

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

JANUARY 25, 2021

6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held via Google Meet on the above date with the following members in attendance at roll call: Ms. Nusser-Meany, Ms. Howell, Mrs. Sroka, Mr. Murray, 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 three members of the public.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and stated that in accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided (by sending a notice of the time, date, instructions for remote access and making public comment) to the NJ Herald and Express Times on January 20, 2021. Mr. Panetta further noted that copies of this notice, along with a meeting agenda, have been placed in the Board Office, posted on the District website, and sent to the Township Clerk for posting on January 20, 2021, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

CSA REPORT

Mr. Thompson recognized our January "Student of the Month" and noted he'll receive a certificate. Mr. Thompson discussed approval of the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report, thanked Mr. Yao for a large donation of masks and hand sanitizer, and noted students are continuing Linkit testing and enjoying classroom activities to celebrate Day 100 and Valentine's Day.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Williams to approve the minutes as submitted from the December 21, 2020 Regular Session Meeting and the January 4, 2021 Reorganization Meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 1 (Murray).

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Block Motion – Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 through #3. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mrs. Smith – yes, Mrs. Williams – yes, and Mr. Panetta – yes.

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Block Motion – Personnel - continued

1. Approve a Revised Substitute Rate

To approve a revised substitute teacher aide and cafeteria aide rate of \$12.00/hour for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Approve a Revised Substitute Teacher List

To approve a Substitute Teacher List for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, revised 1/25/21.

3. Approve a Transfer on the Salary Guide

To approve a request from Anthony Marinelli to transfer on the salary guide from Step 7, MA to Step 7, MA+15 at the new salary rate of \$66,470.

CURRICULUM

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee met and discussed administration of Linkit testing, running a Summer Academy, revisions to the Master Schedule for 21-22 to lengthen Math periods and increase choices for special offerings, budget initiatives, and Strategic Planning.

OPERATIONS

Mrs. Sroka noted the Committee met and received a COVID-19 update. The Committee also discussed PK tuition, plans for the new playground, the Jaindl Project traffic study, a feasibility study, and development of the 21-22 budget.

Block Motion – Operations

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 through #6. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mrs. Smith – yes #1-#3 and #5-#6, abstain #4, Mrs. Williams – yes, and Mr. Panetta – yes.

1. Approve December 2020 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 December 2020 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of December 31, 2020, 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 December 31, 2020.

2. Approve January 2021 Bill List

To approve the payment of the January 2021 bills in the total amount of \$881,820.51 for all funds.

3. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for December 2020 in the amount of \$3,745.00.

4. Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

To accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2020 as prepared by Anthony Ardito, Ardito & Company, LLP with no recommendations.

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Block Motion – Operations - continued

5. Approve the Corrective Action Plan for the 2019-2020 Audit

To approve the Corrective Action Plan with no recommendations for the 2019-2020 audit.

6. Approve a Request for Use of Facilities

To approve a request from Warren County Little League for use of the playing field April 1 – June 18, 2021.

GOVERNANCE

Mr. Murray noted the Committee met and discussed the Jaindl Project traffic study and updated the group on the new playground build.

BHS BOARD MEMBER

No update.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Panetta noted there will be a feasibility study meeting with cluster districts later in the week.

NEW BUSINESS

None

APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to approve the submission of the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report for the period September 1 – December 31, 2020. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mr. Panetta 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

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary