

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

OCTOBER 29, 2018

6:30 PM

The Special Session Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township School Library, Belvidere, NJ with the following members in attendance at roll call: Mr. Boehm, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Nikolopoulos, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Lensi, Mrs. Sroka (7:05 p.m.), Ms. Howell and Ms. Lee. William Thompson, Superintendent and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance as well as seven members of the public. Mr. Rader was 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 and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PERSONNEL

Motion – Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve an Observation Experience

To approve Daniel Scarpone, current Kutztown University student, for an observation experience in a classroom.

CURRICULUM

Motion – Curriculum

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve GEM Field Trips

To approve the following GEM Field Trips:

WCCSE – Matha-magicians	Harmony Twp. Firehouse, Phillipsburg, NJ	November 29, 2018
WCCSE – Marvelous Math	Pohatcong Elementary School, Alpha, NJ	January 16, 2019
WCCSE – Strategic Thinking	Day Memorial School, Washington Boro, NJ	March 28, 2019

The cost of the bus transportation will be paid by the White Township PTO.

FINANCE

Motion – Finance

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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Motion – Finance - continued

1. Approve a Tuition Contract

To approve a tuition contract with Phillipsburg School District for one student (SID#5542310530) to attend White Township School for the 2018-2019 year.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Motion – Buildings & Grounds

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a Use of Facility

To approve a request from the White Township PTO for use of the stage for the Holiday Shop on December 17, 2018 from 5 – 9 p.m.

APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BELVIDERE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Panetta to appoint Colleen Williams to serve on the Belvidere Board of Education as the White Township Board of Education representative for the remainder of the 2018 year. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to approve an agreement between White Township Board of Education and White Township Education Association for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 and to authorize the Business Administrator to pay employees of the district at the 2018-2019 salary guides. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Lee – abstain, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Williams – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes and Mr. Boehm –yes.

GOAL SETTING

The district's New Jersey School Board's Association Field Service Representative, Kathy Helewa, attended the meeting to facilitate goal setting with the group. Mrs. Helewa also discussed the district's transition to a CSA model, communication between the Board and the CSA, the process, and timeline, for completing the CSA evaluation and strategic planning.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to convene to Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. to discuss a student issue. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, 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.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Williams to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:08 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to affirm the HIB decisions made on September 24, 2018 on the 4 HIB investigations (SID #4552810184). Motion carried as follows: Ms. Lee – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka –yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Williams – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes and Mr. Boehm – yes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary