

**MINUTES - April 9, 2008**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The **Conference Meeting** of the Board of Education of the Bordentown Regional School District was convened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Gabauer presiding.

**Sunshine Law Statement**

The Board Secretary read the following statement:  
In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this is to announce that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in the following manner: Schedule of meetings to be held from May 2, 2007 through April 9, 2008 was conveyed to the Burlington County Times, The Register News, and the Trenton Times on May 4, 2007.

The Secretary will enter this public announcement into the minutes of this meeting.

**B. FLAG SALUTE/SILENT REFLECTION**

The Board President led the members of the Board and audience in the salute to the flag and moment of silent reflection.

**C. ROLL CALL**

The following members answered roll call: Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Gabauer. ABSENT: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Glenn (arrived at 7:15 p.m.).

Also attending were: Dr. Diane DeGiacomo, Superintendent, and Mrs. Peggy A. Ianoale, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Staff attending were: Louise Sullivan, Norine Gerepka, Kathy Siegfried, Patrick Lynch, Sandy Ewell, Stacie Morano.

Visitors attending: Al Bernotas.

**D. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Lynch read the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wehrman and unanimously approved at 7:00pm.:

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**D. EXECUTIVE SESSION (continued)**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, et. seq. (Open Public Meetings Act) provides that the Bordentown Regional Board of Education may exclude the public from that portion of the meeting at which the Board of Education discusses certain matters as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12; and,

WHEREAS, the following subject shall be discussed on this date in the session of the Board closed to the public:

**POSSIBLE LITIGATION, NEGOTIATIONS**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesated meeting is closed to the public for the reasons set forth above in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion I closed session will be disclosed to the public at such time as it is no longer necessary to maintain the confidential nature of the items discussed.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

**E. BORDENTOWN PAC & MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM BUDGET DISCUSSION**

1. Ms. Sandy Ewell and Ms. Stacie Morano

A motion was made by Ms. Gens, seconded by Ms. Trogdon to approve the Bordentown PAC & Middle School Auditorium Budget as presented by Ms. Ewell and Ms. Morano.

Motion unanimously approved.

**F. PRESIDENT GABAUER'S REPORT**

1. Minutes - March 5, 2008 and March 19, 2008

A motion was made by Ms. Dansbury, seconded by Ms. Glenn to approve the Minutes from March 5, 2008 and March 19, 2008.

Motion unanimously approved.

**G. PUBLIC FORUM**

No comments from the public

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**H. ATHLETIC REPORT**

1. Summer Gym and Field Use - information only

**I. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT - Mr. Brian Lynch**

A motion was made by Ms. Glenn, seconded by Ms. Trogdon to approve a request to water the infield at Joseph Lawrence Park. The Peter Muschal Elem. School water spigot would be used by the Little League.

Motion unanimously approved.

**J. CURRICULUM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - Ms. Chris Trogdon**

No report

**K. FINANCE REPORT - Ms. Pauline Glenn**

No report

**L. NEGOTIATIONS REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury**

No report

**M. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Kim Zablow**

A motion was made by Ms. Zablow, seconded by Ms. Dansbury to approve the following:

**1. Appointments, per Superintendent's Recommendation**

**Resolution: Criminal History Check**

The following staff, positions, and salaries are appointed for emergent hiring pending completion and certification of the State of New Jersey criminal history check. Affidavit(s) from the applicant(s) attesting to no criminal record are in the Superintendent's possession. Staff to whom this resolution applies are noted in **bold** print.

- a. Motion to approve Ms. Paula Ramirez, student at Mercer Community College, to do classroom observation at CBS in partial fulfillment of college course requirements on April 18, 2008.
- b. Motion to accept, with best wishes, the retirement of Ms. Barbara Cronin from the position of Basic Skills Teacher at Bordentown Regional Middle School
- c. Motion to approve Ms. Julie Clauser, Penn State student, to do classroom observation at MIS, in partial fulfillment of college course requirements on Friday April 18, 2008.

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**M. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Kim Zablow (continued)**

1. Appointments (continued)

d. Motion for Mr. Samuel Fancera, Rutgers University student, to conduct dissertation research at BRHS.

Motion unanimously approved.

**N. POLICY REPORT - Mr. Brian Lynch**

a. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Policies 5020, 5111, 5113, 5113.1, 5114, 5118, 5118.1, 5118.2, 5118.3, 5120, 5125, 5131, 5131.1, 5131.5 (no vote required)

**O. TECHNOLOGY REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury**

No report

**P. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury**

No report

**Q. CE/R REPORT - Ms. Chris Trogdon**

No report

**R. BCC REPORT - Ms. Heather Cheesman**

No report

**S. PTO/PTA/ED FOUNDATION REPORT - Ms. Peggy Gens**

No report

**T. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Diane DeGiacomo**

1. Discussion of unused snow day

A motion was made by Ms. Wehrman, seconded by Ms. Glenn to approve closing all schools in the district on Friday, May 23, 2008 (Memorial Day weekend) for the unused snow day from the 2007-2008 school calendar.

Motion unanimously approved.

**U. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Ms. Peggy Ianoale**

Approval of the following items on 4/23/08:

1. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS

Board Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report

List of Bills

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**U. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Ms. Peggy Ianoale (continued)**

(for approval at the 4/23/08 meeting)

- 2.a. Acceptance of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification, Budgetary Line Item status
- b. Certification of budgetary Major Account/Fund Status

**V. STUDENT/PROGRAMS**

A motion was made by Ms. Dansbury, seconded by Ms. Wehrman, to approve the following:

1. Motion to allow 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student to remain at Peter Muschal Elem. School for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year.
2. Motion to approve request for permission for 12 MIS students to participate in a study sponsored by the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
3. Motion to approve additional field trip for two students from BRHS who were invited to Kean University to participate in their 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Poetry Reading Contest
5. Approve of settlement in the amount of \$50,000 with A.D. as attached to the minutes

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (items 1, 2, 3): AYES: Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Ms. Glenn, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Trogdon, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Gabauer. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Ms. Cheesman.

Motion unanimously approved.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (item 5): AYES: Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Gens, Mr. Lynch, Ms. Trogdon, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Gabauer. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Glenn (she was not present for the discussion of this item). ABSENT: Ms. Cheesman.  
Motion approved by a majority vote.

**W. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT(S)**

No report

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**X. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. BRHS Art Explosion 2008 Information
2. Budget Newsletter
3. Yearbook subsidy from the Board of Education
4. *Reaching for the Stars* Training Seminar flyer
5. Budget letters sent to Mayors
6. Spring 2008 Athletic Schedules
7. Board Meeting - Wednesday, April 23, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

**Y. NEW HANOVER REPORT**

1. Discussion about BRMS "booing" New Hanover students. BRMS students are writing letters of apology.
2. "Annie" is being presented Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
3. New Hanover may be requested to consolidate. Mr. Slater will keep us posted and is trying to schedule a meeting with the County Superintendent for clarification on the process.

**Z. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - Ms. Jaclyn Gabauer and Ms. Harlee Gallo**

1. Dodgeball tournament was successful
2. Prom tickets on sale the first week of May; \$65 each
3. Prom fashion show was a success
4. April 18<sup>th</sup> is the Battle of the Bands; four bands are competing
5. May 1<sup>st</sup> is student elections
6. May 10<sup>th</sup> is the Car Show
7. The play was successful
8. Pianos have been received
9. Shoe Drive request has been approved

**AA. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**BB. BOARD AND PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Ms. Dansbury wished Ms. Glenn and Ms. Trogdon well if they don't return to the Board. Mr. Gabauer agreed.
2. Superintendent search is progressing
3. Mr. Tom Potts is a write-in candidate for the Township

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**DD. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Glenn, seconded by Ms. Trogdon to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m.  
Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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John R. Gabauer, III  
President

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Peggy A. Ianoale  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary









