

BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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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 6:30 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: The date, the time, and the purpose of this special meeting were conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on January 6, 2014. The change in time for this meeting was conveyed to the Burlington county Times and the Trenton Times on March 26, 2014

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. Hartmann, Ms. Hartmann, Mr. Heberling, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow and Mr. Drew. **ABSENT:** Mr. Creegan (Arrived 6:52), Ms. Goff (Arrived 6:37pm), and Mr. Potts.

Also attending: Mr. Joseph Miller, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Eloi Richardson, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mr. George Morris, Board Counsel.

Staff attending: Diana McNeil, Connie McMillin, Chris O'Leary, Mike Brennan, Ray Snook, Cynthia Mansour, Suzy Mansour, Alessandra Rogers, Liz Brotherton, Ann Marie O'Leary, Stephen Perry, Louise Sullivan, Melanie Stokes, Lauren Brandimarto, Lori Monaghan, Patrick Lynch, and Susan Gerike.

Visitors attending: Jim Brotherton, Mae Hamilton, Marianne Jackson, Cathy Luyber, Melanie Kunkler, Mike Dauber, Bill Mercantini, Amy Hornbeck, Barbara Eget, Joann Dansbury, Rob Delaney, Howard Zablow, and Sharon Dauber.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Hartmann read the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Wehrman and unanimously approved at 6:33pm.:

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;

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

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_____ 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: _____);

_____ 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: Client Privilege)

(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 Personnel);

_____ 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 4/2/2014.

The Board returned to open session at 7:05pm.

E. PUBLIC FORUM - FOR AGENDA ITEMS - None

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 my 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 and address for the record.

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F. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION

1. Fall Sports Recognitions

G. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - None

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update by Mr. Miller:

1. CSA Search Update
2. Recognize Custodial/Maintenance for great job of snow removal

I. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL (R.C.*)

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

1. *+Motion to approve Travel/Mileage reimbursement request
ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

AYES: Mr. Creegan, Ms. Goff, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Heberling, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow and Mr. Drew. NOES: Ms. Hartmann.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Board/Staff Relations Committee meeting, March 28, 2014, Mark Drew reported there on; main topic was development of 2014/15 school calendar; highlights included:
 - No more 2 hour delays
 - School will be opened on Veterans Day; honor events for veterans.
 - Kindergarten orientation will be more of an "open-house" format.
2. CDA Committee Meeting, March 31, 2014 - Ms. Mona Goff, Chair: Will report thereon at next meeting.

K. SUPERINTENDENT' S REPORT

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

1. +Motion to adopt 2014-2015 Single Sheet Calendar
2. +Motion to accept HIB Report & Determinations

School	# of Reports	# of HIB
CBS	0	0
PMS	0	0
MIS	0	0
BRMS	1	1
BRHS	1	0
TOTAL:	2	1

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

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

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

L. CURRICULUM REPORTS - None

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M. PERSONNEL REPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Wehrman, seconded by Ms. Goff 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.

1. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #6117, effective May 18, 2014 through approximately October 16, 2014 is hereby approved subject to verification of the requested duration of such leave in accordance with the applicable provisions of FMLA and NJFLA and Board Policy 4151.2/4251.2 and further subject to employee's continued payment of all required health care contributions in accordance with Board policy and applicable law.
2. Motion to amend leave of absence request for employee #4990 through January 1, 2015 from the position of Special Education Teacher. Employee originally requested a return date of September 1, 2014.
3. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #5045, effective April 10, 2014 through approximately April 25, 2014 is hereby approved subject to verification of the requested duration of such leave in accordance with the applicable provisions of FMLA and NJFLA and Board Policy 4151.2/4251.2 and further subject to employee's continued payment of all required health care contributions in accordance with Board policy and applicable law.
4. Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Judy Standifer, due to retirement, from the position of Mathematics Teacher for BRMS, effective 7/1/14.
5. Motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Maria Foy from the position of transportation aide, effective 3/18/14.
6. Motion to approve Ms. Chelsea Kohfeldt, a TCNJ student, to intern as a school guidance counselor under the mentorship of Ms. Jodie Glenn, September 2, 2014 through December 12, 2014.
7. Motion to approve Ms. Josi Suslov, a West Minster Choir, Rider University student, to observe in Ms. Ellen Kirk's classroom at the Bordentown Regional Middle School.
8. +Motion to approve Mr. Bruce Cerino as a full-time Maintenance Mechanic, Step 1, with a pro-rated salary of \$40,302, effective April 7, 2014. Mr. Cerino is in the process of earning his BSL.
9. Motion to approve Ms. Joanne Hanna, a certified teacher and Orton-Gillingham certified instructor, to provide tutoring for a BRMS student, one hour per day, four days per week, after school, effective April 8, 2014. Ms. Hanna will be compensated in accordance with the negotiated agreement at the special project rate of \$35.19/hr.
10. Motion to approve Ms. Alexandra Guido, a CBS teacher and certified Wilson tutor to provide tutoring for a BRMS student, one day per week, after school, effective April 11, 2014. Ms. Guido will be compensated in accordance with the negotiated agreement at the special project rate of \$35.19/hr.

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ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1; 3-10):

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

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 2):

AYES: Mr. Creegan and Ms. Wehrman. NOES: Ms. Goff, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Hartmann, Mr. Heberling, Ms. Zablow and Mr. Drew.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts.

Motion NOT approved.

N. BUSINESS, FINANCE & OPERATIONS

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

1. Motion to submit 2013 IDEA final report.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

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

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

O. POLICY - None

P. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mr. Richardson gave update on meeting February 24, 2014 with the Burlington County DOE for our district's mid-year budget review; announced that the 2014/15 Budget was approved by the County Superintendent, with favorable comments.

Q. 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.

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- 1) Ms. Melody Peterson and Ms. Jenna Hartmann commented/inquired regarding the ongoing holiday music issue, noting a petition with 462 signatures requesting inclusion of holiday songs; impassioned discussion ensued amongst board members; the superintendent responded to inquiries from the Board; Mr. Drew called Mr. Lynch (HS Principal) to the podium to respond to certain inquiries. Mr. Drew indicated he will reach out to Board Counsel for advice; Board to further discuss this matter and make a decision.
- 2) Ms. Caldwell commented that she is pleased there will not be a 2hour delay next school year.
- 3) T. Slammers commented regarding the holiday music issue.
- 4) Mr. deGroot commented regarding the holiday music issue.
- 5) Ms. Costaldo commented on the students speaking their views.
- 6) Mr. Kosal expressed disappointment that Veteran's Day is not acknowledged as a holiday.
- 7) Mr. Browne commented regarding the holiday music issue.
- 8) Mr. Hudson commented regarding the holiday music issue.

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- 9) Ms. Applegate commented/inquired on the following:
- a. Thanked MIS for Awareness Day for her son
 - b. Appreciate choir coming together
 - c. Holiday music issue; referenced Assemblyman Ron Dancer speaking of legislation regarding this type of issue in near future.
- 10) Mr. Malone indicated that he will follow-up with Assemblyman Ron Dancer on any legislation concerning holiday music.
- 11) Mr. Delaney commented/inquired on the following:
- a) Mechanical issue with bus #7.
 - b) Thanked students for speaking their views.
 - c) Lack of recognition for BASE representatives at last meeting.
 - d) Next step from disapproval of Personnel Item M2.
 - e) Decision date for new CSA candidate.

R. NEW BUSINESS

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

Recognize all members of Custodial/Maintenance crew for exemplary job of snow removal through a difficult winter. A luncheon will be provided; time/date to be determined.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

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

Recognize all members of Transportation Department for their excellent performance in spite of challenging circumstances this past winter.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts.

Motion approved by majority.

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

Board voted to establish/alter meeting dates:

- April 14, 2014, 7:00 PM - CSA Interviews (Executive Session Only)
- April 16, 2014, 7:00 PM - CSA Interviews (Executive Session Only)
- April 28, 2014, 7:00 PM - CSA Final Interviews (Executive Session Only)
- April 23, 2014 - Regular Action Meeting CANCELLED
- April, 30, 2014 - Combination Public Budget Hearing and Action Meeting

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Ms. Goff, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Hartmann, Mr. Heberling, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Creegan. ABSENT: Mr. Potts.

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Ms. Lisa Hartmann left the meeting (approximately 9:00 PM).

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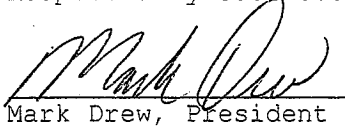
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The Board returned to open session at 9:35pm.

S. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,


Mark Drew, President


Eloi Richardson, SBA/BS