

BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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MINUTES - January 21, 2015

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Action 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 12, 2015. 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.

A moment of additional silence/reflection in memory of the recent passing of Board Member, Ellen Wehrman.

C. ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. **ABSENT:** Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman (excused).

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

Staff attending: Liz Brotherton and Chris O'Leary.

Visitors attending: Hannah Heberling, Jim Brotherton, Del Wiggley, Nathaniel Wiggley, Tim Fairlie, Melanie Kunkler, Pat Skelly, and Jill Popko.

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 1/7/2015.

E. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION

1. 2014 Fall All-Stars (Postponed due to inclement weather)
2. Fall Sports Team Recognition (Postponed due to inclement weather)

F. 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 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.

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G. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - None

Ms. Michelle Hazlett and Ms. Samantha Pagnani (Postponed due to inclement weather)

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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

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

1. +Motion to approve Travel/Mileage reimbursement requests
2. +Motion to approve Minutes, December 10, 2014
3. +Motion to approve Bill List, December 2014
4. +Motion to approve Board Secretary/Treasurer Report, December 2014
5. +Motion to approve Substitute List
6. +Motion to approve Special Education Student Placement
7. +Motion to accept Director of Special Services Report
8. +Motion to accept Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report
9. +Motion to accept District Support Staff Report
10. +Motion to accept Enrollment & Principal Reports:

BRHS	736
BRMS	576
MIS	400
CBS	243
PMS	608
	2,563

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-2; 6-10):

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

ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Roselli. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.

Motion approved by majority.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 3 & 4):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Mercantini and

Mr. Roselli. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.

Motion approved by majority.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 5):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Creegan and Mr.

Roselli. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.

Motion approved by majority.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. +Board of Education Standing Committee Appointments, 2015
(amended)

Mr. Drew recommended at least 3 committees should meet and report back to the Board per month; any Board member can fill in at any Committee meeting, but be careful of violating the Open Public Meetings Act.

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K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. +Motion to approve Corrective Action Plan. (NJ Department of Ed Consolidated Grant Monitoring Report, December 2014)
2. +Motion to accept Superintendent Goals for 2014-2015
3. Motion to accept HIB Report & Determinations (No incidents to report at this time)

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

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

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.

Motion approved by majority.

The Superintendent discussed the process to fill the Board vacancy.

L. CURRICULUM REPORTS

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

1. +Motion to approve sponsorship of 1 student to attend the American Legions' Boys State Program for 2015 at a cost of \$225.
2. Motion to approve Liam Lis, a 12 year old pop singer, to perform a concert at MIS at 1:30 PM on February 13, 2015 at no cost to the district. Songs are age appropriate with proper lyrics.

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

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.

Motion approved by majority.

M. 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.

1. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #4979, effective May 11, 2015 through January 11, 2016 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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2. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #6076, effective January 5, 2015 through approximately January 30, 2015 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.
3. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #4337, effective December 15, 2014 through approximately January 30, 2015 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. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #5329, effective March 20, 2015 through November 27, 2015 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.
5. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #5480, effective January 5, 2015 through approximately February 6, 2015 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.
6. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #4718, effective October 21, 2014 through approximately March 3, 2015 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 #4458, effective January 5, 2015 through approximately February 20, 2015 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. Motion to accept resignation from Ms. Sima Hansalia from the position of Speech Language Pathologist, effective March 16, 2015.
9. Motion to accept resignation from Mr. Robert Schoen from the position of Bus Driver, effective January 15, 2015.
10. Motion to accept resignation from Ms. Jennifer Lemanski from the position of Autistic Aide, effective February 19, 2015.

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11. Motion to approve Ms. Carleigh Stavrakis, a Rutgers student, to student teach at BRMS under the mentorship of Mr. Christopher O'Leary from January 21, 2015 through March 13, 2015 and Ms. Carla Whitaker from March 16, 2015 through May 8, 2015.
12. +Motion to approve Ms. Erica Grilletto as a part time Nurse, 25.5 hrs/wk. at PMS, Step 1, BA with a pro-rated salary of \$37,145, effective January 22, 2015. This replaces a resignation.
13. +Motion to approve Ms. Kara Lynch as a full-time Business Teacher at BRHS, Step 1, BA with a pro-rated salary of \$50,982, effective January 30, 2015. Ms. Lynch has been a part-time Business Teacher at BRHS and is replacing a resignation.
14. +Motion to approve Mr. Darren Schulman as a part-time, 25.5 hrs/wk., Business Teacher at BRHS, Step 1, BA with a pro-rated salary of \$37,145, effective January 29, 2015.
15. Motion to approve the additional staff members/rooms for the After School basic Skills program. Funding is provided through NCLB grant (Title 1). Instructors will perform targeted small group instruction 3 days a week (Tuesday through Thursday) following the school day from January 13, 2015 through March 19, 2015 at PMS, CBS and MIS:

Staff Member	Grade Level	Room Number	Stipend
Michele Henry	Combined 2 nd & 3 rd Grade class	PMES 303	\$1275.00 (split between teachers: \$425 per instructor) (100% of stipend charged to grant)
Dawn Rossell			
Rhonda Lichter			

16. Motion to approve the following staff members as chaperones for the Bordentown Regional Middle School's annual Stokes trip in May, 2015:
 - a. Christopher O'Leary Step 3 +L = \$814.80 stipend
 - b. Harriet Walker Step 3 Grandfathered +L = \$1702 stipend
 - c. Matthew Derby Step 3, \$664.80 stipend
 - d. Lisa Muolo Step 3, \$664.80 stipend
 - e. Mary Lynn Morino Step 3 +L = \$964.80 stipend
 - f. Gregory Poole Step 3 +L = \$814.80 stipend
 - g. Karyn Fitzsimmons Step 3, \$664.80 stipend
 - h. Dawn Patterson Step 3, \$664.80 stipend
 - i. Amy Rabenda Step 3, \$664.80 stipend
 - j. Doug Corbin Step 2, \$598.20 stipend
 - k. Robert Conlin Step 3 +L = \$814.80 stipend
 - l. Jessica Borek Step 3, \$664.80 stipend
 - m. Susan Gerike Step 3, \$664.80 stipend
 - n. Sam Tola Administrator - no pay
17. Motion to approve to contract with Mission 1 for the following aide positions:
 - a. One Autism aide for student in PS class for children with Autism at PMS (new student).
 - b. One Instructional aide, full time PSD disabled class at PMS (code requirement due to class size).
 - c. One Instructional aide Kindergarten for newly classified student at PMS.

INFORMATION

18. +JOB POSTINGS: Learning Disabilities Teacher (maternity leave)
- Speech Therapist -

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ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-15):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.
ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.
Motion approved by majority.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 16):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: Mr. Roselli. ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Creegan (Abstain 16.n). ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.
Motion approved by majority.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 17):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, and Mr. Mercantini. NOES: Mr. Roselli.
ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Drew. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.
Motion approved by majority.

N. BUSINESS, FINANCE & OPERATIONS

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

1. +Motion to accept Board Secretary's Monthly Certification: Budgetary Line Item Status and Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status for December, 2014.
2. +Motion to approve Transfer of Funds.
3. Motion to approve one out of district placement (home instruction) to Daytop NJ (residential) at a rate of \$120/day, effective January 7, 2015.
4. Motion to approve one out of district placement to Titusville Academy at a pro-rated tuition of \$47,341, effective January 15, 2015.
5. Motion to approve one out of district placement to Garfield Park Academy at a pro-rated tuition of \$49,500, effective January 15, 2015.
6. Motion to approve tuition with Mercer County Technical Schools for 3 students sent on a shared time basis (regular education), effective 9/3/14 for the 2014/15 SY. Tuition totals \$8,850 for all three students. (Tabled)
7. Motion to approve the following Joint Agreement payable to Bordentown Regional School District:
Burlington City School District
To transport one student to Wilbur Watts School, Burlington, Route 104 effective December 10, 2014 to June 24, 2015, total cost \$2,796.90.
8. Motion to approve the following contracted driver, mid-day needs to be canceled due to students no longer requiring transportation as of January 15, 2015.
Burlington County Alternative School - DRIVER Debbie Fields

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

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Roselli and Mr. Mercantini. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.
Motion approved by majority.

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ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 3-5; 7-8; Item 6 Tabled):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Hartmann, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Ms. Wehrman.

Motion approved by majority.

O. POLICY - None

P. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mr. Heberling discussed Sustainable NJ, Green Team and invitation to Township Deputy Mayor Popko.
2. Deputy Mayor Popko shared the following regarding Sustainable NJ, including her views on it having a positive environmental, educational, and economic impact.
3. Ms. Skelly shared similar views as Ms. Popko on Sustainable NJ.
4. Mr. Drew suggested that the matter be further discussed at an upcoming Building & Grounds subcommittee meeting.

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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- Ms. Csapo voiced concerns regarding the PARCC test (relating to CBS) including relating to "opt-out" options; use and security over the test results data; etc.
- MS. Kunkler commented/inquired on the PARCC testing (similar concerns as Ms. Csapo); 2015/2016 school calendar, particularly addressing religious holidays.
- Deputy Mayor Popko commented/inquired on the following:
 - a. PARCC testing and accommodations
 - b. Remembrance of Ellen Wehrman
 - c. Expressed her sense of unfavorable treatment by some board members earlier
- Mr. O'Leary recognized retirement of Mr. Schoen as a bus driver.

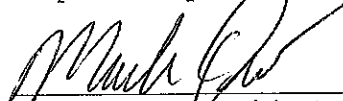
R. NEW BUSINESS - None

S. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Hartmann, seconded by Mr. Mercantini to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m.

Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark Drew, President


Eloi Richardson, SBA/BS