

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 25, 2019

6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township Municipal Building, Belvidere, NJ with the following members in attendance at roll call: Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Nusser-Meany, Ms. Howell, Mrs. Sroka, Mrs. Lensi, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Nikolopoulos and Ms. Lee. William Thompson, CSA and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance as well as 13 members of the public.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:33 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised and the public properly notified through notification to The Express-Times, Star Ledger and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the minutes as submitted from the January 28, 2019 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CSA REPORT

Mr. Thompson recognized and praised recent student participants in the Spelling Bee. Mr. Thompson also provided an update on the school calendar, reminded the group of the upcoming QSAC monitoring visit by the County Office of Education, and discussed upcoming dates including Sues Week, evening conferences, all-star band, Belvidere high school scheduling and an upcoming cluster dance.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Motion – Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve Additional Substitutes

To approve Krista Winters as a substitute teacher and Michael Yount, pending receipt of his Chapter 5 paperwork, as a substitute custodian for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

TRANSPORTATION

No updates.

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POLICY

Ms. Lee noted the Committee met to discuss policy and regulation updates, management of a Chromebook initiative for 7th and 8th grade students, and their recommendation not to pursue video-taping of board meetings at this time.

Block Motion – Policy

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to approve the following agenda items #1 through #20. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #2260 – Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices Compliant Procedure

To approve a second reading of regulation #2260 – Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices Compliant Procedure

2. Approve a First Reading of Policy #0141.1 – Board Member and Term – Sending District

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3. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2422 – Health and Physical Education

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4. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2610 – Educational Program Evaluation

To approve a first reading of policy #2610 – Educational Program Evaluation

5. Approve a First Reading of Policy #4219 – Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing

To approve a first reading of policy #4219 – Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing

6. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students

7. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote

8. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5337 – Service Animals

To approve a first reading of policy #5337 – Service Animals

9. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5756 – Transgender Students

To approve a first reading of policy #5756 – Transgender Students

10. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #7440 – School District Security

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #7440 – School District Security

11. Approve a First Reading of Policy #8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

To approve a first reading of policy #8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs

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Block Motion – Policy continued

12. Approve a First Reading of Policy #8860 - Memorials

To approve a first reading of policy #8860 – Memorials

13. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2415.06 – Unsafe School Choice Option

To approve a first reading of policy #2415.06 – Unsafe School Choice Option

14. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2460.8 – Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education

To approve a first reading of regulation #2460.8 – Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education

15. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #5530 – Substance Abuse

To approve a first reading of regulation #5530 – Substance Abuse

16. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct

17. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses

18. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #5612 – Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #5612 – Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees

19. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses

20. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses

FINANCE

Mrs. Sroka noted that the Committee reviewed a draft of the budget and reported that, due to anticipated cuts to our state aid allocation for the 2019-2020 year, we should expect increases to the local tax levy.

Block Motion – Finance

A motion was made by Mr. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Howell to approve the following agenda items #1 through #6. Motion carried as follows: Mrs. Nusser-Meany – yes (abstain from #6), Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Smith – yes, Mrs. Williams – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Ms. Lee – yes and Mr. Panetta – yes.

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Block Motion – Finance - continued

1. Approve January 2019 Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report

To approve the January 2019 Board Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report in agreement. After review of the School Business Administrator's monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the Business Administrator and CSA, this Board of Education does hereby certify that as of January 31, 2019, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2. Approve February 2019 Bill List

To approve the payment of the February 2019 bills in the total amount of \$859,520.20 for all funds.

3. Approve January 2019 Cafeteria Bills

To approve the payment of the January 2019 Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$4,740.30.

4. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for January 2019 in the amount of \$240,008.82.

5. Approve a Tuition Contract with Stepping Stone School

To approve a tuition contract with Stepping Stone School for one student (SID #5093534487) to attend at the prorated tuition rate of \$22,563, February 1 – June 30, 2019.

6. Approve Board Member/Staff Travel

To approve the following board member/staff travel:

- Michelle Nusser-Meany to the NJSBA Delegate Assembly in West Windsor, NJ on May 18, 2019. There is no cost for the assembly and mileage reimbursement not to exceed \$40.
- Justine Mahon to Basic Life Support training in Newton, NJ on March 7, 2019. The cost for the training is \$80, plus the \$12 fee for the workbook, and mileage reimbursement not to exceed \$20.

CURRICULUM

Mrs. Sroka noted that the Committee received an update on continued work on revisions to the master schedule, discussed management of a Chromebook initiative, will consider revisions to the curriculum to be in compliance for upcoming QSAC monitoring, and reviewed data for a new model for shared Child Study Team services.

Block Motion – Curriculum

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the following agenda items #1 through #4. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve the Mentoring Plan

To approve the Mentoring Plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

2. Approve the Professional Development Plan

To approve the Professional Development Plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

3. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 2

To approve a field trip for approximately 29 grade 2 students to Clinton Museum on May 17, 2019. The cost per student is \$6 and the cost for the bus transportation is \$220.

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Block Motion – Curriculum - continued

4. Approved Revised Curriculum

To approve the following revised curriculum:

- Art (written 2015 and updated 2018)
- Math (written 2017 and updated 2018)
- Music (written 2015 and updated 2018)
- Physical Education/Health (written 2016 and updated 2018)
- Science (written 2017 and updated 2018)
- Social Studies (written 2017 and updated 2018)
- Technology (written 2015 and updated 2018)
- World Language (written 2015 and updated 2018)
- Dance (written 2018 – new adoption per QSAC requirements)
- Theater (written 2018 – new adoption per QSAC requirements)

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Mrs. Nikolopoulos reported on plans for safety and security upgrades, floor replacement projects in our classroom and hallway areas, replacement of water fountains, generator modifications, and a Project Positivity initiative by the PTO for messaging in our school hallways.

Block Motion – Buildings & Grounds

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the following agenda items #1 through #3. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a use of facility request from the White Township PTO for use of the stage April 1 – 5, 2019 for the Book Fair.

2. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a use of facility request from the White Township PTO for Project Positivity activities in the hallways on dates to be determined by the CSA.

3. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a use of facility request from the White Township Education Association for use of the cafeteria for an Optical Academy on March 22, 2019.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Lensi noted that the Committee is looking to recognize student achievement at monthly Board meetings and announced that Paraprofessional, Mrs. Williams, will be highlighted as the March “White Spotlight”.

BHS BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Williams noted that Belvidere has a tentative agreement with their teacher association and discussed an exciting Trex recycling program.

SHARED SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE

No updates.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Panetta discussed the successes of some White Township high school wrestlers at Belvidere.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations deemed HIB incidents since last meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to convene to Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiations. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Be it resolved by the White Township Board of Education that it shall meet in closed session this evening to discuss personnel and negotiations.

The board will publicly disclose information pertaining to the topics discussed as soon thereafter and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions that are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975c chapter 321.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Williams to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

APPROVE CLUSTER-WIDE CST SHARING

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to approve the cluster-wide sharing of the Child Study Team between Belvidere, Harmony, Hope and White, hosted by Belvidere, contractual information to follow. Motion carried as follows: Mrs. Nusser-Meany – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Smith – yes, Mrs. Williams – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Ms. Lee – yes and Mr. Panetta – yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary

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WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Executive Session Minutes

Date: February 25, 2019

Time Convened: 7:16 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 8:18 p.m.

Present: X Mr. Thompson, CSA
 X Mrs. Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Board Attorney
 X BOE (Absent: none)

Subject(s) Discussed:

- Mr. Panetta provided an update on the status of negotiations with the White Township Education Association.

Recommendations Made:

- None.

Subject(s) Discussed:

- Mr. Thompson provided an overview of a cluster wide approach to sharing Child Study team services.

Recommendations Made:

- The Board will take action in public regarding the shared service model.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary