

**MINUTES - August 13, 2008**

**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 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 notice of the change in the date of this meeting was conveyed on 7/31/08.

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, Mr. Potts, Mr. Sirak (New Hanover), Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch. ABSENT: Ms. Hoffman.

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

Staff attending: Christian Rivera, Kathy Creegan, Mike Brennan, Reba Snyder, Christopher O'Leary, Louisa Kenny, Marianne Smith.

Visitors attending: Mollie Anderson Therlaulf, Howard Zablow, Dominick Castaldo, Brittany Bakeman, Sheila Frank, Melanie Bakeman, Tim Yanucil, Molly Napolitano, Nicole Walls, Cathy Elliott Shaw, Kevin Creegan, Kate Napolitano, Emily Napolitano, Jim Dougherty, Nancy Walls, Jim Cann, Carole Cann, Al Marsala, Linda Marsala, Joe Minch, Dora Minch, Constance Bauer.

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**D. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Mr. Brian Lynch**

Mr. Lynch introduced Dr. Constance Bauer, our district's new Superintendent. She will be starting on Monday, August 18, 2008.

**E. PUBLIC FORUM - for Agenda Items only**

Members of the public spoke regarding the hiring of Mr. Dominick Castaldo for the position of Varsity Girls Soccer Coach. Mr. Castaldo and members of the Board of Education also commented on the recommendation.

**K. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Peggy Gens**

A motion was made by Ms. Cheesman, seconded by Mr. Potts 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 approve Mr. Dominick Castaldo as Head Girls' Soccer Coach at BRHS for the 2008-2009 season.

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

Motion approved by majority vote.

(Note: Mr. Potts left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. after this vote)

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**F. ATHLETICS REPORT - Mr. Tom Potts**

No report

**G. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury**

- Schedule meetings
- Recycling: We will go to the Burlington County recycling program next year. We are not able to make a change at this time as we are locked into a contract that was awarded through a bid.

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

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

1. Motion to approve the description for the Gifted and Talented Program, Guidance Services and Intervention and Referral Service.

Motion unanimously approved.

(**Note:** Mr. Potts was not present for this vote; he left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

**I. FINANCE REPORT - Ms. Peggy Gens**

Ms. Gens wants a more "user friendly" budget meeting in September.

**J. NEGOTIATIONS REPORT - Ms. Heather Cheesman**

The committee has received a proposal from the BRPSA and the goal is to settle quickly.

**K. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Gens**

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

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**K. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Gens (continued)**

- a. **This item was voted on separately earlier in the meeting**
- b. Motion to approve Ms. Elizabeth Mitchell and Ms. Gerry Anderson to do Summer Literacy Academy at MIS on August 11 and 12, 2008. They will receive a stipend of \$150.00 each at the conclusion of the program.
- c. Motion to approve Kaitlyn Prairie and Ms. Christine Vandegrift to do Every Day Math Workshop on August 18, 2008. They will receive a stipend of \$100.00.
- d. Motion to approve **Ms. Sally Pinnella** as Teacher of Severe Learning Disabilities 1/3 at Clara Barton Elementary School, BA+18 Step 3, with a salary of \$49,600, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
- e. Motion to approve **Ms. Sally Witkoski** as Teacher of Multiple Disabilities students, K/1 at Clara Barton Elementary School, BA+30 Step 1, with a salary of \$47,100, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
- f. Motion to approve **Ms. Francine Rossi** as part time (25.5 hrs.) Health/PE teacher at MIS, BA Step 1, salary of \$32,787, effective September 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.
- g. Motion to approve Mr. EJ Nemeth as BRHS in School Suspension Monitor, \$78.00 per day, 3 days per week for a total of 114 days per year.
- h. Motion to approve Ms. Maya Afek as Model U.N./Model Congress Advisor at BRHS. She will receive the stipend of ½ of Step 1, \$1,907.50
- i. Motion to approve Ms. Stephanie Ashton as Power School Technical Assistant, not to exceed 20 days. This will be paid at a rate of \$34.50 per hour.

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**K. PERSONNEL REPORT - Ms. Gens (continued)**

- j. Motion to accept, with best wishes, the resignation of Mr. Robert Shappell from the position of teacher and Athletic Coordinator at BRHS, effective immediately.
- k. Motion to approve Mr. Patrick Adams as Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach at BRMS. He will receive a stipend of \$1,500.00
- l. Motion to approve Mr. Steve O'Neal and Mr. David Pone as Volunteer Assistant Coaches for BRHS Boys' Soccer for 2008-2009 season.
- m. Motion to approve Mr. Kevin Galbreith as Volunteer Assistant Coach for BRHS Football for 2008-2009 season.
- n. Motion to approve CDA (formerly CE/R) Fall Employment as per attached memo.

**ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items b, c, d, e, f, k):**

AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch.  
NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts.

Motion unanimously approved.

(Mr. Sirak from New Hanover is not eligible to vote on these items)

**ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items g, h, i, j, l, m, n):**

AYES: Ms. Cheesman, Ms. Dansbury, Mr. Gabauer, Ms. Gens, Mr. Sirak (New Hanover), Ms. Wehrman, Ms. Zablow, and Mr. Lynch. NOES: None. ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Ms. Hoffman, Mr. Potts.

Motion unanimously approved.

(Mr. Sirak from New Hanover is eligible to vote on these items)

**INFORMATION:**

- o. **JOB POSTINGS:** Instructional Aides & Autism Aides, full and part time; BSI Teacher PMS, part time; Boys/Girls Head Cross Country Coach, BRHS; PowerSchool Technical Assistant

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**L. POLICY REPORT - Mr. Jack Gabauer**

A motion was made by Mr. Gabauer, seconded by Ms. Cheesman to approve the first reading of Policy #2000, 2121, 2131, 2210, 2224, 2240, 2255, 4112.8, 9000, 9001, 9010, 9010.1, 9020, 9113, 9120, 9121, 9130, 9200, 9200.1, 9250, 9270, 9271, 9271.1, 9311, 932, 9313, 9314, 9321, 9322, 9323/9324, 9325.4, 9325.5, 9326, 9400, & 9700.

Motion unanimously approved.

**M. TECHNOLOGY REPORT - Ms. Joann Dansbury**

Ms. Dansbury read information about the recent e-mail outage, attached to the minutes.

**N. SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT - Ms. Heather Cheesman**

No report

**O. CDA (Community and District Alliance) REPORT - Ms. Ellen Wehrman**

No report

**P. BCC REPORT**

Mr. Brian Lynch asked if we are in touch with BCC. Dr. DeGiacomo responded that Ms. Siegfried and Mr. Polomano spoke to each other about next year's scheduled classes.

**Q. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Dr. Diane DeGiacomo**

The Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be cancelled and changed to Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Rosen's Science Grant was approved.

Ms. Sullivan's Positive Behavior Support Grant was approved.

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**R. SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - Ms. Peggy Ianoale**

The NJSBA Convention to be held in October, 2008, was discussed.

The following items **will be approved at the 8/25/08 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. Travel Logs

**S. STUDENT/PROGRAMS**

Discussion of parent request to enroll children in Bordentown Schools while their home in Chesterfield is being sold. This is an affidavit situation and will be referred to the school.

**T. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS - Dr. DeGiacomo**

None

**U. NEW HANOVER REPORT - Mr. Chris Sirak**

None

**V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Student who wanted to go to Alternative School

**W. BOARD AND PUBLIC FORUM**

Candidates for the Assistant Principal position at BRMS were interviewed today.

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**W. BOARD AND PUBLIC FORUM (continued)**

A reception for Dr. Bauer to be held at the September meeting was discussed.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Executive Session Resolution:**

Ms. Cheesman read the following resolution, seconded by Ms. Dansbury and unanimously approved at 9:00 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:

**NEGOTIATIONS  
PRINCIPALS' & SUPERVISORS' ASSOCIATION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the aforestated 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 9:50 p.m.



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**Y. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Gabauer, seconded by Ms. Gens to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.  
Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Lynch  
President

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Peggy A. Ianoale  
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary









