

## *BRSB Board of Education*

**Minutes - October 18, 2004**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Bordentown Regional School District was convened on the above date at 7:30 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 to the Burlington County Times, Register News, and the Trenton Times on September 2, 2004.

Mrs. Dansbury led the members of the Board in the salute to the flag and a moment of silent meditation.

The following members answered roll call:

Mr. Binder, Mrs. Dansbury, Mr. Hirschfeld, Mr. Lynch, Dr. Nicholls, Mrs. Trogdon. ABSENT: Mr. DiLemme, Mr. Gore (arrived at 7:35 p.m.), Ms. Glenn (arrived at 7:40 p.m.)

Also attending:

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

Staff attending were: Reba Snyder, Norine Gerepka.

Visitors attending were: No visitors signed in.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Binder read the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Hirschfeld and unanimously approved at 7:30 p.m.:

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:

**PERSONNEL, REAL PROPERTY**

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

Introduction of Ms. Mintzer, Literacy Coach

Convention

A motion was made by Mrs. Dansbury, seconded by Mr. Gore to approve the Consent Agenda.

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

Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

September 1, 2004

September 15, 2004

Approval of Substitute Personnel

The following 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 are attached from the applicants attesting to no criminal record. (Substitutes to whom this applies are noted in **bold**/black type.)

Acceptance of Reports

CE/R Report

Substance Awareness Coordinator Report

Out of District Placements

<u>Enrollment</u>		<u>Fire Drills</u>	
BRHS	686	9/20/04 & 9/27/04	
MJS	326	9/13/04 & 9/24/04	
CBS	361	9/07/04 & 9/14/04	
PMES	724	9/14/04 & 9/27/04	
TOTAL	2,097		

Approve Out-of District Placements

Acceptance of Business & Finance Reports  
List of Bills (October 2004)

PUBLIC FORUM

STAFF PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mrs. Dansbury, 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 Babette Sherrier and Kulject Sekhon for classroom observation in fulfillment of college class requirements.
- b. Approve **Ms. Lauren Niewender** as high school English teacher, Step 1BA, \$40,500 prorated, beginning November 3, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

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

Motion unanimously approved.

JOB POSTINGS: CBS: Instructional 1:1 aide, 4<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education; BRHS: English teacher, full time; DISTRICT: District Network Technician

#### STUDENT PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Trogdon, seconded by Mr. Hirschfeld to approve the following:

4. Approve submission of Special Education

Corrective Action Plan in response to State monitoring

5. Approve Statement of Assurances and Intent for mentoring plan. This is the state required information sheet. Our plan is attached.
6. Approve annual Quality Annual Assurance Report (QAAR) for the 2003-04 school year. This report includes the results of 2003-04 school goals and objectives and the approved goals for the 2004-05 school year.
7. Approve application for annual Character Education Grant in the amount of \$5,565 for the 2004-05 school year.

Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Binder to approve the purchase of portable podiums for Drum Major competitions. Motion unanimously approved.

#### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- a. Job placement for co-op
- b. Update Career Night
- c. Update Stokes

- d. Guidance survey results
- e. Performing Arts brochure - MUSIC EXPENDITURES
- f. CE/R update
- g. Review NJ Board Member Code of Ethics - this is part of our board policy and is reviewed annually
- h. Impact of 1701
- i. Bus cameras

#### POLICIES

- a. Policy 6180 - supporting documents
- b. First Reading
  - Independent Evaluations
  - Revision to Policy 5020 - Scoliosis Screenings

#### BUSINESS & FINANCE

A motion was made by Mrs. Dansbury, seconded by Mrs. Trogdon 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. Dansbury, Mr. Gore, Mr. Hirschfeld, Mr. Lynch, Dr. Nicholls, Mrs. Trogdon, and Ms. Glenn. NOE: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. DiLemme.

Motion unanimously approved.

#### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

A motion was made by Mrs. Dansbury, seconded by Mrs. Trogdon to approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan 2003-04 through 2007-08. Motion unanimously approved.

#### RENOVATIONS

New High School

Baseball/Softball Fields

Stage Curtains

A motion was made by Dr. Nicholls, seconded by Mr. Binder to approve repair to the high school baseball/softball fields. Motion unanimously approved.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Curriculum Committee agenda - October 12, 2004

#### DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE APPROVAL

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

1. Pop Cultures curriculum
2. ELPAT revision

Motion unanimously approved.

#### BOARD & PUBLIC FORUM

This portion of the meeting is reserved specifically for the presentation of the Annual Violence and Vandalism Report:

We are pleased to report that, for the fourth consecutive year, our district numbers for violence and vandalism are down. The incident listing sheet shows that, by far, the general area of "fights" is the most represented.

Our district continues to be vigilant in accurately reporting our data. We continue to have serious concerns about the reporting mechanism developed by the state. It is too vague and leads to, we believe, inaccurate reporting.

Out of thirty (30) categories measured, our district reported zero offenses in almost 70% of the area and only one (1) in three other categories. We believe our work in

this area has resulted in positive gains. This work includes:

1. Mentoring
2. Peer mediation
3. Communications with law enforcement
4. Consistently enforced policies
5. Community support
6. Natural helpers
7. Clear policy of consequences as a result of actions

During the week of October 18<sup>th</sup>, all four of our schools will have activities that are related to Violence Prevention Awareness. These activities include assembly programs, student projects, student and staff meetings and meetings with law enforcement.

We will continue to be vigilant in our goal to combat violence.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Gore, seconded by Mr. Hirschfeld to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Pauline Glenn, President

Peggy A. Ianoale

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

