

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township School Gym 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 3 members of the public.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:35 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.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Anthony Ardito, the Board's Auditor, presented an overview of the 2019-2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Ardito reviewed expenditures and revenues as well as the status of the district reserve accounts and surplus. Mr. Ardito noted that the audit went very well and thanked Mrs. Huff for having everything in good order. Mr. Ardito noted there are no audit recommendations.

CSA REPORT

Mr. Thompson applauded the efforts of our students, staff and parents with getting school reopened. Mr. Thompson noted that we'll look to shift our focus from managing logistics, given the current pandemic, to personalizing learning for our students, and focusing on advancing the curriculum. Mr. Thompson also provided updates on Strategic Planning and the lunch program. Mr. Thompson reviewed upcoming dates including Picture Day, the PTO Walk-a-thon and Book Fair.

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 August 24, 2020 Regular Session Meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

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Block Motion – Personnel

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

1. Approve Additional Custodial Support

To approve Vasilios Nikolopoulos for custodial support not to exceed 4 hours/day, \$13.20/hour for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Approve a Leave Replacement - Revised

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Linda Blazier as an Elementary Teacher Leave Replacement, at a per diem rate of \$301.80, based on MA+15, Step 1. *This replaces the original motion approved August 24, 2020.*

3. Approve Revised Paraprofessionals Hours for the 2020-2021 school year

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve revised daily hours for the following Paraprofessionals:

		Step		Salary
O'Brien, Colleen	Paraprofessional	Step 2D	not to exceed 5 hours/day	\$14.94
Smith, Kaitlyn	Paraprofessional	Step 2D	not to exceed 5.75 hours/day	\$14.94
Williams, Joan	Paraprofessional	Step 15D	not to exceed 5 hours/day	\$19.09
Wohlander, Jen	Paraprofessional	Step 2ND	not to exceed 5 hours/day	\$13.20

4. Approve a Psychological Evaluation Provider

To approve Dr. Lee Monday to provide individual structured psychological interviews and assessments at a cost of \$250 per assessment for the 2020-2021 school year.

5. Approve a Transfer on the Salary Guide

To approve a request from Margaret Sheneman to transfer on the salary guide from Step 13, MA+15 to Step 13, MA+30 at the new salary rate of \$73,645.

CURRICULUM

Mrs. Sroka noted that the Committee met and discussed the Gifted and Talented program, the World Language program, the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C., Jumpstart and Strategic Planning.

OPERATIONS

Mrs. Sroka noted that the Committee met and discussed school reopening, how the district will handle snow days moving forward, and upcoming PTO activities.

Block Motion – Operations

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 through #9. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, abstain #7, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mrs. Lensi - yes, Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Smith – yes and Mrs. Williams – yes.

1. Approve August 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 August 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 August 2020, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate

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Block Motion – Operations - continued

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 August 31, 2020.

2. Approve September 2020 Bill List

To approve the payment of the September 2020 bills in the total amount of \$805,266.98 for all funds.

3. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for August 2020 in the amount of \$10,083.87.

4. Approve a Budget Calendar

To approve a budget calendar for the 2021-2022 budget cycle.

5. Approve a Snow Removal Contractor for the 2020-2021 School Year

To approve Shoemaker & Lynch, Inc. for snow removal for the 2020-2021 school year at the following rates:

Salting	\$123 per hour
Salt per ton	\$140
Plowing	\$123 per hour

6. Appoint Emergency Service Providers for the 2020-2021 School Year

To appoint the following emergency service providers to repair and maintain specific equipment and systems in the school building for the 2020-2021 school year:

Phone	PlanIT Networks, Inc.
Electrical	Preferred Electrical, Kope Electric or Shade Tree Electric
Roof Repair	J. Wilson Enterprises or Barrett Roofing Inc.
HVAC	Elliot Lewis Corporation
Heating System Controls	Johnson Controls
Plumbing	Hobbie Heat & Power, Inc., All American Plumbing, Iron Mt. Mechanical, Colaluce Well & Pump Service or J&R Drilling
Fire Alarm	Johnson Controls - Simplex

7. Approve Board Member/Staff Travel

To approve the following Board Member/Staff Travel:

- Michelle Nusser-Meany to attend the New Jersey School Boards Association "Virtual Workshop 2020", October 20-22, 2020. The cost of the workshop registration is \$199.

8. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a request from the White Township PTO for use of the gymnasium for the Book Fair October 19 – 23, 2020.

9. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a request from The Work Family Connection for use of the cafeteria for their before and after care program for the 2020-2021 school year.

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GOVERNANCE

Block Motion – Governance

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to approve the following agenda items #1 through #3. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #1648.02 – Remote Learning Options for Families

To approve a second reading of policy #1648.02 – Remote Learning Options for Families

2. Approve a Second Reading of Policy #1648.03 – Restart and Recovery Plan Full-Time Remote Instruction

To approve a second reading of policy #1648.03 – Restart and Recovery Plan Full-Time Remote Instruction

3. Approve the Student Code of Conduct

To approve the Student Code of Conduct for the 2020-2021 school year.

BHS BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Williams reported that Belvidere had a relatively smooth reopening of the schools. Belvidere did have a COVID shutdown for one day and, due to a possible exposure, the football team will have to quarantine. Mrs. Williams noted that some board members are pushing to get students back in the classroom 5 days a week. Mrs. Williams also noted that Belvidere's Board is updating their Committee structure and those Committees are meeting more regularly.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Panetta asked if there have been any technology issues with the virtual students. Mr. Thompson noted that there have been minimal issues.

Mrs. Smith asked about our indoor air quality. Mrs. Huff noted that the district has a plan in place for Indoor Air Quality and that the plan has guidelines for handling any issues that may arise.

Mrs. Smith noted that getting Mr. Thompson's weekly update email on Sunday mornings is a distraction and for religious purposes she would prefer to receive hers on Monday. Mr. Thompson noted that he felt that it was important that the full Board receive the information at the same time.

A motion was made by Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to have Mr. Thompson send his weekly update as a group email when it's prepared. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Mrs. Lensi - yes, Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Smith – no and Mrs. Williams – yes.

Mrs. Smith asked if the stage is still used for multiple purposes and felt the lock on the door handles could be a hazard and trap students in the space. Mr. Thompson noted that the door handles aren't currently locked and that there are other emergency exits in that space.

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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 HIB incidents since last meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Gardella noted that she agrees that the school reopening has gone very well for her children and that Mr. Thompson is at the school all the time, and knowing that is a true comfort.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mr. Murray to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary