

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

DECEMBER 18, 2023

6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township Consolidated School Media Center, Belvidere, NJ. The following members of the Board were in attendance at roll call: Mr. Panetta, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mr. Havlusch, Mrs. Gardella, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Vesper, Mrs. Lensi and Mr. Jonkoski. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mr. Italiano, Business Administrator were also in attendance. Mrs. Pinkerton was unable to attend.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and stated that in accordance with the State's Sunshine law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided and 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, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

CSA REPORT

Mr. Thompson discussed some current events taking place at school. Mr. Thompson also provided the board and the public with a feasibility study update.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

- **Anthony Ardito, Ardito & Company, LLC**

Mr. Ardito presented the FY23 Annual Financial Audit to the Board and public. Mr. Ardito mention the District is in strong financial shape and continued to save funds in their reserve accounts for future considerations.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the minutes as submitted from the November 27, 2023 Regular Meetings. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **White Township/Belvidere Send-Receive correspondence.**

PERSONNEL

Block Motion – Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Mrs. Lensi – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mrs. Vesper – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes and Mr. Jonkoski – yes.

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Block Motion – Personnel - continued

1. Approve an Extra-Curricular Activity Position

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve the following Extra-Curricular Activity Position:

Rosie Magyar	Art Director (Head)	Year 1	\$2,581
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CURRICULUM

Ms. Nusser-Meany updated the board on the discussions at the recent committee meeting.

Block Motion – Curriculum

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: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve the Updated ARP Safe Return to School Plan

To approve the submission of the ARP Safe Return to School Plan as per NJDOE guidelines effective December 18, 2023.

2. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 6

To approve a field trip for approximately 5 grade 6 students to Hackettstown High School on February 28, 2024 for an advanced ensemble. The cost of the bus transportation is \$150. Note: Snow Day make-up date is February 29, 2024.

3. Approve a Field Trip for Grades 4 and 5

To approve a field trip for approximately 45 grade 4 and grade 5 students to the Mayo Performing Arts Center on February 27, 2024. The cost of the bus transportation is \$395.

OPERATIONS

Mrs. Vesper provided an update on the feasibility study as well as an update on the various projects taking place at school.

Block Motion – Operations

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 through #5. Motion carried as follows: Mrs. Lensi – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – abstain, Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mrs. Vesper – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes and Mr. Jonkoski –yes.

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Block Motion – Operations – continued

1. Approve November 2023 Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Report

To approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary for the month of November 2023 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of November 30, 2023, after review of the secretary’s monthly financial reports 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, Andrew Italiano, Board Secretary, hereby certify that no line account has been over expended as of November 30, 2023.

2. Approve Budget Transfers for November 2023

To approve the attached budget transfers for November 2023.

3. Approve December 2023 Bills & Claims List

To approve the December 2022 Bills & Claims List for all funds.

4. Approve Staff Travel and Professional Development

To approve the following staff travel and professional development:

- Margaret Sheneman to attend a workshop on Student Centered Learning Experiences on March 15, 2023. The cost for the training is \$60 and the cost of the mileage is \$60.54

5. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a request from White Township Youth Athletic Association for use of the playing field between March 1, 2024 and June 30, 2024.

GOVERNANCE

Mrs. Gardella stated the committee discussed the feasibility study and the potential outcomes, the marquee, the warehouse meetings and possible blackout dates for facility use at the school as well as the township meetings about the warehouse and policy alert 231.

Block Motion – Governance

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 through #26. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Block Motion – Governance - continued

1. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)

To approve a second reading of Policy #1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)

2. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)

To approve a second reading of Regulation #1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)

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Block Motion – Governance – continued

3. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #2270 –Religion in Schools (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Policy #2270 – Religion in Schools (Revised)
4. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New)
To approve a second reading of Policy #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (New)
5. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New)
To approve a second reading of Regulation #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (New)
6. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #3161 – Examination for Cause (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Policy #3163 – Examination for Cause (Revised)
7. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #3212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Policy #3212 – Attendance (Revised)
8. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #3212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Regulation #3212 – Attendance (Revised)
9. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #3324 –Right of Privacy (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Policy #3324 – Right of Privacy (Revised)
10. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)
To approve a second reading of Policy #3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)
11. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)
To approve a second reading of Regulation #3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)
12. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #4161 – Examination for Cause (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Policy #4161 – Examination for Cause (Revised)
13. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #4212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Policy #4212 – Attendance (Revised)
14. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #4212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Regulation #4212 – Attendance (Revised)
15. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #4324 –Right of Privacy (Revised)
To approve a second reading of Policy #4324 – Right of Privacy (Revised)
16. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)
To approve a second reading of Policy #4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

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Block Motion – Governance – continued

17. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

To approve a second reading of Regulation #4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

18. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students (M) (Revised)

To approve a second reading of Policy #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students (Revised)

19. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students (M) (Revised)

To approve a second reading of Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non-Resident Students (Revised)

20. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

To approve a second reading of Policy #5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

21. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

To approve a second reading of Regulation #5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

22. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)

To approve a second reading of Policy #5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (Abolished)

23. Approve a Second Reading of Regulation #5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)

To approve a second reading of Regulation #5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (Abolished)

24. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #8500 – Food Services (M) (Revised)

To approve a second reading of Policy #8500 – Food Services (Revised)

25. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #8540 – School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished)

To approve a second reading of Policy #8540 – School Nutrition Programs (Abolished)

26. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #8550 – Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Abolished)

To approve a second reading of Policy #8550 – Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (Abolished)

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BHS BOARD MEMBER – Representative: Mrs. Gardella

Mrs. Gardella provided a BHS updated and indicated that things are positive at BHS right now. Mrs. Gardella mentioned there will be an open seat on the BHS BOE that will be advertised soon.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BELVIDERE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to appoint Robyn Gardella to serve on the Belvidere Board of Education as the White Township Board of Education representative for the 2024 year. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, and Abstentions – 0.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

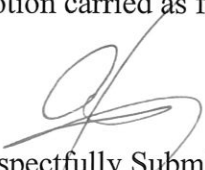
A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations deemed to be a HIB incident. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, and Abstentions – 0.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.



Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Italiano
Business Administrator/Board Secretary