

MINUTES - January 14, 2009

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 6:30 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. Adequate notification was conveyed on November 24, 2008 regarding the date change of this meeting.

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. MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF MS. HEATHER CHEESMAN FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009

A motion was made by Ms. Wehrman, seconded by Ms. Dansbury to accept the resignation of Ms. Heather Cheesman from the Board of Education, effective January 1, 2009.

Motion unanimously approved.

D. MOTION TO APPOINT VICE PRESIDENT TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Lynch nominated Ms. Dansbury. As there were no other nominations, the Board Secretary cast the ballot to elect Ms. Joann Dansbury as Vice President of the Bordentown Regional Board of Education.

Motion unanimously approved. (Mr. Sirak - New Hanover - was absent for this vote)

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E. ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch.
ABSENT: Mr. Sirak (New Hanover) arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Also attending: Dr. Constance Bauer, Superintendent, and Mrs. Peggy A. Ianoale, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Staff attending: Ed Chmiel, Serena Rosen, Sandy Ewell, Louise Sullivan, Louisa Kenny, Brian Baker, Linda Guney, Melanie Stokes, Liz Brotherton.

Visitors attending: Mae Hamilton, Rhonda Knudson, Margaret Casey Kruger.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION

Ms. Dansbury read the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Gabauer and unanimously approved at 6:40 p.m.:

Open Public Meetings Act

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

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.

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:40 p.m.

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G. PUBLIC FORUM - for Agenda Items only

No comment from the public

H. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - Ms. Kaitlyn Simrell, Ms. Harlee Gallo, and Mr. Austin Kruger (Mr. Kruger was the only student rep. present)

"Mr. Bordentown" presentation that will be done through the Student Council.

I. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

****New Hanover votes**

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

1. Travel Approvals**

Motion unanimously approved. (**Mr. Sirak was present for this vote)

J. PERSONNEL REPORT (**New Hanover Votes)

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

1. **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 are noted in **bold** print.

a. Motion to accept, with best wishes, retirement of Ms. Marianne Smith, from the position of Health/PE teacher at BRHS, effective June 30, 2009**

b. Motion to approve Ms. Barbarann Berger as 3rd grade Maternity Leave Replacement at PMS, BA Step 1, salary of \$45,000 prorated, effective January 20, 2009.

c. Motion to approve **Ms. Katie Patoe** as Instructional Aide in the Autistic Class at PMS, 25.5 hours per week, Step 1, salary of \$18,866 prorated (\$14,802 for 25.5 hrs/wk), effective as soon as the necessary paperwork is completed.

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J. PERSONNEL REPORT (continued)

(New Hanover votes)**

- d. Motion to approve Ms. Melissa Guido as Power School Data Entry Secretary I, not to exceed 5 hours per week, at her current hourly rate.**
- e. Motion to approve Ms. Debra Klinger as Resource Teacher for BRHS, replacing Ms. Jodie Glenn. This will be full time and will be MA+6 Step 3, salary of \$51,900 prorated.**
- f. Motion to approve Mr. Bryan Mitchell for a two week leave of absence from the position of 2nd grade teacher at CBS, effective approximately March 9, 2009. He will use any accumulated paid personal and family illness days.
- g. Motion to approve Ms. Danette Petz for a leave of absence from the position of Instructional Aide at MacFarland Intermediate School, effective February 13, 2009 through May 4, 2009.
- h. Motion to approve **Mr. Riley Berton** as Drama Director for the One Act Plays at BRHS.**
- i. Motion to approve Ms. Diane Johnson as ESL After School Program Instructor for elementary students and Ms. Xiaofan Corey as ESL After School Program Instructor for secondary students. Each will receive \$2,000, funded through No Child Left Behind grant at the conclusion of the program. The program will run for 12 weeks, January through April 2009.
- j. Motion to approve the following listed staff members to lead the BRSD After-School Basic Skills Program. These staff members will receive \$1,275 funded by No Child Left Behind grant at the conclusion of the program. The program will run for 10 weeks, January through March 2009.

Clara Barton

Ms. Dawn Medici - Grade 1
Ms. Colleen Ferrarese - Grade 2
Ms. Leona Stanton - Grade 3

Peter Muschal

Ms. Elizabeth Brotherton - Grade 1
Ms. Sally Craig - Grade 1
Ms. Lauren Albanese - Grade 2
Ms. Jan Wilson - Grade 3

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J. PERSONNEL REPORT (continued)

MacFarland Intermediate

Ms. Renee Woodley - Grade 4

Ms. Kornelia Pokorny - Grade 4

Ms. Alexandra Guido - Grade 5

Ms. Julia Rosidivito/Ms. Lauren Czehut - Grade 5

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

Motion unanimously approved.

INFORMATION:

k. JOB POSTINGS: BRHS English Teacher - maternity leave replacement; CBS Special Ed Instructional Aides - part time; BRMS After School BSI Instructors (3)

K. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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

1. Motion to approve Membership into the Burlington County Educational Media & Technology Center for 2009-2010 school year.
2. Information to Negotiations Committee regarding training program.

Motion unanimously approved.

L. POLICY

1. First Reading of the following Policies:

#4000, #4101.1, #4101.2, #4105/4205, #4111/4211, #4111/4211.1, #4112.2, #4112.4/4212.4, #4112.5/4212.6, #4112.8/4212.8, #4113/4114/4213/4214, #4115/4215, #4116/4216, #4117.4, #4117.41, #4119.2/4219.21, #4119.22/4219.22, #4119.23/4219.23, #4121, #4122, #4123, #4131/4131.1/4231/4231.1, #4138.2, #4138/4238, #4147/4247, #4147.1/4247.2, #4151/4251, #4151.1/4251.1, #4151.2/4251.2, #4181.

M. CURRICULUM

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

1. Motion to accept donation of ten Dell computers at PMS

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M. CURRICULUM (continued)

2. Motion to approve PMS Preschool community field trips
3. Motion to accept French to be introduced at 2nd and 3rd grade levels as exploratory World Language Program. There is no cost associated with this as the schedule is being delivered by existing staff. This will be effective 2/2/09
4. Review of Health/PE Curriculum Update. The entire curriculum is available for your review and will be put on the agenda for motion to approve the entire curriculum on 1/28/09.
5. We are currently using previously approved curriculum across the district. As revisions are completed, they will be presented for approval by the end of the school year.

Motion unanimously approved.

N. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance Committee met at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the 2009-2010 budget format and how it will be presented to the board. Ms. Cheesman was chair of the Negotiations Committee. Ms. Dansbury has offered to chair the committee and Mr. Lynch appointed her to the position.

O. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Students' Recognition at 1/28/09 Meeting
 - BRHS Students - 1st place Burlington County Library Contest Winners
 - BRMS Students - ELPAT 1st, 2nd, 3rd place NJ Stock Market Challenge Winners

P. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Code related to filling board vacancy
2. Advertisement will be placed on website, in Register News, and Trenton Times
3. Winter 2008-09 Athletic Schedules
4. Memorandum regarding Certified Staff Reporting Requirements

Q. NEW HANOVER REPORT - Mr. Chris Sirak

No report

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R. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

1. Motion to rescind 60-day notice for Mr. Brian Baker. His contract will be continued through June 30, 2009.
2. Motion to increase contract for Mr. Brendan Hartz to 26 hours/week, effective February 1, 2009.
3. Motion to approve final payment to BRMS Wrestling Coach. The coach will be released from his contract effective immediately.

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

(NOTE: Mr. Sirak - N/A)

Motion unanimously approved.

S. BOARD AND PUBLIC FORUM

- Mr. Maley will be at the January 28, 2009 meeting to present the audit
- Hall of Fame induction will be held on February 7, 2009
- 5K Run is Saturday, March 23, 2009
- Ms. Margaret Casey-Kruger thanked the board for the great experiences her children are having in the district

T. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if necessary)

Not necessary

U. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Gabauer, seconded by Ms. Dansbury to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian K. Lynch
President

Peggy A. Ianoale
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

