

**WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 22, 2024**

For the Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education  
Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. in the White Township Consolidated School Media Center.

*“White Township Consolidated School is committed to inspire, engage and educate our students by providing innovative, personalized opportunities for growth and learning. With a foundation based on academic excellence and a focus on social emotional learning, our students will achieve their full potential and become productive, responsible, resilient members of the community and contributing members of society.”*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Panetta called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**II. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE**

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is either discussed or acted upon. In accordance with this provision of the act, the White Township Board of Education has sent notice of this meeting to the New Jersey Herald and the Express Times stating date, time, and place and posted same in the White Township School and Municipal Building.

**III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**IV. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Robyn Gardella	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Catherine Lensi	<i>Absent</i>	Mr. Frank Panetta	<i>Present</i>
Mr. Tim Havlusch	<i>Present</i>	Mr. Kevin Murray	<i>Absent</i>	Mrs. Natalie Pinkerton	<i>Present</i>
Mr. George Jonkoski	<i>Present</i>	Ms. Michelle Nusser-Meany	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Elizabeth Vesper	<i>Present</i>

Also present, Mr. William Thompson and Mrs. Lori Tirone.

**V. CSA REPORT**

Mr. Thompson reported on:

- SSDS Report
- Curriculum Clubs
- NAP Assessment for fourth grade students

- Spelling B
- Budget Season

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

Ms. Nusser-Meany opened the public hearing for public comment. No one from the public made any comments.

#### **VII. MINUTES**

**MOTION** by Mr. Havlusch, seconded by Mrs. Vesper, to approve the December 18, 2023 and January 3, 2024 meeting minutes.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Board of Education meeting, held on the dates indicated as transcribed, be approved and filed.

December 18, 2023 - Regular Meeting

January 3, 2024 - Reorganization Meeting

On a voice vote, all present were in favor.

#### **VIII. CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Tirone reported:

- January 2024 is the annual School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey, and the Administration would like to thank the Board for their service to the school and the community. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.
- Budget Calendar

#### **IX. PERSONNEL - Mr. Panetta, Mr. Havlusch, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Vesper**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Vesper, seconded by Mr. Havlusch to approve Personnel item A through C.

##### **A. Approve Club Advisor Position**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Margaret Sheneman to assist with the drama club at a rate of \$45.00 per hour not to exceed \$1,800.00.

##### **B. Approve Professional Development**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve Rosie Magyar to attend the Positivity Summit Workshop on January 19th. The registration cost is \$99.00 and reimbursement of mileage at the State amount per mile.

##### **C. Approve Movement on the Guide**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the lateral move on the WTEA Salary Guide for Cassandra Baker, from Step 11/BA+30, to Step 11/MA effective February 1, 2024.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor.

**X. CURRICULUM** - Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mrs. Gardella, Mr. Jonkoski, Mrs. Pinkerton

Mrs. Nusser-Meany gave a committee update.

**MOTION** by Mrs. Vesper, seconded by Mrs. Pinkerton to approve Curriculum item A.

**A. Approve Field Trip**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a field trip for approximately twenty-two, grade three students to Turtle Back Zoo on May 28, 2024. The cost per student is \$15.00.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor.

**XI. OPERATIONS** - Mrs. Vesper, Mr. Havlusch, Mr. Murray, Mr. Panetta

Mrs. Vesper gave a committee update.

**MOTION** by Mr. Havlusch, seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve Operations items A through H.

**A. Approval of Transfers**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of budget transfers as presented by the School Business Administrator for the period of December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

**B. Approval of Bills**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board approve the attached list of district bills for payment as presented by the School Business Administrator for the period of January 1, 2024 through January 31, 2024 in the amount of \$542,247.79.

**C. Waiver of Requirements for Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3(b), the White Township Board of Education approves the filing of a waiver of participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) for the 2024-2025 school year, due to the district projecting an enrollment of less than 40 Medicaid eligible students per the October 15, 2023 ASSA report.

**D. Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services with WCSSSD**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a resolution for the Participation in Coordinated Transportation Services between White Township Board of Education and Warren County Special Services School District for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

**E. Approve the Use of Facilities**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve the use of the Playing Field by the Warren County Little League for the months of April through June in the evenings.

**F. Tuition Contract Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a Tuition Contract Agreement between the White Township Board of Education (sending) and Phillipsburg Board of Education (receiving) for Student ID #9408523192 at \$9,274.98 for tuition for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

**G. Transportation Contract**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a Transportation Contract with Saint Abraham, LLC, whom had the lowest quote with a per diem route cost of \$209.00, plus the admin fee, for SID# 9408523192 from January 22, 2024 through June 30, 2024, or the last day of school.

**H. Tuition and Transportation Contract Agreement**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve a Tuition and Transportation Contract Agreement between the White Township Board of Education (sending) and Flemington-Raritan Regional School District (receiving) for Student ID #20243645 and Student ID # 20243646 at a per diem rate of \$88.89 for tuition and a per diem rate of \$11.41 for transportation for each student.

On a roll call vote, all present were in favor.

**XII. GOVERNANCE** - Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Gardella, Mr. Jonkoski, Ms. Nusser-Meany

There were no motions put forth at this time.

**XIII. BHS BOARD MEMBER UPDATE** - Mrs. Gardella

Mrs. Gardella reported that she attended Belvidere's Reorganization Meeting January 3rd, 2024. And Belvidere will have its regular Board Meeting January 23, 2024.

**XIV. OLD BUSINESS**

- None

**XV. NEW BUSINESS**

- None

**XVI. OTHER BUSINESS**

- None

**HIB INCIDENT**

**MOTION** by Mr. Havlusch, seconded by Mr. Panetta to acknowledge unfounded HIB case # 6.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor.

**APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE SSDS REPORT**

**MOTION** by Mrs. Vesper, seconded by Mr. Havlusch to approve the SSDS Report.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, approve submission of the Student Safety Data System Report for the reporting period September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor.

**XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Nusser-Meany opened the public hearing for public comment. No one from the public made any comments.

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** by Mr. Panetta, seconded by Mrs. Vesper.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lori A. Tirone  
Board Secretary