

BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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MINUTES - August 7, 2013

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The Conference Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education of the Bordentown Regional School District was convened on the above date at 5:30 p.m. with the Board President 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 January 23, 2013 through December 11, 2013 was conveyed to the Burlington County Times, The Register News, and the Trenton Times on January 4, 2013. The change in time for this meeting was conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on July 11, 2013. The change in time for this meeting was conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on July 30, 2013.

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

**B. FLAG SALUTE/SILENT REFLECTION**

The Board Secretary 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: Mr. Creegan, Mr. Drew, Ms. Gens, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow and Ms. Hartmann. **ABSENT:** Ms. Goff and Mr. Potts.

Also attending: Dr. Constance J. Bauer, Superintendent, Mr. Eloi Richardson, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Staff attending: Maria Moshinsky, Melanie Stokes, Barbarann Mazza, Kelly Gray, Lori Monaghan, Greg Poole, Anna Swiniuchowski, Jeannette McCue, Lisa VanBruggen, Dianne Mizerak, Julie McCall, Elizabeth Sterling, Kimberley Walker, Dawn Medici, Debbie McKown, Lisa Swanson, Donna Sensi, Jen Parkinson, Heather Stab, Judie Martin, Traci Redler, Liz Mitchell, Barbara Mintzer, Bonnie Meyers, Kevin Wright, Karen Roscoe, Emma Voshell, Dawn Patterson, Jessica Borek, Stephanie Kohnke, Susan Gerike, Tonya Dixon, Vanessa Dixon, Tori Bryant, Jillian Wingo, Yolette Labissiere, Justine Perry, Vicki Cesaretti, Anthony Rizzo, Pat Mellor, R. Snook, Maya Fair, Jennifer McCoy, Michelle Leusner, Chris O'Leary, Jack Yost, Marissa Crowell, Leona Stanton, Jennifer Marino, Lauren Czehut, Tom Ridolfi, Patty Ridolfi, Barb Tonzini, Jennifer Kafer, Renee Eugene, and Ann Marie O'Leary.

Visitors attending: Joe Nasatka, Christine Vanhise, John Moynihan, Melanie Kunkler, Reba Snyder, Mike Dauber, and Marianne Jackson.

**D. PUBLIC FORUM - FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

Members of the public are invited to submit comments pertaining to educational matters during the public comment portion of the meeting. The Board, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, will not entertain comments pertaining to student or personnel matters or matters pertaining to negotiations or litigation and may choose not to respond to any comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting. However, the Board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all complaints to the administration for resolution.

Please be aware that all Board employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public. The maximum time per member of the public shall be five minutes. Please state your name

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and address for the record.

- Ms. Dauber commented/inquired on the following:
  - a. Agenda Item J (Workshop with NJSBA)
  - b. Agenda Item F1 (Curriculum report and test scores)
  - c. Agenda Item F3 (New AP courses)
- Ms. Kunkler commented/inquired on the following:
  - a. The new Vice Principal selection process
  - b. Expanding pre-school availability
- Ms. Moshinsky commented on the curriculum to enhance challenges for IEP students

**E. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL (R.C.\*) - None**

**F. CURRICULUM REPORTS**

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

1. Motion to approve all curricula and courses of study for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. +Motion to approve adoption of new textbooks, *Glencoe Algebra II, Common Core Edition*, by John A. Carter, Ph.D., Gilbert J. Cuevas, Ph.D., Roger Day, Ph.D., Carol Malloy, Ph.D. - 175 books @ \$87.93 each (plus additional resources) = \$16,972.05.
3. +Motion to approve adoption of new textbooks, *Microeconomics*, by Paul Krugman and Robin Wells - 25 books @ \$144.50 each (plus additional resources) = \$4,970.20. This textbook is for the advanced placement course.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-3):

AYES: Mr. Creegan, Mr. Drew Ms. Gens, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow and Ms. Hartmann. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Ms. Goff and Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

**G. PERSONNEL REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Creegan, seconded by Mr. Hartmann to approve the following:

**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) is (are) 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.

**\*ALL BREA SALARIES AND STIPENDS WILL BE PAID AT 2011-2012 RATES AND WILL BE ADJUSTED PENDING NEGOTIATIONS\***

1. +Motion to approve **Ms. Samantha Pestridge** as an elementary teacher at Clara Barton School for the 2013-2014 school year, effective 9/1/13, Step 1, BA, with a salary of \$50,442. This fills an existing vacancy.
2. Motion to approve Ms. Teresa Pappano as long term leave replacement at Clara Barton School, effective 10/29/13 through 4/21/14, Step 1, MA, with a pro-rated salary of \$53,492, per diem.
3. +Motion to approve **Ms. Jolene Yankosky** as long term leave replacement at Peter Muschal School. Ms. Yankosky will be compensated in accordance with the long term, per diem, substitute pay scale from 9/3/13 through 12/20/13.
4. +Motion to approve **Ms. Michele Santamaria** as long term leave replacement at Peter Muschal School. Ms. Santamaria will be compensated in accordance with the long term, per diem, substitute pay scale from 9/3/13 through 12/20/13.

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5. +Motion to approve Ms. Adrienne Proulx as long term leave replacement at Clara Barton School. Ms. Proulx will be compensated in accordance with the long term, per diem, substitute pay scale from 9/3/13 through 1/22/14. After 91 days, Ms. Proulx will be paid at Step 1, BA, with a pro-rated salary of \$50,442 through 6/20/14.
6. Motion to approve Ms. Victoria Mosca as a long term leave replacement at MacFarland Intermediate School. Ms. Mosca will be compensated in accordance with the long term, per diem, substitute pay scale from 9/3/13 through 12/5/13. After 91 days, Ms. Mosca will be paid at Step 1, BA, with a pro-rated salary of \$50,442 through 12/20/13.
7. Motion to rescind previous appointment of Ms. Shannon Dahse from the position of Substance Awareness Coordinator. The position has been re-advertised.
8. Motion to approve Ms. Amy Rabenda, a TCNJ student and current staff member of BRMS, to intern under the supervision of Ms. Toby Sebelist at the Bordentown Regional Middle School, for a total of 600 hours of experience as a school counselor from September, 2013 through April, 2014.
9. Motion to approve CDA Summer staff:

Name	Assignment	Wage	Date
Christopher Glenn	Soccer Camp Asst. Supervisor	\$20/hr	July 29 - August 2
Patricanne Ridolfi	Field Hockey	Volunteer	July 31 - August 2
<u>Jessica Carey</u>	<u>Field Hockey</u>	<u>\$9/hr</u>	<u>July 31 - August 2</u>

10. Motion to accept resignation of Mr. Daniel Kehr from the position of part-time autistic aide at Peter Muschal School.
11. Motion to accept resignation of Mr. George Dixon from the position of network technician for the district, effective August 9, 2013.

INFORMATION

12. +JOB POSTINGS: Instructional Team Leaders - School Bus Driver - Science Teacher, Maternity Leave - Substance Awareness Coordinator.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-11):

AYES: Mr. Creegan, Mr. Drew Ms. Gens, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow and Ms. Hartmann. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Ms. Goff and Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

H. BUSINESS, FINANCE & OPERATIONS

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

1. Motion to award a contract for physical therapy services to Solid Ground Pediatric Physical Therapy at an estimated annual cost of \$60,000 respectively for FY 2013/2014. (\*)
2. Motion to award a contract for physical therapy services to Invo Health Care Associates at an estimated annual cost of \$40,000 respectively for FY 2013/2014. (\*)  
(\*) Combined, these replace a previous contracted service of approximately \$122,000 for FY 2012/2013.

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ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-2):

AYES: Mr. Creegan, Mr. Drew Ms. Gens, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow and Ms. Hartmann. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Ms. Goff and Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

I. NEW HANOVER REPORT - None

J. WORKSHOP WITH NJSBA - 2013/2014 DISTRICT GOALS

K. BOARD and PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public are invited to submit comments pertaining to educational matters during the public comment portion of this meeting. Please report to the microphone and state your name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board of Education. The board, pursuant to *Open Public Meetings Act*, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to comments made by members of the public during this portion of the meeting; however, the board will give all comments appropriate consideration and will refer all initial complaints to the administration for resolution. The board may set time limits for the Public Forum and will let the public know of these restraints at the beginning of each Public Forum session. Please be aware that all board employees retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights against defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey.

- Mr. O'Leary commented on the negotiations status and staff's children attending school in the district.
- Mr. Dauber commented/inquired on the following:
  - a. Parent Advisory Council
  - b. District goals
  - c. Staff's children attending school in the district
- Ms. Kunkler commented/inquired on the following:
  - a. SAC meetings--pleased to see plans to hold; questions holding PAC meetings
  - b. Parental input on curriculum development [Dr. Bauer extended an offer to meet with Ms. Kunkler].
- Ms. Snyder commented/inquired on providing in-service training for aides.
- Ms. O'Leary commented on staff's children attending school in the district.
- Mr. Drew commented/inquired to Ms. Wehrman on information regarding a pending employment contract negotiation intended for circulation to the Board's negotiation committee (Mr. Drew is not a member thereof). Ms. Hartmann responded that the matter in question is protected from public disclosure at this time to avoid violating employee's rights.
- Ms. Jackson (NJ School Board Field Representative) thanked the Board for doing their job and acting properly in public.

L. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Zablow read the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Creegan and unanimously approved at 7:30 p.m.:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Bordentown Regional School District ("Board of Education") has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of the Board of Education will reconvene following the end of the closed session, approximately 7:00 pm this evening.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public (Provision relied upon: \_\_\_\_\_);

Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

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\_\_\_\_\_ Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of Individual privacy;

X Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body (Specify contract: Negotiations);

\_\_\_\_\_ Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

\_\_\_\_\_ Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection;

\_\_\_\_\_ Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

\_\_\_\_\_ Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer (If pending or anticipated litigation, the matter is entitled: \_\_\_\_\_)

(If contract negotiation, the nature of the contract and interested party is \_\_\_\_\_)

Under certain circumstances, if public disclosure of the matter would have a potentially negative impact on the Board of Education's position in the litigation or negotiation, this information may be withheld until such time that the matter is concluded or the circumstances no longer present a potential impact);

\_\_\_\_\_ Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting (Subject to the balancing of the public's interest and the employee's privacy rights under South Jersey Publishing, 124 N.J. 478, the employee(s) and nature of discussion is \_\_\_\_\_);

\_\_\_\_\_ Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) may be made public at a time when the Board of Education Attorney advises the Board of Education that the disclosure of the discussion will not detrimentally affect any right, interest or duty of the School District or any other entity with respect to said discussion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education, for the aforementioned reasons, hereby declares that the public is excluded from the portion of the meeting during which the above discussion shall take place and hereby directs the Board Secretary to take the appropriate action to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

I, Mr. Eloi Richardson, Board Secretary do hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Bordentown Regional School District, Board of Education at its meeting held on 08/7/2013.

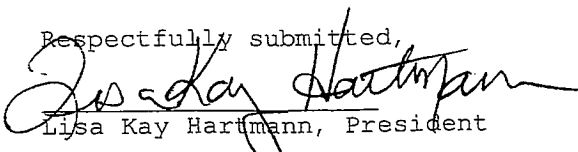
The Board returned to open session at 8:25pm.

**T. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Zablow, seconded by Mr. Hartmann to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lisa Kay Hartmann, President

  
Eloi Richardson, SBA/BS