

BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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MINUTES - February 1, 2017

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: Schedule of this meeting was conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on January 5, 2017. The change in time for this meeting was conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on January 27, 2017. 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. Heberling, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Scozzari, and Mr. Mercantini. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler and Mr. Barman (Arrived 6:40).

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

Staff attending: Melanie Stokes, Lori Monaghan, Liz Brotherton, Valerie Scott, Ann Marie O'Leary, Chris O'Leary, and Renee Eugene.

Visitors attending: Noelle Carr, Jacqueline Danbury, Devon Valenti, Jeff Tober, Tera Russo, Jill Popko, Greg Blumenthal, Krista Caspo, Heather Kato, Morgan Kato, Mia Rose Brown, Brianna Pagnani, Tracy Pringle, Joe Malone, Lenard de Groot, Brian Lucy, Mike James, Patricia Conogan, and Walter Kosul.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Mr. Schiano read the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Roselli and unanimously approved at 6:37pm:

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

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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 Level 3 Grievance);

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 1/4/2017.

The Board returned to open session at 6:51pm.

E. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION - None

F. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- BRMS: Ms. Mia Rose Brown & Ms. Morgan Kato shared the following events at the middle school:
 - > Rikki-Tiki Tavi play this past weekend
 - > "Wall of Kindness" in main hallway
 - > Carnation sale proceeds to an animal shelter
 - > Boys basketball team hosted a playoff game 1/31
 - > Student Council planning 8th grade formal dance 2/10/17
 - > Impact Club "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser for Leukemia & Lymphoma
 - > Team FAD collecting soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House
- BRHS: Ms. Brianna Pagnani shared the following events at the high school:

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- "Day of Empowerment" motivational speaker, Gian Paul Gonzalez
- Wing Bowl 2/2/17
- Lock-In 3/24/17

LEAD TESTING UPDATE - Initially under item K.3 Superintendent

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.

- The following parents, community members, and staff commented and expressed their concerns regarding the water lead testing district results recently received by the District: Tracy Pringle, Renee Eugene, Jill Popko, Joe Malone, Leonard de Groot, Brian Lucy, Patricia Conogan, Jeff Tobar, Mike James, William Mercantini. Concerns/comments expressed included those on: testing methodology used; timeliness of conducting testing; extent of results; potential and/or suspected impact if exposed to high lead levels; potential remediation plans. Dr. Forsthoffer responded to questions and concerns.
- Ann Marie O'Leary and Christopher O'Leary applauded the "Day of Empowerment" presentation at the high school.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. +Motion to approve the December 7, 2016 Minutes. (This motion, #I-2 on the January 18, 2017 agenda, did not received a majority of affirmative votes)

Tabled to future meeting

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

A motion was made by Mr. Heberling, 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. Heberling, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Scozzari, Mr. Barman and Mr. Mercantini.

NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

1. +Motion to accept HIB Report & Determinations

| School | # of Reports | # of HIB |
|--------|--------------|----------|
| CBS | 0 | 0 |
| PMS | 0 | 0 |
| MIS | 1 | 0 |
| BRMS | 0 | 0 |
| BRHS | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL: | 1 | 0 |

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2. +Motion to establish the *Jason A. Cassidy Memorial Wrestling Scholarship*. Fundraising and yearly donations from the family will be collected throughout the school year and the scholarship will be given out to a BRHS senior wrestler in memory of Jason A. Cassidy at the BRHS Class Night Assembly in June. The scholarship fund will be managed under the high school's student activity fund.
3. Lead Testing Update - *Discussion moved to before G. Public Forum*

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

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Scozzari, Mr. Barman and Mr. Mercantini.

NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

L. CURRICULUM REPORTS - None

M. PERSONNEL REPORT

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.

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

1. Motion to approve Board denial of level 3 grievance from employee #6423, discussed in Executive Session.
2. Motion to accept resignation from Mr. Matthew Gens for the BRHS 2016/17 co-Yearbook and co-Yearbook Business Advisor, effective January 26, 2017.
3. Motion to accept resignation from Ms. Tiffany Chen as the Band Front Coordinator for the BRHS Marching Band, effective June 20, 2017.
4. Motion to approve Ms. Julie Pone as the BRHS 2016/17 co-Yearbook and co-Yearbook Business Advisor, effective January 27, 2017, Step 1 with a stipend of \$2,617 for co-Yearbook and a stipend of \$1,084 for co-Yearbook Business Advisor.
5. Motion to approve **Ms. Melanie Stilts** as a Math Teacher in the ABE/GED/ESL Program with an hourly wage of \$25/hr. effective February 2, 2017.
6. Motion to approve Ms. Dawn Craft to provide 1:1 support to a student at BRMS which would allow them to participate in the Art Club afterschool. The club runs from 3:00-4:15 pm. Ms. Craft will be paid her hourly rate of \$19.44 for hours worked.
7. Motion to approve Noelle Carr, a student of Mercer County Community College, to complete an observation of 28 hours of elementary school teaching to fulfill the requirements of EDU 109 at CBS, from February 3, 2017 through May 18, 2017 under the mentorship of Mrs. Jennifer Martino.
8. Motion to approve Brianna Prego, a graduate student of Rider University, to complete a special education classroom observation during the Spring 2017 semester under the mentorship of Ms. Vanessa Bekarciak, Director of Special Services.

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INFORMATION

9. +JOB POSTINGS: Band Front Coordinator

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-8):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Scozzari, Mr. Barman and Mr. Mercantini.

NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: 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 one out of district placement to Burlington County Alternative High School (BCAHA), effective immediately for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year with a tuition cost not to exceed \$9,806.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Scozzari, Mr. Barman and Mr. Mercantini.

NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

O. POLICY - None

P. BOARD and PUBLIC FORUM - None

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Q. NEW BUSINESS

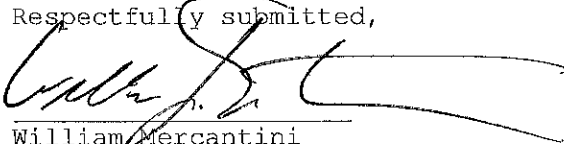
Mr. Heberling inquired regarding the field turf and recent articles of some apparently failing prematurely. Dr. Forsthoffer stated ours appear to be good at this time, but administration is doing further follow-up, including consulting with our board attorney to protect our interest.

R. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Schiano to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Motion approved by majority.

Respectfully submitted,



William Mercantini
President



Eloi Richardson
Board Secretary

