

BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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MINUTES - March 2, 2016

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 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 scheduled meetings were conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on January 11, 2016. 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. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. ABSENT: Mr. Heberling and Mr. Tyler.

Also attending: Dr. Edward Forsthoffer, Superintendent, Mr. Eloi Richardson, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Cameron Morgan, Board Solicitor.

Staff attending: Jackie Chen, Christina Kittel, Connie McMillin, Melanie Stokes, Kate Sadoski, Kathy Creegan, Lisa Muolo, Doug Corbin, Renee' Eugene, Donna Esposito, Allison Wills, Jillian Wingo, Liz Brotherton, Michael Oliver, Robert Conlin, Shelly Gallo, Lisa Van Bruggen, Doreen Stettner, Jessica Borek, Ray Snook, Ann Marie O'Leary, Chris O'Leary, Christine Takacs, Pam Poole, Maureen Reilly, Tara Planas-Borgstrom, Matt Derby, Jane Porter-Bond, Danielle Bond, and Greg Poole.

Visitors attending: Jim Brotherton, Walter Kosul, Zack Sudol, John Sudol, and Marsha Calderon.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - None

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 _____);

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: _____);

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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 1/6/2016.

E. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION - None

F. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - None

G. 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 and address for the record.

- Mr. Mercantini commented on the event celebrating Black History Month; job well done.

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H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Fausti to approve the following:

1. Motion to rescind motion N-4, as conditionally amended, from the 2/17/2016 Board meeting.
2. +Motion to approve an agreement with our official depository (PNC Bank) for direct scanning of deposit checks into our account(s) by scanning them to make electronic images of the checks and transmitting the same to the bank to expedite funds availability. [This will initially be conducted on a pilot basis for the CDA operations through the rest of calendar year 2016 and then be evaluated for continued use thereafter; start up and monthly fees are being waived by PNC for at least this pilot period.]

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

AYES: Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, and Mr. Mercantini. NOES: Mr. Roselli and Mr. Drew.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Heberling and Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Fausti to approve the following:

1. +Motion to approve Travel/Mileage reimbursement requests

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

AYES: Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Heberling and Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Schiano to approve the following:

1. Motion to accept HIB Report & Determinations (No incidents to report at this time)

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

AYES: Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Heberling and Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

L. CURRICULUM REPORTS

A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Mercantini to approve the following:

1. +Motion to approve and submit to the Burlington County DOE the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Accountability Action Plan.
2. Motion to amend BRHS field trip originally approved for the Mock Trial team to attend a scrimmage, adjusted for the Model UN team to attend a trip to Haddonfield HS on March 12, 2016. There is no cost to the district or students.

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

AYES: Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Heberling and Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

M. PERSONNEL REPORT

Appointments, Per Superintendent's Recommendation:

Resolution: Criminal History Check

*ALL BRFA SALARIES AND STIPENDS WILL BE PAID AT 2014-2015 RATES AND
WILL BE ADJUSTED PENDING NEGOTIATIONS*

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.

A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Schiano to approve the following:

1. Motion to accept resignation due to retirement from Ms. Constance McMillin from the position of Social Studies teacher at BRMS, effective July 1, 2016.
2. +Motion to approve **Mr. Zachary Rosario** as a full-time Network Systems Technician with a pro-rated salary of \$42,000, effective March 8, 2016. This replaces a resignation.
3. +Motion to approve Ms. Amy Hunt as a long term leave replacement at BRMS, effective April 22, 2016 through June 20, 2016, Step 1, BA with a pro-rated salary of \$50,982.
4. Motion to approve **Mr. Newell Kehr** as a volunteer coach for the BRMS softball team.
5. Motion to approve Ms. Leah Shaw as a volunteer coach for the BRHS track team.
6. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #4662, effective February 24, 2016 through approximately March 11, 2016, or until medically cleared to return, 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.
7. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #5690, effective February 4, 2016 with a return date pending medical clearance, 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.
8. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #6438, effective February 22, 2016 with a return date pending medical clearance, 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.

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9. Motion to approve Ms. Stephanie Ridge, a student of Sacred Heart University, to complete an observation of speech and language therapy, during the 2016 spring semester under the mentorship of Ms. Kim Walker at MIS.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-9):

AYES: Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Heberling and Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

N. BUSINESS, FINANCE & OPERATIONS

A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Schiano to approve the following:

1. +Motion to approve proposal from Brett DiNovi & Associates, L.L.C. as behavioral consultants/therapists for Special Services at a cost of \$125/hr. Cost for initial evaluation: \$1,500 (12 hours @ \$125/hr.)
2. Motion to approve the following Joint Agreement payable to Bordentown Regional School District:
 - Burlington City School District
 - a. (This is a change from a previous approval due to a student not attending as of 2/12/16) To transport one student to and from Garfield Park Academy, Willingboro, Route 97, effective September 1, 2015 to February 12, 2016. Total cost \$3,927.39. (previous cost \$6,863.66)
3. Motion to approve one out of district placement to Hampton Academy, effective February 22, 2016, with a pro-rated tuition of \$40,868.

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

AYES: Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Heberling and Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

O. POLICY - None

P. BOARD and PUBLIC FORUM

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1. Donna Esposito, computer teacher at MIS shared the following:
 - a. Virtual class trip to work with researchers in Antarctica.
 - b. Mystery Skype trip for 5th grade students to learn geography & cultures, with another planned for April 2016 to connect with schools in Nigeria.
2. Christopher O'Leary congratulated Connie McMillin on her retirement and commented on the generosity of the staff for their "Friday Jeans Day" contributions to various charities.

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3. Walter Kosul expressed concerns and questioned the Board's position and/or action(s) on the proposed natural gas pipeline planned for this area.

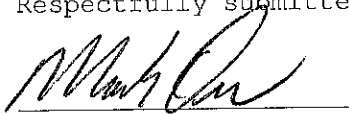
Q. NEW BUSINESS - None

R. ADJOURNMENT

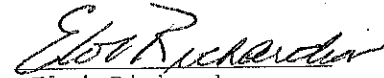
A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Mercantini to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Motion approved by majority.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Drew
President



Eloi Richardson
SBA/BS