

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 scheduled meetings were conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on January 12, 2015. The change in time for this meeting was conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on May 1, 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.

C. ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Ms. Brennan; Mr. Heberling, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. **ABSENT:** Mr. Hartmann and Mr. Tyler.

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

Staff attending: Raquel Page, Christopher Glenn, Liz Brotherton, Tara Planas-Borgstrom, Terry Borgstrom, and Dianne Mizerak.

Visitors attending: Hannah Heberling, Greg Borgstrom, Jim Brotherton, Teresa Valentin, Tom Lopes, Sonya Varma, Charu Varma, Walter Kosul, Maranatha Paul, Gabrielle Planas-Borgstrom, Mia Procaccino, Linda Carr, Rosemarie Paul, Laurie Boyd-Paul, Sally Chen, and Bin Chen.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Heberling read the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Creegan and unanimously approved at 6:35pm:

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: _____)

(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);

X _____ 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 (2015-2016 Employment _____);

_____ 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.

The Board returned to open session at 7:00pm.

E. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION

1. MIS Gifted and Talented Program, Marsville

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.

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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.

G. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - None

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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

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

1. +Motion to approve Travel/Mileage reimbursement requests.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

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

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

Motion approved by majority.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Negotiations Committee Meeting, 5/5/15 - Mr. Steven Heberling, Chair reported thereon that the Negotiations Committee met with the BREA to finalize and sign the agreement As to ground rules for future sessions; review the respective scattergrams; both sides exchanged initial proposals.

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. +Motion to accept HIB Report & Determinations

School	# of Reports	# of HIB
CBS	0	0
PMS	0	0
MIS	<u>1</u>	0
BRMS	0	0
BRHS	0	0
TOTAL:	<u>1</u>	0

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

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

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

Motion approved by majority.

L. CURRICULUM REPORTS

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

1. +Motion to approve BRHS 2015 Summer SAT Preparation Course
2. +Motion to approve children of out-of-district staff members to attend BRSD for the 2015-2016 School Year.

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

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

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

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M. PERSONNEL REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Creegan, seconded by Mr. Mercantini 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. +Motion to accept Superintendent's recommendations to renew the following staff for the 2015-2016 S.Y. as per attached list:
 - Non-Tenured Teachers - "A"
 - Non-Tenured Administrators - "B"
 - Tenured Administrators - "C"
 - Non-Represented Administrators - "D"
 - Non-Tenured Support Staff - "E" & "H"
 - Non-Represented Support Staff - "E"
 - Tenured Staff - "F"
 - Aides - "G"
2. +Motion to approve Ms. Teresa Valentin as a BRHS Assistant Principal at an annual salary of \$88,000 for FY 2015-16, effective 7/1/15. This is to replace a staff transfer.
3. +Motion to approve Ms. Amy Jablonski as a BRHS Assistant Principal at an annual salary of \$83,500 for FY 2015-16, effective 7/1/15. This replaces a resignation.
4. +Motion to approve Ms. Shannon O'Brien as a long term leave replacement at PMS. Ms. O'Brien will be compensated in accordance with the long term leave replacement pay scale from May 7, 2015 through June 22, 2015.
5. Motion to hire a Mission 1 aide to accompany a student on the BRMS Stokes trip. The District will be billed \$563.35 for the cost of the aide for the three (3) day excursion.
6. Motion to approve the following staff members to work the summer Extended School Year Program (ESY) and Supplemental Reading Program:
 - a. Reading Program
 Compensation: Teacher \$2500 stipend payable at completion of program:
Teachers: Paula Roth
 Carla M. Whitaker
 Joanne Hanna
Coordinator: Leona Stanton, \$2500 teacher stipend +\$450 coordinator stipend; Work Day: 4 hrs. per day, 4 days per week (Monday - Thursday), 19 days, July 1 - 31.
 - b. Extended School Year
 Compensation: Teacher Per diem rate, prorated for hours actually worked each day.
Teachers:
 Stephanie Luzecky \$37.43/hr Preschool Disabilities Class
 Kim Rosenberg \$43.93/hr Preschool Autism Class
 Meg Napolitano-Evans \$39.47/hr Autism (K-3)
 Lauren Fyczok \$36.41/hr Specific Learning Disabilities K
 Maura Hollern \$38.59/hr Specific Learning Disabilities (1)
 Chris Takacs \$43.65/hr Specific Learning Disabilities (2-3)
Denise Sullivan \$36.41/hr Specific Learning Disabilities (4-5)
 Lisa Wendel \$42.87/hr Cohort (7-8)

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Michele Quigley \$46.09/hr Specific Learning Disabilities (6-8)

Angela Allen \$36.41/hr Multiple Learning Disabilities (1-4)

Substitute: District Sub List as needed

Coordinator: \$600 stipend payable at completion of program

Coordinators:

Michele Quigley and Amy Rivera (stipend split between both parties); Work Day: 4.5 hr/day/5 days/wk for 22 days, July 1 through 31 (except July 3).

Compensation: Aides Hourly rate for hours actually worked

Aides:

Instructional:

Danielle Haley \$15.11/hr Tonya Dixon \$15.33/hr
Jacqueline Ferrell \$15.33/hr Yvonne Casey \$19.28/hr
Theresa Santiago \$15.33/hr Elaine Mitchell \$17.57
Faith Newland \$16.11/hr Penny McCutcheon \$15.72/hr
Sondra Marion \$18.71/hr Terence Degnon \$16.11/hr
Dawn Craft \$18.83/hr Mission 1: 3 Aides

Autism:

Nicole Erxleben \$15.93/hr Jeanette McCue \$17.34/hr
Phyllis Mozdzen \$16.83/hr Mission 1: 7 aides

Work Day: 4.5 hr/day/5 days/wk for 22 days, July 1 through 31 (except July 3).

7. Motion to approve Ms. Mary Liz White as a PAC Usher for the CDA department with an hourly wage of \$9/hr. Ms. White is a BRHS student.
8. Motion to approve Mr. Saad Butt as a PAC Usher/Tech for the CDA department with an hourly wage of \$10/hr. Mr. Butt is a BRHS student.
9. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #4115, effective April 30, 2015 through approximately July 31, 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.
10. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #4561, effective May 7, 2015 through June 19, 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.
11. Motion to approve the following staff members to serve as instructors for the BRMS Summer Program, July 6 through July 29 (Monday through Thursday) from 7:45 am - 11:45 am each day. These staff members will be paid through Title I NCLB funds at the conclusion of the program:

Staff Member	Stipend
Jessica Borek- LA (splitting stipend)	\$2500.00
Karyn Fitzsimmons-LA (splitting stipend)	
Steven Blue - Math	\$2500.00
Steve Koch - Social Studies	\$2500.00
Amy Rabenda - Instructional Aide	\$1500.00

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12. Motion to approve Ms. Melissa Hodge, a Mercer County College student, to complete 15 hours of observation at PMS during the month of May and June, under the mentorship of Ms. Melissa Boyle (5 hours), Ms. Meghan Lettiere (5 hours), and Ms. Allison Maxwell (5 hours).
13. Motion to approve Ms. Raquel Page, a University of Scranton student and district employee, to complete 150 hours of Elementary School Administration Practicum hours under the mentorship of Mr. Daniel Riether and Ms. Robin Blue at PMS during the summer of 2015.

INFORMATION

14. +JOB POSTINGS: PMS Kindergarten Short Term Leave Replacement -

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Ms. Brennan, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan [all staff, except for Abstentions shown below], Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: Mr. Creegan [#C Tenured Administrators S. Tola and L. Sabo; #D Non-Represented Administrators Dr. Forsthoffer and E. Richardson; #F Tenured Staff Kathy Creegan].

ABSENT: Mr. Hartmann and Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 2-13):

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

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

Motion approved by majority.

N. BUSINESS, FINANCE & OPERATIONS

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

1. Motion to approve, as recommended from the audit for June 30, 2012, an increase in annual limits for "regular business travel" for school year 2014-2015 by employees whose duties require such, as permitted by Board Policy #9250 and NJAC 6A:23A-7.3(b). These employees will still need to submit proper evidence of their "regular business travel".
 - a. Ms. Suzann Mohacsi, Learning Consultant (not to exceed \$350.00 for the remainder of the school year)
2. Motion to approve one out of district placement to Garfield Park Academy, effective 4/29/15 with a pro-rated tuition of \$49,500.
3. Motion to approve one out of district placement to Y.A.L.E. School, effective 4/27/15 with a pro-rated tuition of \$50,452.
4. Motion to submit Extraordinary Aid application to the NJ Department of Education requesting reimbursement of up to \$560,603 of eligible FY14/15 special education costs above statutory thresholds. Actual award will be based on available funds vs. number of state-wide applications.

INFORMATION:

5. School Board Vacancy Report due to the Burlington County Clerk Elections office by June 2, 2015.

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ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-4):

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

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

Motion approved by majority.

O. POLICY - None

P. BOARD and PUBLIC FORUM - None

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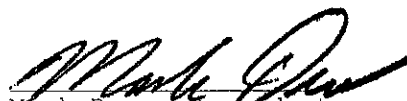
Q. NEW BUSINESS - None

R. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Mercantini, seconded by Mr. Roselli to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Mark Drew, President


Eloi Richardson, SBA/BS

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