

BRSD Board of Education

March 17, 2004 Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Bordentown Regional School District was convened on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with Mrs. Dansbury presiding.

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 1, 2003, through April 7, 2004, was conveyed to the Burlington County Times, Register News, and the Trenton Times on May 1, 2003.

Agendas were posted in all district school buildings, Central Office, Township Hall and City Hall, announcing time and place of meeting.

Advance written notice of this meeting was mailed to all persons, who, according to records of the secretary of this Board, requested and paid for same.

The president led the members of the Board and audience in the salute to the flag and moment of silent meditation.

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Binder, Mrs. Burns, Mr. DiLemme, Ms. Glenn, Mr. Nucera, and Mrs. Dansbury.

ABSENT: Mr. Gore (arrived at 7:40 p.m.), Dr. Nicholls, Mrs. Trogdon (arrived at 7:15 p.m.).

Also attending were:

Mr. John Polomano, Superintendent and Mrs. Peggy A. Ianoale,
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Staff attending were: Reba Snyder, Judy Furth.

Visitors attending were: Kevin Hirschfeld, Bitsy Nixon, Dave Szenczi, Mike D'Angelo, Kevin Sheehan.

Ms. Glenn read the following resolution, seconded by Mrs. Burns and unanimously approved at 7:10 p.m.:

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 0:4-6, 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:

PERSONNEL, LEGAL MATTERS & NEGOTIATIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforestated 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 in 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 8:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Cover Memo

Recognitions:

Students nominated for Governor's School

Laura Allen Courtney Sirak
Sarah Gibbons Stephanie Datu

Elks Students of the Month

MJS - January - Adam Hurley

BRHS - January - Kate LaMachia

Winter 2003-2004 All-Stars

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>Sport</u>
Brent Clemens	Wrestling - 2 nd team-Patriot Div.
Ryan Branson	Bowling - 1 st team-Freedom Div.
Leon Mack	Bowling - 2 nd team-Freedom Div.
Lane Hirschfeld	Bowling - 2 nd team-Freedom Div.
T. J. McGonigal	Bowling - 2 nd team-Freedom Div.
Kristi Hamm	Bowling - 1 st team-Freedom Div.
Jen Dean	Bowling - 1 st team-Freedom Div.
Melissa Jones	Bowling - 2 nd team-Freedom Div.

Daniel Sasso Basketball - 1st team-Patriot Div.
Thomas Gutowski Basketball - 2nd team-Patriot Div.
Randi Temple Basketball - 1st team-Patriot Div.
Latoya Taylor Basketball - 2nd team-Patriot Div.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Glenn, seconded by Mrs. Trogdon to approve the Consent Agenda.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Binder, Mrs. Burns, Mr. DiLemme, Ms. Glenn, Mr. Gore, Mr. Nucera, Mrs. Trogdon and Mrs. Dansbury.
NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Nicholls.

Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

February 4, 2004

February 18, 2004

February 25, 2004

Approval of Substitute Personnel

The attached list of substitute staff, student teachers, positions, and rates of compensation as previously adopted are appointed for emergent hiring pending completion and certification of the State of New Jersey Criminal History Check. Affidavits from the applicants attesting to no criminal record are in the possession of the Superintendent. Substitutes to whom this applies are noted in **bold/black** type.

- Addition to List: **John Risconsin (degreed)**

Acceptance of Reports

Substance Awareness Coordinator Report

Out-of-District Placements

Suspensions

<u>2/27/04 Enrollment</u>		<u>February Fire Drills</u>
664	BRHS	2/04/04 & 1/22/04
324	MJS	2/10/04 & 2/12/04
344	CBS	2/02/04 & 2/10/04
<u>732</u>	PMES	2/09/04 & 2/10/04
2,064	District Total	

Acceptance of Business & Finance Reports

Board Secretary's Report (January)

Treasurer's Report (January)

Transportation Report (January)

List of Bills (February & March)

PUBLIC FORUM

STAFF PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Burns, seconded by Mrs. Trogdon to approve the following appointments, per the 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 is noted in **bold print**.

- a. Approve salary adjustments for Educational Credits:

	Former Status	New Status	Salary
<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>(Step)</u>	<u>(Step)</u>	<u>Adjustment</u>
Christine Corcoran	4, BA+18	4, BA+24	\$ 150.00*
Michael Condurso	9, BA+6	9, BA+12	\$ 140.00
Jim Lympfer	6, BA+24	6, BA+30	\$ 50.00
Michele Galla	3, BA+12	3, BA+18	\$ 50.00
Kristin Kuechler	2, BA+18	2, BA+30	\$ 200.00
Judy Standifer	14.5, BA+6	14.5, BA+12	\$ 140.00
Renee Brown	5	5, BA+6	\$ 610.00
Darlene de la Cruz	19, MA+18	19, MA+30	\$1,469.60
Daniel McManamon	2	2, BA+6	\$ 610.00
Andrea Minster	3, BA+12	3, BA+18	\$ 50.00
Charlie Miller	8, BA+30	8, MA	\$1,300.00

*Retroactive to 9/1/03

- b. Accept, with best wishes, retirement of Ms. Chris Mercer, special education teacher at PMES, effective June 30, 2004
- c. Accept, with best wishes, retirement of Ms. Judy Furth, teacher at PMES, effective June 30, 2004
- d. Approve medical leave for Ms. Renee Brown, eff. 3/30/04-4/30/04 (approx. 5 weeks)
- e. Accept resignation of Ms. Kimberly Trombetta, speech/language specialist at PMES, eff. March 3, 2004 (parents have been sent a letter explaining coverage)
- f. Approve **Ms. Kimberly Marie Blood** as replacement for Ms. Holly Studzinski, science teacher at MJS, eff. 3/18/04, Step 1, \$39,508 prorated
- g. Approve **Mr. Rodney Jones** as full-time custodian, eff. 3/22/04, Step 1, \$26,350 prorated
- h. Approve **Mr. Marc Mercantini** as full-time custodian, eff. 3/18/04, Step 1, \$25,866 prorated (includes \$538 night differential)
- i. Approve speech plan as presented by Ms. Louise Sullivan, Director of Special Services (this covers all students and make-up sessions resulting in staff absence)
- j. Approve additional leave of absence for Ms. Mary Kulesa, CBS librarian. She intends to return in September, 2005.
- k. Approve **Ms. Vanessa Miller** as a cafeteria (general) aide at PMES, Step 1, \$7,351 prorated, eff. 3/30/04
- l. Approve maternity leave for Ms. Tara Planas-Borgstrom, eff. April 30, 2004 through June 30, 2004
- m. Approve classroom observations for Gary Nucera, Zach Wagner, Christine Cacace and Babette Sherrier. Letters have been received from their professors. _

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Binder, Mrs. Burns, Mr. DiLemme, Ms. Glenn, Mr. Gore, Mr. Nucera, Mrs. Trogdon and Mrs. Dansbury. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Nicholls.

Motion unanimously approved.

INFORMATION:

- n. Letter from Ms. Susan Gerike with her intent to return to work from leave of absence, September 2004.
- o. Recap of 2003-2004 calendar: days off 5/14/04 & 5/28/04 - to include custodians
- p. JOB POSTING: Speech Therapist, full time

STUDENT PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gore to approve the following:

- 3. Approve district Professional Development plan for 2004-2005 letter of approval
- 4. Approve application for grant for Guidance Counselor in the amount of \$240,000 over 3 years, effective 9/1/04
- 5. Approve contribution of Infield Tarp for Gilder Field with contributions from Bordentown Baseball Booster Club, American Legion Baseball Team and Bordentown Regional School District Athletic Department Gatorade Funds

*** A motion was made by Mrs. Burns, seconded by Mrs.**

Trogdon to table Item #5 until after the Executive

Session. Motion unanimously approved.

- 6. Approve 2004-2005 single sheet calendar. Professional days will be added at a later date
- 7. Approve submission of Literacy Grant to Washington Mutual in the amount of \$105,200 for the 2004-2005 school year

Motion unanimously approved (Items 3, 4, 6 & 7).

POLICIES

BUSINESS & FINANCE

A motion was made by Ms. Glenn, seconded by Mrs. Burns to approve the following:

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

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Binder, Mrs. Burns, Mr. DiLemme, Ms. Glenn, Mr. Gore, Mr. Nucera, Mrs. Trogdon and Mrs. Dansbury. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Nicholls.

Motion unanimously approved.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

5. ASSA Report
6. Change order request for lighting

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Discussion of new high school project negotiations
(Executive Session)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board/Staff Committee - Calendar and formation of committees

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. January/February School Board Highlights
2. Article from the *Staten Island Sunday Advance* regarding drug search
3. Peter Muschal Press
4. Bordentown Youth Football Flyer - 22 people attended
5. Memo from Ms. Louise Sullivan regarding Special Ed.
6. Update on Teen Pep Program
7. Invitation to CBS Curriculum Night/Science Fair
4/20/04, 7:00 p.m.
8. BRAD Newsletter
9. Advertising in Spanish language newspapers
10. AP classes admission criteria
11. CE/R Summer Program

DISCUSSION OF 2004-2005 BUDGET

1. Chorus classes
2. Minutes from February 22, 1996
3. Aides & Child Study Team information
4. Where we stand
5. Set Technology Committee meeting date

BOARD & PUBLIC FORUM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Glenn read the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Nucera and unanimously approved at 11:05 p.m.:

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PERSONNEL

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The Board returned to Open Session at 11:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Burns seconded by Mr. DiLemme to approve contribution of Infield Tarp for Gilder Field with contributions from Bordentown Baseball Booster Club, American Legion Baseball Team and Bordentown Regional School District Athletic Department Gatorade Funds. Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Binder, seconded by Mrs. Burns to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Dansbury, President

Peggy A. Ianoale, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary