

# WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR SESSION MEETING

**MONDAY**

**JULY 23, 2018**

**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. Boehm, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Nikolopoulos, Mrs. Lensi, Ms. Howell 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. Rader, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Sroka were unable to attend.

Mr. Boehm opened the meeting at 6:30 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 Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to approve the minutes as submitted from the June 25, Regular Session Meeting and Executive Session. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Fiorentino welcomed Mr. Thompson.

### **CSA REPORT**

Mr. Thompson reported on several items including the Meet and Great with students and parents scheduled for Thursday evening, the Committees that met in July, and those scheduled to meet in August. Mr. Thompson updated the Board on the summer cleaning and maintenance schedule, the start of the ESY program, summer mailings and communications, and the need for a Special Board Meeting to approve a plan for the reduction to the district's state aid allocation for the 2018-2019 school year.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PERSONNEL**

Mr. Panetta discussed this evening's motion and also noted there will be a number of Co-curricular positions posted and filled in August.

#### **Block Motion – Personnel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to approve the following agenda items #1 through #5. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Lee – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes and Mr. Boehm – yes.

#### **1. Approve the Affirmative Action Officer**

To approve Marlene Saraiva as the Affirmative Action Officer for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **2. Approve the Transportation Coordinator/General Secretary**

To approve Danielle Martinez as the Transportation Coordinator/General Secretary beginning approximately July 24, 2018 at the rate of \$17/hour for not to exceed 25 hours per week for the 2018-2019 year.

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#### **Block Motion – Personnel - continued**

3. Approve a Request for a Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence

To approve a request from Krista Schaarschmidt for a maternity/disability leave of absence to commence on or about August 30, 2018 followed by an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act upon completion of her maternity/disability leave and ending approximately November 22, 2018 followed by a continuation of unpaid leave with a return date of January 2, 2019.

4. Approve Part-time Maintenance Help

To approve William Eppell for part-time maintenance work at the rate of \$12/hour, not to exceed 16 hours per week, during the period August 7 – October 30, 2018.

5. Approve Training and Technology Preparation Hours

To approve Dawn Werkheiser for school safety training and technology preparation hours up to, but not to exceed, 100 hours at \$20/hour.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Mr. Thompson noted the Committee met and discussed several items including the finalists for the Transportation Coordinator position and the need to re-establish support from the transportation routing vendor, Transfinder.

#### **POLICY**

No update.

#### **FINANCE**

Mrs. Huff noted the need to schedule a special Board meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> to address the recent notification of a reduction to our state aid allocation for the 2018-2019 school year. The district is required to submit a Board approved plan for dealing with the reduction to the County Office by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Block Motion – Finance**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mr. Panetta to approve the following agenda items #1 through #11. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Lee – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes and Mr. Boehm – yes.

1. Approve Final June 2018 Bills List

To approve the final June 2018 Bills List in the total amount of \$218,197.78 for expenditures from June 26 through June 30, 2018 for all funds.

2. Approve July 2018 Bills List

To approve the payment of the July 2018 bills in the total amount of \$150,379.28 for all funds.

3. Approve June 2018 Cafeteria Bills

To approve the payment of the June 2018 cafeteria bills in the amount of \$328.43.

4. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for June 2018 in the amount of \$59,862.41.

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**Block Motion – Finance - continued**

5. Approve a Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children

To approve a tuition contract with Celebrate the Children for one student (ID#9132106692) to attend the program for a tuition cost of \$71,500 and the cost of the personal aide of \$27,000 for the 2018-2019 school year.

6. Approve a Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children

To approve a tuition contract with Celebrate the Children for one student (ID#8737801050) to attend the program for a tuition cost of \$71,500 and the cost of the personal aide of \$27,000 for the 2018-2019 school year.

7. Approve Submission of the FY 2019 IDEA Consolidated Grant Application and Accept the Grant Award

To approve submission of the FY2019 IDEA consolidated grant application and accept the grant award as follows:

IDEA Basic	\$ 91,131.	OOD Tuition
IDEA Preschool	\$ 5,165.	Preschool Para Salary/Benefits – Chiara (.56 FTE)

8. Approve ESEA grant submission

To approve submission of the FY 2019 ESEA Consolidated Grant as follows:

Title 1-Part A

100-100 Teacher Salary – A. Walsh	\$46,453	(FTE .49)
200-200 Teacher Benefits	\$14,401	

Title II – Part A

200-300 Professional Dev Consultants	\$11,887	
Total Grant	\$72,741	

9. Approve a Tuition Contract with Lakeland-Andover School

To approve a tuition contract with Lakeland-Andover School for one student (ID#3435881714) to attend the program for a tuition cost of \$55,800 for the 2018-2019 school year.

10. Approve a Tuition Contract with Academy 360 – Lower School

To approve a tuition contract with Academy 360 – Lower School, a program of Spectrum 360, for one student (SID#9249311861) to attend at a tuition rate of \$75,323.15 for the 2018-2019 school year and extended school year.

11. Approve Staff Travel

To approve the following staff travel:

- Margaret Sheneman to “First Steps in Music Certification Course” on August 9-11, 2018 in Piscataway, NJ. The cost for the course is \$350.
- Dawn Werkheiser to attend School Safety Specialist Training August 6-9, 2018 in Morristown, NJ. There is no cost for the training and mileage reimbursement not to exceed \$132.

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### **CURRICULUM**

Ms. Lee noted the Committee met and discussed items including the aligning our curriculum with NJDOE, increasing our benchmarks, curriculum writing with the Belvidere cluster this week, and Co-Curricular programs.

### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Mrs. Nikolopoulos noted that the gym floor has been refinished, summer cleaning is on schedule, staff room assignments are being reviewed, sidewalk work is on hold, presented an overview of an Eagle Scout project proposal, and noted Mrs. Huff will attend a facilities training event in preparation for our QSAC walkthrough.

### **Motion – Buildings & Grounds**

A motion was made by Ms. Howell and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **1. Approve a Use of Facility Request**

To approve a request from the BHS Cheerleaders for use of the parking lot area for a car wash on August 19, 2018.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No update.

### **BHS BOARD MEMBER**

No update.

### **SHARED SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Mr. Boehm noted the need to set up a meeting with Hope representatives in the next few weeks.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mrs. Huff reminded those interested in running for a seat on the Board in the November election must file a nominating petition with the Warren County Clerk's Office by July 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boehm noted that working with Mr. Thompson this first month has been phenomenal. His level of communication has been outstanding and accessibility tremendous.

### **APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to approve the Superintendent's Report for the period June 25 – July 20, 2018. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

### **ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS**

A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations deemed HIB incidents for the period June 25 – July 20, 2018. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

### **APPROVE THE BI-ANNUAL BOE REPORT ON VIOLENCE, VANDALISM AND HIB**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the Bi-Annual Report on Violence, Vandalism and HIB for the reporting period January 1 – June 30, 2018. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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~~**APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**~~

~~A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with the White Township Education Association for a one year successor agreement.~~

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Fiorentino asked who deemed the sidewalks safe. Mr. Panetta noted that there is no evidence of any heaving or lifting currently.

Mrs. Sissick noted having Mr. Thompson is a breath of fresh air and the communication has been wonderful.

Mrs. Nusser-Meany noted that the tone in the room is different and that she's very excited to have Mr. Thompson on board.

Mrs. Smith asked about the reason for our state aid reduction. Mrs. Huff explained that while the State's final budget actually increased public school funding, it came with the caveat that school's deemed "overfunded" would see less aid and those "underfunded" would receive the new monies. Mrs. Huff noted that she and Mr. Thompson are working on a plan to address this year's cuts while strategically positioning the district to prepare for cuts for the next several years. Mrs. Smith also inquired about professional development for staff, the start and end time for the educational school day, and wondered who is up for election in November.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to convene to Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss a student issue. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, 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 a student issue.

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 Ms. Lee to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to affirm the HIB decision from the case of SID #4552810184. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary