

BORDENTOWN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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MINUTES - February 3, 2016

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 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: The date, the time, and the purpose of scheduled meetings were conveyed to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on January 11, 2016. 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. This included a remembrance to the past, present, and future members of our armed services and their families.

C. ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. **ABSENT:** Mr. Tyler.

Also attending: Dr. Edward Forsthoffer, Superintendent, Mr. Eloi Richardson, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Cameron Morgan, Board Solicitor.

Staff attending: Tammy Anderson, Joy Odri, Rhonda Lichter, Kimberley Walker, Tara Planas-Borgstrom, Kristen Kenna, Valerie Scott, The Wrights, Jenny Farina Julianne Bacovin, Lisa Muolo, Christina Kittle, Michelle DiAntonio, Shelly Gallo, Megan Lettiere, Greg Poole, R. Snook, L. Van Bruggen, Lori Boberg, Danielle Bond, Justine Perry, Matt Derby, Ernie Covington, Julie McCall, Renee Eugene, Liz Mitchell, Tom Ridolfi, Christopher O'Leary, Marissa Crowell, Linda Eaton, Rita Berger, Susan Gerike, Dawn Rossell, Donna Gresko, Doug Corbin, Jackie Chen, Lisa Swanson, Debbie Tartaglia, Karl Wassall, Cara Lloyd, Brian Guire, Tina Zack, Rebecca Jacobsen, Liz Brotherton, Colette Campellone, Anna Swiniuchowski, Dorothy Romano, Melanie Stokes, Barbarann Mazza, Kathy Creegan, Loren Grabowski, Amanda Sexton, Traci Redler, Maureen Reilly, Larry Larned, Jessica Borek, Lisa Hudik, Doreen Stettner, Dianne Mizerak, Kim Walker, and Yvette Labissiere.

Visitors attending: Jim Brotherton, Gabriel Planas-Borgstrom, Ray & Linda Crowell, Cameron Goff, Marshi Caldwell, Natalie Crowell, Mia Rose Brown, Hannah Heberling, Pat Dupp, Robert Scranton, R. Goff, Mark Crowell, Dorothy Scranton, Mae Hamilton, Heather Comisky, I. Pratt, Marisa Scaramuzzo, Emma Stahl, and Len de Groot.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION - None

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:

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_____ 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 proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation 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);

_____ 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 _____);

_____ 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 1/6/2016.

E. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION

1. Marching Band Parent Booster Club presentation - Mr. Robert Scranton, President

F. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES - Ms. Marisa Scaramuzzo and Ms. Emma Stahl

- Meeting 2/4/16 for Senior Disney Trip
- Wing Bowl 2/4/16, 5-7pm
- Teen PEP Retreat (Team Bonding) 2/6/16
- Participating in NJ Manufacturers Driving Contest

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G. PUBLIC FORUM - FOR AGENDA ITEMS - None

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.

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

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

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

1. +Motion to approve Travel/Mileage reimbursement requests.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

J. COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

K. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. No HIB incidents to report at this time.

L. CURRICULUM REPORTS

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

1. Motion to amend BRHS FBLA Leadership Conference and Competition originally approved to be held at Pines Manor in Edison, NJ. Conference has been moved to Atlantic City, NJ. There is no cost to the district.
2. +Motion to approve sponsorship of one (1) student to attend the American Legions' Girls State Program for 2016 at a cost of \$250.
3. Motion to approve two changes to PMS PreK field trip proposal for the 2015-16 school year. International Sports Center replaces PAWS Farm and Philadelphia Zoo replaces Please Touch Museum. Adjustment in cost is a price reduction; students going to the Philadelphia Zoo will pay \$15 instead of \$20. All other fees remain the same as what was approved at the 5/20/15 BOE meeting. Changes are made to better fit the curriculum.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-3):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

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M. PERSONNEL REPORT

Appointments, Per Superintendent's Recommendation:

Resolution: Criminal History Check

*ALL BREA SALARIES AND STIPENDS WILL BE PAID AT 2014-2015 RATES AND
WILL BE ADJUSTED PENDING NEGOTIATIONS*

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. Fausti, seconded by Mr. Mercantini to approve the following:

1. Be it resolved that the commencement of leave of absence requested by employee #4457, effective February 8, 2016 through approximately May 6, 2016, or until medically cleared to return, is hereby approved subject to verification of the requested duration of such leave in accordance with the applicable provisions of FMLA and NJFLA and Board Policy 4151.2/4251.2 and further subject to employee's continued payment of all required health care contributions in accordance with Board policy and applicable law.
2. Motion to approve Ms. Elizabeth Kalm as a long term leave replacement at MIS, effective February 8, 2016 through approximately May 6, 2016. Ms. Kalm will be compensated according to the long term leave pay scale.
3. +Motion to approve Ms. Alyssa Signore as a full-time teacher at MacFarland Intermediate School, effective January 25, 2016, Step 1, BA, with a pro-rated salary of \$50,982. (approved between meetings) This replaces a resignation.
4. Motion to approve Ms. Rachel Ray as a Childcare/BSAS substitute for CDA at a wage of \$12/hour for hours worked, effective February 4, 2016.
5. +Motion to approve revised job description for Network Systems Technician to reflect current position requirements and technology advances.
6. Motion to approve Mr. Julius Neal, a student of Mercer County College, to observe Ms. Jan Wilson at PMS on Fridays, for the month of February.
7. Motion to approve Mr. Adam Herman, a student of TCNJ, to complete his graduate level practicum requirements under the mentorship of Ms. Jennifer Demas at BRHS, 2/8/15 through 5/6/16.
8. Motion to approve Ms. Caitlyn Altieri, a student of TCNJ, to complete her practicum requirements under the mentorship of Mr. Brian Wheeler at BRHS, 2/15/16 through 5/6/16.
9. Motion to approve Ms. Kayla Bergen, a student of TCNJ, to complete her practicum requirements under the mentorship of Mr. Brian Wheeler at BRHS, 2/15/16 through 5/6/16.

INFORMATION

10. +JOB POSTINGS: MIS Teacher Leave Replacement - PMS Teacher Leave Replacement

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Items 1-9):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

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N. BUSINESS, FINANCE & OPERATIONS

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

1. Motion to approve disposal of a 1990 Chevy Pick-up Truck, with major transmission problems, for salvage value or best offer.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE (Item 1):

AYES: Mr. Heberling, Mr. Fausti, Mr. Schiano, Mr. Roselli, Ms. Zablow, Mr. Creegan, Mr. Mercantini, and Mr. Drew. NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None. ABSENT: Mr. Tyler.

Motion approved by majority.

O. POLICY - None

P. BOARD and PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public are invited to submit comments pertaining to educational matters during the public comment portion of this meeting. Please report to the microphone and state your name and address for the record prior to addressing the Board of Education. The board, pursuant to *Open Public Meetings Act*, will not publicly discuss personnel matters and may choose not to respond to 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 initial complaints to the administration for resolution.

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1. Accompanied by other colleagues standing in unison, the following BREA members expressed their concerns; personal experiences; and viewpoints regarding the current status of the BREA contract negotiations: Liz Brotherton, Tom Ridolfi, Colette Campellone, Kim Walker, and Marissa Crowell. Key points mentioned included that staff: care about their students, are doing a good job, seek a contract recognizing their worth and contributions, and are concerned about the district's future.

Q. NEW BUSINESS - None

R. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Roselli, seconded by Mr. Fausti to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Motion approved by majority.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Drew
President



Eloi Richardson
SBA/BS

