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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 7:00 p.m. with Mr. Lynch 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 meetings to be held from May 6, 2008 through April 1, 2009 was conveyed to the Burlington County Times, The Register News, and the Trenton Times on April 28, 2008.

The Secretary will enter this public announcement into the minutes of this meeting.

B. FLAG SALUTE/SILENT REFLECTION

The Board President 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. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman (arrived at 7:15 p.m.), Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak (New Hanover), Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch. ABSENT: None.

Also attending were: Dr. Diane DeGiacomo, Superintendent, and Mrs. Peggy A. Ianoale, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Staff attending: Wayne Kulesa, Mary Kulesa

Visitors attending: none signed in

D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Brian Lynch

No report

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E. PUBLIC FORUM - for Agenda Items only

Ms. Doris Guido: Regarding 12 month Secretary position at Peter Muschal School posted on June 19, 2008. Ms. Guido was interviewed on June 30th and told the position was being given to someone else based on loyalty. Ms. Guido noted that she has been in the district for 22 years.

Ms. Kathy Kwelty: Regarding 12 month Secretary position at Peter Muschal School posted on June 19, 2008. Ms. Kwelty was called to come in on July 1st for an interview. She was then told that the position was a "done-deal". She is currently a 10-month secretary and is looking for a 12-month position. She has been in the district for 8 years.

The person who was awarded the position was working in the position prior to Board approval.

F. ATHLETICS REPORT - Mr. Tom Potts

No report

G. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury

No report

H. CURRICULUM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - Ms. Kim Zablow

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

1. Motion to approve District participation in 4Mat and RAMPUP. Final approval is dependent upon determination of cost to district when total number of districts who will participate in known.
2. Motion to approve new Middle School schedule.
3. Motion to approve Bell Schedule of schools for 2008-2009:

REGULAR TIMEONE SESSION DAYS

BRHS 7:30am-2:30pm 7:30am-11:48pm (18 min. passing time)

BRMS 7:50am-2:50pm 7:50am-12:05pm (15 min. passing time)

MIS 8:25am-3:15pm 8:25am-12:25pm

CBS 8:25am-3:15pm 8:25am-12:25pm

PMS 8:45am-3:30pm 8:45am-12:45pm

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (item "1"): AYES: Ms.

Cheesman, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman,

Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow,

and Mr. Lynch. NOES: Ms. Dansbury.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

Motion approved by a majority vote.

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H. CURRICULUM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT - Ms. Kim Zablow (continued)

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (items "2" and "3"): AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.
Motion unanimously approved.

I. FINANCE REPORT - Ms. Peggy Gens

No report

J. NEGOTIATIONS REPORT - Ms. Heather Cheesman

No report

K. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Gens

A motion was made by Ms. Gens, seconded by Ms. Cheesman to approve the following:

1. 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) 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 to approve Mr. Matthew Gens as full time English Teacher at BRHS, MA Step 2, \$49,000, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009*
- b. Motion to approve **Ms. Katerina Angelopoulos** as full time Guidance Counselor at CBS, MA Step 1, \$48,000, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- c. Motion to approve **Ms. Melissa Ditto** as Chemistry/Earth Science Teacher at BRHS, MA Step 1, \$48,000, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009*
- d. Motion to approve **Ms. Traci Redler** as part-time Registered Nurse at PMS, 25.5 hours per week, salary of \$31,783, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009

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K. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Gens (continued)

- e. Motion to approve **Ms. Tawny Desjardins** as full time Guidance Counselor at MIS, salary MA Step 9, \$57,416, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- f. Motion to approve Ms. Kaitlyn Prairie as Basic Skills Instructor at PMS, BA Step 1, \$45,000, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- g. Motion to approve **Ms. Christine Vandegrift** as 1st Grade Teacher at PMS, BA Step 2, \$46,000, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- h. Motion to approve Mr. Ernest Covington as Health/PE Teacher at BRHS, BA Step 1, \$45,000, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009*
- i. Motion to approve **Ms. Jessica Broder** as LA Teacher at BRMS, BA Step 1, \$45,00, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- j. Motion to approve Ms. Noreen McBride as full time Secretary in the Office of Student Services at PMS, Secretary I, \$38,031, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- k. Motion to approve **Mr. Donal Masciantoni** as part time (5 hours/day, 5 days/week) 2nd shift custodian, Step 1, \$16,298, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- l. Motion to approve **Mr. Ramses Charles** as full time 2nd shift custodian, \$30,907 Step 1, base salary \$30,262 plus \$.31 per hour shift differential, effective July 16, 2008 through June 30, 2009
- m. Motion to approve **Mr. Peter Paye and Mr. Michael Solimine** as summer workers for the Technology Department. They will work Monday through Thursday, 25.5 hours per week @ \$8.50 per hour, effective July 7, 2008 through August 28, 2008.
- n. Motion to approve Ms. Lisa Sabo (teacher at CBS) and Ms. Kelly Gray (PE teacher at PMS) as BRHS Assistant Field Hockey Coach, Step 1 \$3,552, and BRMS Assistant Field Hockey Coach, \$1,500, respectively, for 2008*
- o. Motion to approve **Mr. E. J. Nemeth** as Assistant Football Coach at BRHS for 2008, stipend of \$4,012 (Step 1)*

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K. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Gens (continued)

- p. Motion to accept resignation of Ms. Stephanie Gialanella from the position of 1st Grade Teacher at PMS, effective June 30, 2008
- q. Motion to accept resignation of Mr. Casey McAleer from the position of Social Studies Teacher at BRHS, effective July 1, 2008*
- r. Motion to accept resignation of Mr. Dennis Morolda from the position of Assistant Principal at BRMS, effective July 31, 2008.
- s. Motion to approve family leave for Mr. Michael Concurso from the position of Tech Ed Teacher at BRHS some time in 2008-09. The dates and length of time are unknown at this point*
- t. Motion to approve the following for Everyday Mathematics Training on August 18, 2008 in the Media Center at BRHS from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each will receive a stipend of \$100.00:
Lauren Albanese Melissa Boyle Stephanie Eddleman
Allison Gallagher Lori Monaghan Colleen Ferrarese
Dawn Medici Midge Rizzo Jessica Hamlin
Carol Wedekind
- u. Motion to approve summer curriculum projects and compensation as per attached memo*
- v. Motion to approve nurses to work 8 hours over the summer and be compensated at their hourly rate*
- w. Motion to approve additional CE/R Summer Staff as per attached memo (**Two additional names: Tracie Redler, Substitute Nurse, \$30/hour, and Lindsay Lawrence as Volunteer for additional students; July 9-18, 2008**)
- x. Motion to include a fingerprinting requirement for all volunteers and mentors*
- y. Motion to approve Ms. Terry Smith as Class Advisor of 2011. She will receive a stipend of \$1,315*
- aa. Motion to approve additional student teacher for Fall 2008: Ms. Brenda Cochrane; she will be with Ms. Beverly Lawson at PMS.

(*New Hanover votes)

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (items "b"- "i", "k"- "t", "w"- "aa"): AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

Motion unanimously approved.

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K. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Gens (continued)

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (items "a" & "u"): AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: Ms. Gens (these items involve her son) ABSENT: None.
Motion approved by a majority vote.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (items "j"): AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak, Ms. Zablow. NOES: Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Wehrman, and Mr. Lynch. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.
Motion approved by a majority vote.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (items "v"): AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Mr. Potts, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow. NOES: Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Sirak, and Mr. Lynch. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.
Motion denied by a majority vote.

INFORMATION

- bb. JOB POSTINGS: Athletic Coordinator; Athletic Site Supervisor
- cc. Personnel Committee Agenda for meeting of 7/7/08, 6:00 p.m.

L. POLICY REPORT - Mr. Jack Gabauer

A motion was made by Mr. Gabauer, seconded by Ms. Dansbury to approve the following:

1. Motion to approve for the 2nd Reading and Adoption of the following policies: #5111, #5113, #5113.1, #5114, #5118, #5118.1, #5118.2, #5118.3, #5120, #5125, #5131, #5131.1, #5131.5 (Policy #5020 was pulled from reading and approval)

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.
Motion unanimously approved.

M. TECHNOLOGY REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury

No report

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N. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT - Ms. Heather Cheesman

No report

O. CE/R REPORT - Ms. Ellen Wehrman

A motion was made by Ms. Wehrman, seconded by Ms. Cheesman to approve changing the name of CE/R (Community Education/Recreation) to CDA (Community and District Alliance, a self-sustaining Collaborative.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch.
NOES: Ms. Dansbury. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

Motion approved by a majority vote.

P. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Diane DeGiacomo

The State Commissioner of Education passed 84 pages of new regulations. They contain policies we must adopt. Of particular concern is the stipulation that aides are not allowed to be hired unless required by an IEP. Dr. DeGiacomo and Ms. Ianoale are requesting clarification of this issue through the County Executive Superintendent and NJASBO.

Q. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Ms. Peggy Ianoale

The following items will be approved at the 7/30/08 meeting:

1. ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS
Board Secretary's Report
Treasurer's Report
List of Bills
2. a. Acceptance of Board Secretary's Monthly Certification, Budgetary Line Item Status
b. Certification of Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status
3. Motion to approve Transfer of Funds

A motion was made by Ms. Dansbury, seconded by Ms. Wehrman to approve the following item:

4. Award of Bid for Chiller Enclosure Modifications.
Bids opened July 1, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. One bidder responded. Recommend award to Hawley Brothers in the amount of \$23,875 for CBS and \$14,950 for MIS. Total award \$38,825.

Motion unanimously approved.

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INFORMATION

5. 2008-2009 Non-Represented Salaries to review and discuss
6. June 2008 completed work orders

R. STUDENT/PROGRAMS

A motion was made by Ms. Dansbury, seconded by Ms. Cheesman to approve the following:

1. Motion to approve Extended School Year Placements
2. Motion to approve Contract - Extended School Year 2008 and School Year 2008-2009: Cerebral Palsy of NJ Services; no cost unless used; rates \$880 for On Site Evaluations and \$110 hr. for On Site Assistance. Pediatric Workshop: provide physical services for one student according to IEP; provided at school student attends; rate \$79
3. Motion to approve 2008-2009 Joint Agreements for Special Ed. Winter Bus Routes, Public, Non-Public and Vocational School, and Special Ed. Summer School
Motion unanimously approved.

S. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS - Dr. DeGiacomo

1. Copy of letter to Ms. Kathleen Hamilton, Esq. regarding sale of 106 Crosswicks Street
2. BRMS Newsletter
3. Copy of letter to Township Officials from Dr. DeGiacomo regarding CE/R

T. NEW HANOVER REPORT - Mr. Chris Sirak

No report

U. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Madrigals: Ms. Louisa Kenny and Ms. Scottie LaMarra attended to discuss honors credit for the course. What is the difference between Year 1 and Year 3? Ms. LaMarra gave an overview of the course and explained to the board the curriculum and requirements for students.
2. Clubs with Volunteer advisors: Stipends for Volunteer Clubs were discussed and will be placed on the next agenda for consideration.

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V. BOARD AND PUBLIC FORUM

Concerns were again raised regarding approval of the 12-month Secretary position at Peter Muschal School and the process that was followed. Ms. Cheesman requested that she be allowed to reconsider her original vote on approval of the 12-mo. Secretary.

A motion was made by Ms. Cheesman, seconded by Ms. Wehrman, to reconsider Item "J" under "Personnel Report", which was a motion to approve Ms. Noreen McBride as full time Secretary in the Office of Student Services at PMS, Secretary I, Step 1 \$38,031, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak, Ms. Zablow. NOES: Ms. Cheesman (originally voted "Aye"), Ms. Dansbury, Ms. Wehrman, and Mr. Lynch. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: None.

Motion approved by a majority vote.

W. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Resolution:

Ms. Cheesman read the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Gabauer and unanimously approved at 9:20 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. 1:4-12; and

WHEREAS, the following subject shall be discussed on this date in a session of the Board closed to the public:

PERSONNEL

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforesated 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.

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The Board returned to Open Session at 11:15 p.m.

AA. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Cheesman, seconded by Mr. Potts to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.
Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Lynch
President

Peggy A. Ianoale
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

