

MINUTES - January 13, 2010

**New Hanover Votes
*Document Provided
+*Consent Agenda Item

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 Ms. Dansbury 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, 2009 through March 17, 2010 was conveyed to the Burlington County Times, The Register News, and the Trenton Times on April 8, 2009.

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

B. FLAG SALUTE/SILENT REFLECTION

The 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. Dalton, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Lynch, Mr. MacEwan, Mr. Sirak (New Hanover), Ms. Zablow, and Ms. Dansbury. ABSENT: Mr. Potts, Ms. Wehrman.

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

Staff attending: Louise Sullivan, Mia A. Kirk, Darlene de la Cruz, Reba Snyder, Jen DeMas, Chris O'Leary, Susan Gerike, Andrea Molnar, Michael Concurso, Steve Perry, Ann Marie O'Leary, Barbara Johnson, Jenny Farina, Jennifer Purdy, Jessica Hamlin, Christin Takacs, Dianne Mizerak, Cynthia Grayson, Jack Yost, Mike Brennan, Erica Wright, Kevin Wright, William Lloyd, Liz Brotherton, Joyce Court, Sally Craig, Michelle Quigley, Michele Fecher, John Tobias, Barbara Boucher, Nancy Bender, Elizabeth Mitchell, Jodie Glenn, Melissa Abbott, Michael Oliver, Melanie Stokes, Kate Sakowski, Julia Rosidivito, Robin Blue, Christine Corcoran, Terry Borgstrom, G. Poole, Rebecca Jacobsen, Karen Harrison, Terry Smith, Melissa Ditto, Rob Walder.

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C. ROLL CALL (continued)

Visitors attending: Debbie Mallard

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Not necessary

E. PUBLIC FORUM - for Agenda Items only

Ms. Debbie Mallard, speaking on behalf of the wrestling parents, said that they are unhappy with the temperature in the auxiliary gymnasium. A copy of her letter is attached to the minutes.

F. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION

None

G. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE - Raymond McCormack

- A fundraiser was held for the family whose house burned down
- A wing bowl is scheduled
- The lock-in was cancelled

H. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

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

1. ****Motion to approve Travel Requests****
Motion unanimously approved.

I. PERSONNEL REPORT

A motion was made by Ms. Gens, seconded by Ms. Zablow, 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.

****ALL BREA SALARIES WILL BE ADJUSTED**

PENDING NEGOTIATIONS**

- a. ***This item removed from agenda due to questions about posting.**
- b. Retroactive approval of continuation of long term substitute position for Barbarann Berger. Ms. Berger is filling the position vacated by Dawn Rossell, who was approved for an additional year of leave. Ms. Berger was inadvertently left off the board approval list at the time Ms. Rossell's leave extension was granted.

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I. PERSONNEL REPORT (continued)

- c. Approval of Jean Marie Sexauer, Middle School Counseling Intern. She will be working with Toby Steinhouse beginning January 19, 2010. All paperwork is complete and this is an unpaid position.
- d. Approval of Federal Family Medical Leave Act for Randy Krakower for the period of January 4, 2010 through April 5, 2010. Mr. Krakower will be utilizing 1 family illness and 2 personal leave days. The remainder of the leave will be unpaid family leave days. Leave time may be adjusted pending further information and updates.**
- e. Approval of Federal Family Medical Leave Act for Laura Muldowney for the period of January 4, 2010 through February 23, 2010. Ms. Muldowney will utilize 31 paid sick days through February 17, 2010 and two personal days for February 18 and 19, 2010.
- f. Approval of Maureen Reilly as replacement teacher for Ms. Muldowney, effective January 11, 2010 through February 10, 2010. Ms. Reilly's salary will be \$45,000 prorated.
- g. Approval of extension of Federal Family Medical Leave for Constance McMillin through January 20, 2010. She was originally expected to return December 3, 2009. This extension will utilize her full 12 weeks of Federal Family Medical Leave. Ms. McMillin utilizing paid sick days.
- h. Approve of Federal Family Medical Leave for Joyce Court for 4 weeks beginning January 28, 2010 through February 26, 2010. Ms. Court will be utilizing paid sick days.**
- i. Approval of Federal Family Medical Leave for Gilbert Wilens for 12 weeks, effective January 4, 2010. Mr. Wilens will be using 12 paid sick days, with the balance of leave to be unpaid.**
- j. Approval of extension of leave for Katie Boggs. Ms. Boggs was scheduled to return from Family Medical Leave on March 15, 2010. Her leave will be extended through June 30, 2010. Health benefits will become the responsibility of the employee effective March 12, 2010.
- k. Approval of Family Medical Leave for Jennifer Citarella. Ms. Citarella will be out from March 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010, with a return date of May 3, 2010. Total leave is 9 weeks, utilizing 10 sick days.

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I. PERSONNEL REPORT (continued)

- l. Approval of staff for after-school ESL Program: Elementary ESL - Janice Wilson, Secondary ESL - Xiaofan Corey/Kornelia Pokorny to split one stipend. Total amount: \$2,000 per stipend paid through NCLB. Program runs 12 weeks, January through April. Payment will be made at conclusion of program.
- m. Approval of staff for after school Basic Skills program. Clara Barton - Dawn Medici, Jessica Hamlin, Leona Stanton/Alexandra Guido to split one stipend. Peter Muschal - Elizabeth Brotherton, Sally Craig, Heather Martino, Lauren Albanese. MacFarland Intermediate - Renee Woodley, Colette Campellone. Bordentown Regional Middle School - Jessica Broder, Dawn Patterson, Kristin Johansson. Total amount: \$1,275 per stipend paid through NCLB. Program runs 10 weeks, January through April. Payment will be made at conclusion of program.
- n. Approval of staff for after school tutoring for Special Education students for 10 weeks beginning January 26, 2010. Lisa Muolo, Carla Whitaker, Lisa Wendel, Paula Mann, Denise Stachura, Jennifer Purdy, Barbarann Berger, Susan Mohasci (Coordinator), and Victoria Foma (Substitute). Each teacher will receive a stipend of \$1,275, payable at the conclusion of the program. The coordinator will receive an additional stipend of \$400 and one teacher will act as a substitute to the program and be paid for time worked.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (items "b"- "n"): AYES: Mr. Dalton, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Lynch, Mr. MacEwan, Mr. Sirak (New Hanover), Ms. Zablow, and Ms. Dansbury. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts, Ms. Wehrman.
Motion unanimously approved.

- o. +Information item: posting for 25.5 hour Spec. Ed. Instructional Aide at CBS

J. BUSINESS, FINANCE & OPERATIONS

Information only:

1. Budget information from State of New Jersey outlining budget cuts and savings for FY2010 Budget

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J. BUSINESS, FINANCE & OPERATIONS (continued)

2. Budget information: Budgets are due from principals and supervisors on Monday, January 11, 2010. Dr. Bauer has met with building administrators on several occasions to begin to develop budget priorities. A principals and supervisors meeting was held on January 7, 2010, at which time overall budget parameters and possible State Aid scenarios were reviewed.

K. POLICY

1. +1st Reading - Revision to Organizational Chart, Policy #2121 (Chart has been streamlined for clarity and reflects NJQSAC requirements)

L. CURRICULUM REPORT

1. +Discussion of continuation in Burlington County EMTC. Cost to Bordentown for 2010-2011 school year would be approximately \$15,624 (2,480 students at \$6.30 per student)

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. MacEwan to approve the discontinuation in the Burlington County EMTC for the School Year 2011-12.**
Motion unanimously approved.

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

2. +Approval of new textbook for Academic Biology course. A copy of the book will be available at the meeting. Total cost to district is \$4,185.41**

3. +Approval of purchase of Connected Mathematics materials. Included in the purchase are materials for accelerated students in the amount of \$3,466.62 and grade 7 materials in the amount of \$16,048.67. These materials are being purchased from 2009-2010 funds realized through savings in out-of-district special education tuition lines. This is a continuation of the Connected Math Series approved and implemented in the 2009-2010 year. This purchase will enable the district to provide in-service training during the school year staff development days.

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L. CURRICULUM REPORT (continued)

4. +Approval of Field Trip to GE Headquarters in New Brunswick on January 12, 2010. 4 students plus Karen Harrison to attend. Transportation provided by teacher in accordance with Policy 3541.31. No cost to district.**

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

M. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations Committee meeting minutes to be done.

N. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. +New Jersey Race to the Top information

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. MacEwan to approve the Bordentown Regional School District's decision not to participate in the New Jersey Race to the Top or sign a memorandum of understanding.**

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

2. +NJEA New Service Brief on RTTT

3. +Provisional Teacher Program NJDOE document. This document is the basis for the executive session discussion and personnel review.

4. +Copy of Rice notice given to first year teachers

5. Update on Flu Clinic - students under age 10 requiring a 2nd dose - 2/1/10

O. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

1. +Information regarding Techspo 2010. Dates are January 28-29 at Bally's in Atlantic City.

2. +Invitation to Athletic Hall of Fame Induction February 6, 2010

3. Yearbook photographer will be here for 1/27/10 meeting at 6:30 p.m.

P. NEW HANOVER REPORT - Mr. Chris Sirak

- New Hanover also did not approve New Jersey Race to the Top
- Building project is on hold

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Q. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

R. BOARD AND PUBLIC FORUM

- Mr. Dalton commented on students who made the All Decade list: Sam McDuffie and John Kohler
- Mr. Patrick Lynch: review of Stephen Perry held in public; review of Dana Tapera held in public; balance of reviews will be done in executive session

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Zablow read the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Lynch and unanimously approved at 8:00 p.m.:

RESOLUTION:

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 a session of the Board closed to the public:

PERSONNEL REVIEW/STUDENT MATTER

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 9:40 p.m.

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

1. Motion to approve termination of Jesse Johnson upon securing a highly qualified replacement teacher. The State has denied Mr. Johnson his Elementary School Teacher with Mathematics Specialization in Grades 5-8.

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2. Motion to deny request of Mr. Brendan Hartz to rescind his resignation effective 6/30/2010
ON A ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES: Mr. Dalton, Ms. Gens, Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Lynch, Mr. MacEwan, Mr. Sirak (New Hanover), Ms. Zablow, and Ms. Dansbury. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Potts, Ms. Wehrman.
Motion unanimously approved.

T. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Lynch, seconded by Ms. Hoffman to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.
Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Dansbury
President

Peggy A. Ianoale
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

