superintendent’s Conference on 9/24/26 & 9/25/26 in Shawnee, PA. Cost is \$288 registration, lodging, mileage and M&IE.
- Stevielynn Ader to attend the NJ Science Convention on 10/20/26 & 10/21/26 in Princeton, NJ. Cost is \$370 registration and mileage.
- Catherine LePage to attend the NJSCA Spring Professional Development Workshops at Kean University on 4/17/26. Cost is \$119 registration and mileage.

IX. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by Kristin Santoro, to adopt the following resolution to enter into executive session at 7:22 p.m. This executive session is expected to last about 30 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.

X. RECONVENE

Motion by Kristin Santoro, seconded by John Tufaro, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 7:46 pm.

Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

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C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by John Tufaro, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.14**;

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 all certified staff to provide home instruction for the 2026-27 school year, as needed, at the contract specified rate.
- 3.3** To approve all certified staff for Academic Session, detention duty and Homework Hub for the 2026-27 school year at the contract specified rate.
- 3.4** To approve Phil McGinty as a part-time custodian for summer help at the rate of \$20 per hour.
- 3.5** To approve Angela Borgstrom, a retired certified art teacher, as a volunteer art presenter to present various art mediums and techniques to Bloomsbury students through out the 2025-26 school year, not to exceed 10 hours, and for the 2026-27 school year, not to exceed 20 hours at no cost to the Board of Education.
- 3.6** To approve Joseph Bellatuono as a substitute custodian for the 2025-26 school year at an hourly rate of \$20 pending criminal history check and approval of N.J.S.A 18A:6-7.6.
- 3.7** To accept the letter of resignation from Grace Almquist effective 6/30/26.
- 3.8** To approve all certified staff as substitute teachers and paraprofessionals for the 2026-27 extended school year and summer school, as needed, to be paid at the contract specific rate for teachers and an hourly rate of \$16 for paraprofessionals.
- 3.9** To approve Emily Slack as a teacher for the 2026 extended school year for 4.5 hours per day for 16 days total from 7/6/26 through 7/30/26 to be paid at the contractual hourly rate.
- 3.10** To approve Trinidy Smith as a paraprofessional for the 2026 extended school year for 3.5 hours per day for 16 days total from 7/6/26 through 7/30/26 to be paid at an hourly rate \$16.
- 3.11** To approve Katie Scuderi as a nurse for the 2026 extended school year for 4.5 hours per day for 16 days total from 7/6/26 through 7/30/26 to be paid at the contractual hourly rate.
- 3.12** To approve Lynn Wyer for 20 hours of Preschool GrowNJ Kids mandated training to be paid at the contractual hourly rate with no additional cost for registration or mileage.
- 3.13** To approve a contract with Allison Peck to provide physical therapy services for the 2026-27 school year at an hourly rate of \$90.
- 3.14** To appoint the following stipend positions for the 2025-26 school year to be paid at the contract specified rate:

I&RS Coordinator	Auburn McGinty
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New Teacher Coordinator	Auburn McGinty
Curriculum Coordinator	Kim Gasparovic
Anti-Bullying Specialist	Catherine LePage
Anti-Bullying Coordinator	Katie Scuderi

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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
NJHS Advisor (4 quarters)	Emily Slack
Yearbook	Kim Gasparovic
Creative Writing Club 4-8 (3 quarters)	Shannon Williamson
Comic Creation Club 4-8 (2 quarters)	Shannon Williamson
Lego Club K-8 (2 quarters)	Michelle Duerring
HawkTalk Media Club Advisor 5-8 (1 quarter)	Auburn McGinty

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm on a motion by Kaydeon Whidbee, seconded by Kristin Santoro.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Respectfully submitted,

Board Member