

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

DECEMBER 19, 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 following members of the Board were in attendance at roll call: Mr. Havlusch, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mrs. Lensi, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Gardella and Mrs. Vesper. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mr. Italiano, Business Administrator were also in attendance as well as six members of the public. Mrs. Pinkerton, Mr. Murray and Mrs. Sroka 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 presented the monthly student recognition awards for the November and December students of the month. Mr. Thompson mentioned how things at school seem really back to normal and that hopefully we have weathered the worst of the pandemic.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to approve the minutes as submitted from the November 28, 2022 Regular Session Meeting and Executive Session. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Italiano mentioned the letter from the NJDOE County Office informing the White Township School they will maintain their sending member seat on the Belvidere Board of Education.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Mr. Panetta provided an update on negotiations and said the process should be completed soon.

Block Motion – Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the following agenda items #1 through #4. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes, and Mrs. Vesper yes.

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Block Motion – Personnel - Continued

1. Approve Club Advisor Position

To accept the recommendation of the CSA and approve Margaret Sheneman to assist with the drama club at a rate of \$45 per hour not to exceed \$1,800.

2. Approve Substitute Teacher

To accept the recommendation of the CSA and approve Laurence Menegus as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year pending receipt of criminal history and Chapter 5 paperwork.

3. Approve Substitute Teacher

To accept the recommendation of the CSA and approve Christine Menegus as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year pending receipt of criminal history and Chapter 5 paperwork.

4. Approve a Parent Volunteer

To accept the recommendation of the CSA and approve Mrs. Forhan-Stallone as parent volunteer to assist with the American Sign Language Club.

CURRICULUM

- Committee Updates since last meeting

Block Motion – Curriculum

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

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 19, 2022.

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OPERATIONS

Mr. Panetta noted the Committee discussed the upcoming roof project and the location of future board meetings.

Block Motion – Operations

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

1. Approve October 2022 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 October 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 October 31, 2022, 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 October 31, 2022.

2. Approve November 2022 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 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 November 30, 2022, 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, 2022.

3. Approve Budget Transfers for November 2022

To approve the attached budget transfers for November 2022.

4. Approve December 2022 Bills & Claims List

To approve the December 2022 Bills & Claims List for all funds in the amount of \$384,214.52

5. Approve Staff Travel and Professional Development

To approve the following staff travel and professional development:

- Erika Puskas to attend a digital webinar on Executive Function Mastery with a date TBD. The cost for the training is \$626.96. Note: This workshop is being funded with ARP grant funding.

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Block Motion – Operations - Continued

6. Approve the Applicant for a ROD Grant

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, that the White Township Board of Education, in the County of Warren, New Jersey authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit an application to the New Jersey Department of Education for a Regular Operating District (ROD) grant application concerning the 1999 additional roof less the gymnasium and stage areas at the WTCSD. All necessary documentation will be provided to the Office of School Facilities and the District's Long-Range Facility Plan will reflect this project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be a "Regular Operating District Grant" project and the Board of Education is seeking State funding but will fund the remaining portion of the Project through the District's Capital Reserve Account.

GOVERNANCE

No items in this section.

BHS BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed the future location of Board of Education Meetings and if there is a need for continued use of the hybrid format.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to acknowledge receipt of one HIB investigation since last meeting deemed to be HIB incidents. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, and Abstentions – 0.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to convene to Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

Be it resolved by the White Township Board of Education that it shall meet in closed session this evening. 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.

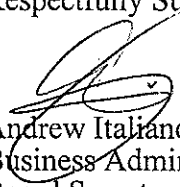
A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to adjourn the meeting at 7:27p.m.
Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrew Italiano
Business Administrator
Board Secretary