

# WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR SESSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**MONDAY**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township Municipal Building, Belvidere, NJ. The meeting was a hybrid meeting which allowed members of the public to participate in person or virtually. The following members of the Board were in attendance at roll call: Mr. Havlusch, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Sroka, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Gardella and Mrs. Vesper. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mrs. Huff, Business Administrator were also in attendance as well as six members of the public. Mrs. Lensi and Mr. Murray were unable to attend.

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 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 recognized our February "Student of the Month" and presented him with a certificate. Mr. Thompson provided a COVID-19 update and noted that, effective March 7th, masks will be optional in the school building and on the bus. Mr. Thompson reviewed upcoming dates including Seuss Day, the Archery Shoot, National Honor Society Induction, early dismissal for conferences, and an in-person Spring Concert & Art Show and Drama Club performance.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the minutes as submitted from the January 24, 2022 Regular Session Meeting. Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Huff read correspondence received from Mrs. Williams imploring the Board to lift the mask mandate and allow the decision to be left up to parents and students.

Mrs. Huff reminded Board members to go on-line and complete their ethics disclosure statements.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PERSONNEL**

##### **Motion – Personnel**

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

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#### **Motion – Personnel - continued**

1. Approve a Leave Replacement Teacher

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Peter Conde as an Elementary Teacher Leave Replacement, BA, Step 1, at the per diem salary rate of \$265.20, March 7 – June 10, 2022.

#### **CURRICULUM**

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee met and discussed the school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year, Junior Honor Society, Link-It test results, the Media Center re-design, the start of field trips again, and polling 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to see if there is support for an overnight trip for their 8<sup>th</sup> graders this year.

#### **Block Motion – Curriculum**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to approve the following agenda items #1 through #3. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a Fundraiser

To approve a request from the Drama Club to have a t-shirt sale, to raise funds for the club.

2. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 2

To approve a field trip for approximately 24 grade 2 students to DaVinci Science Center, Allentown, PA on June 1, 2022. The cost of the trip is \$11 per student.

3. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 1

To approve a field trip for approximately 21 grade 1 students to Lehigh Valley Zoo, Schneeksville, PA on June 3, 2022. The cost of the trip is \$12 per student.

#### **OPERATIONS**

Mrs. Sroka noted the Committee met and discussed the preliminary budget, a positive high school tuition reconciliation from 2020-2021, the feasibility study, options for before/aftercare for next school year, and the Media Center re-design.

#### **Block Motion – Operations**

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the following agenda items #1 through #6. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mrs. Pinkerton – yes #1 and #3-#6, abstain #2, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes, and Mrs. Vesper – yes.

1. Approve January 2022 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 January 2022 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of January 2022, 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 January 31, 2022.

2. Approve February 2022 Bill List

To approve the payment of the February 2022 bills in the total amount of \$1,064,831.74 for all funds.

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#### Block Motion – Operations - continued

3. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for January 2022 in the amount of \$1,732.

4. Accept the Annual Audit

WHEREAS, the White Township Board of Education in accordance with NJSA 18A:23-1 must have a certified External Audit of the district's account and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the White Township Board of Education received the audit performed by Ardito & Co., LLP and discussed said audit at its public meeting held on November 23, 2021; now

BE IT RESOLVED that the White Township Board of Education accepts the audit for the 2020-2021 school year, fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. It is noted there are no CAFR and AMR findings.

5. Approve a Contract for Physical Therapy Services

To approve a contract with Oxford Consulting Services, Inc. to provide home-based physical therapy at the rate of \$100/hour.

6. Approve a Use of Facility

To approve a request from the White Township PTO for use of a classroom after school, one day a week, April 1 – June 15, 2022, for Trep\$ Club.

#### GOVERNANCE

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee met and discussed the newest policy alert, the feasibility study, and updates on COVID19.

#### Block Motion – Governance

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to approve the following agenda items #1 through #9. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment

To approve a first reading of policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment

2. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries

3. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2460.30 – Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services

To approve a first reading of regulation #2460.30 – Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services

4. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #2622 – Student Assessment

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #2622 – Student Assessment

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#### **Block Motion – Governance - continued**

5. Approve a First Reading of Policy #3233 – Political Activities

To approve a first reading of policy #3233 – Political Activities

6. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5541 – Anti-Hazing

To approve a first reading of policy #5541 – Anti-Hazing

7. Approve a First Reading of Policy #7540 – Joint Use of Facilities

To approve a first reading of policy #7540 – Joint Use of Facilities

8. Approve a First Reading of Policy & Regulation #8465 – Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts

To approve a first reading of policy & regulation #8465 – Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts

9. Approve a First Reading of Policy #9560 – Administration of School Surveys

To approve a first reading of policy #9560 – Administration of School Surveys

#### **BHS BOARD MEMBER**

Mrs. Sroka noted Belvidere's Board discussed concerns with continued declining enrollment at the High School and how they could attract more kids to go to Belvidere. Mrs. Sroka further reported the group brainstormed possible new program offerings, and the timing for upcoming projects including work on the athletic fields and installation of a generator.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Havlusch shared new information on the legislation regarding feasibility studies and noted it contradicts information originally provided to the Committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS**

A motion was made by Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations deemed HIB incidents since last meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary