

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 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: Ms. Nusser-Meany, Ms. Howell, Mrs. Sroka, Mrs. Lensi, Mr. Havlusch, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Panetta. William Thompson, CSA and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance as well as 3 members of the public.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:32 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.

CSA REPORT

Mr. Thompson recognized our November “Student of the Month” and presented her with a certificate. Mr. Thompson reported on the status of technology connectivity upgrades, additional club initiatives, strategic planning, safety and security upgrades, and announced the “White Spotlight” for December will be Mrs. Kline. Mr. Thompson noted some upcoming events including the PTO family shopping event and holiday shopping, 8th grade visits to Warren Tech and Belvidere High School, and the Winter Concert.

Mrs. Nikolopoulos arrived at 6:40 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

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

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huff announced that Timothy Havlusch, Rachel Nikolopoulos and Dorissalba Sroka were elected for three-year terms on the Board of Education. They will be sworn in at our reorganization meeting on January 6, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

No updates.

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TRANSPORTATION

Motion – Transportation

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

1. Approve a Parental Transportation Contract

To approve a parental transportation contract (19-20JBMtOlive) for student #4552810184 for transportation to Mount Olive Middle School, November 18, 2019 – June 30, 2020 for a total contract of \$12,384.00.

POLICY

Block Motion – Policy

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to approve the following agenda items #1 through #13. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #3159 – Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities

To approve a second reading of policy #3159 – Teaching Staff Member/School District Reporting Responsibilities.

2. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #3218 – Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #3218 – Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances.

3. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #4218 – Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #4218 – Use, Possession, or Distribution of Substances.

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

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

5. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #5517 – School District Issued Student Identification Cards

To approve a second reading of policy #5517 – School District Issued Student Identification Cards.

6. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #6112 – Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #6112 – Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures.

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Block Motion – Policy - continued

7. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #7440 – School District Security

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #7440 – School District Security

8. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #8600 – Student Transportation

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #8600 – Student Transportation

9. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #8630 – Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility

To approve a second reading of policy #8630 – Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility

10. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #8630 – Emergency School Bus Procedures

To approve a second reading of regulation #8630 – Emergency School Bus Procedures

11. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #8670 – Transportation of Special Needs Students

To approve a second reading of policy #8670 – Transportation of Special Needs Students

12. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #9210 – Parent Organizations

To approve a second reading of policy #9210 – Parent Organizations

13. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #9400 – Media Relations

To approve a second reading of policy #9400 – Media Relations

FINANCE

Block Motion – Finance

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

1. Approve October 2019 Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Report

To approve, on the recommendation of the CSA, the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary for the month of October 2019 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of October 31, 2019, after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c) 3, I, Dawn Huff, Board Secretary, hereby certify that no line account has been over expended as of October 31, 2019.

2. Approve November 2019 Bill List

To approve the payment of the November 2019 bills in the total amount of \$783,105.19 for all funds.

3. Approve October 2019 Cafeteria Bills

To approve the payment of the October 2019 Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$5,838.06.

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Block Motion – Finance - continued

4. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for October 2019 in the amount of \$75,000.

5. Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

To accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2019 as prepared by Anthony Ardito, Ardito & Company, LLP with no recommendations.

6. Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the 2018-2019 Audit

To approve the Corrective Action Plan with no recommendations for the 2018-2019 audit.

CURRICULUM

Block Motion – Curriculum

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

1. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 8

To approve a field trip for approximately 12 grade 8 students to visit Warren County Technical School on December 4, 2019. There is no cost for this field trip.

2. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 8

To approve a field trip for approximately 29 grade 8 students to Belvidere High School for a visitation on December 13, 2019. There is no cost for this field trip.

3. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 1

To approve a field trip for approximately 25 grade 1 students to Lehigh Valley Zoo, Trexlertown, PA, on May 29, 2020. The cost per student is \$12.50 and bus transportation is \$330.

4. Approve GEM Field Trips

To approve the following GEM field trips:

Marvelous Math	Grades 2&3	Pohatcong School, Phillipsburg, NJ	January 10, 2020
Chess Tournament	Grades 7&8	Oxford Street School, Belvidere, NJ	February 5, 2020
Spelling Bee	Grades 5&6	Phillipsburg Middle School, Phillipsburg, NJ	February 12, 2020
Chess Tournament	Grades K-6	Rutherford Hall, Allamuchy, NJ	March 3, 2020
Phabulous Physics	Grades 3&4	Mansfield Township School, Mansfield, NJ	March 6, 2020
Strategic Thinking Day	Grade 5	Washington Boro School, Washington, NJ	March 25, 2020
Convocation	Grades 6&7	Evan Free Church, Blairstown, NJ	April 1, 2020

*Transportation for these GEM trips will be shared with other districts attending the event, at a cost to be determined.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

No update.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Mrs. Lensi noted that the Committee discussed the Student of the Month initiative and continued work on the website. Mr. Panetta noted that the group agrees that at this point the Board will not take a position on the warehouse issue.

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BHS BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Williams discussed a student newspaper publication that will be distributed monthly, as well as a presentation by the Teacher of the Year discussing the many exciting programs happening at Belvidere.

SHARED SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE

No updates.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Panetta reminded the group of the upcoming Christmas party for staff and Board members on December 12th.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Panetta discussed a safety and security conference he recently attended in Hunterdon County.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos 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. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to convene to Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss ongoing litigation. 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 ongoing litigation.

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. Lensi to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary