

**WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**MONDAY**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township Consolidated School Media Center, Belvidere, NJ. The following members of the Board were in attendance at roll call: Mr. Havlusch, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mr. Jonkoski, Mrs. Gardella and Mrs. Vesper. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mr. Italiano, Business Administrator were also in attendance as well as five members of the public. Mr. Murray and Mrs. Lensi 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 provided the board with an update of recent and upcoming events at the school. Mr. Thompson reminded everyone that teacher conferences are coming up soon as well as provided an update on our preliminary budget.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to approve the minutes as submitted from the January 23, 2023 Regular Session Meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

**CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**PERSONNEL**

No items in this section.

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### CURRICULUM

Ms. Nusser-Meany provided an update on the world language program and the National Junior Honor Society.

#### Block Motion – Curriculum

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve the following agenda items #1 through #7. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Mr. Jonkoski – yes, Mrs. Pinkerton – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes, and Mrs. Vesper yes.

#### 1. Approve a Field Trip for Grade K

To approve a field trip for approximately 34 grade K students to the Lehigh Valley Zoo, on May 26, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$16 per student and the cost of the bus transportation is \$415.

#### 2. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 1

To approve a field trip for approximately 33 grade 1 students to Crystal Cave, Kutztown, PA on June 5, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$17 per student and the cost of the bus transportation is \$480.

#### 3. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 2

To approve a field trip for approximately 24 grade 2 students to the DaVinci Science Center, Allentown, PA on May 30, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$12.50 per student and the cost of the bus transportation is \$507.

#### 4. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 4

To approve a field trip for approximately 28 grade 4 students to the Lakota Wolf Preserve, Columbia, NJ on April 28, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$9 per student and the cost of the bus transportation is \$280.

#### 5. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 6 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 6 grade 6 GEM students to Rutherford Hall in Hackettstown, NJ on March 7, 2023 for a Chess Tournament. There is no student cost. The bus transportation cost is \$400.

#### 6. Approve a Field Trip for Music Choir Students

To approve a field trip for approximately 26 music students to the Prudential Center, Newark, NJ on June 7, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$20 per student and the cost of the bus transportation is \$765.

#### 7. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 2

To approve a field trip for approximately 24 grade 2 students to the Pequest Trout Hatchery on April 5, 2023. The cost of the trip is \$5 per student and the cost of the bus transportation is \$360.

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### OPERATIONS

Mrs. Vesper noted the Committee discussed tuition cost with BHS next school year as well as the teachers contract and the child care program.

#### Block Motion – Operations

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve the following agenda items #1 through #7. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Mr. Jonkoski – yes, Mrs. Pinkerton – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes, and Mrs. Vesper yes.

#### 1. Approve January 2023 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 January 2023 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 31, 2023, 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 January 31, 2023.

#### 2. Approve February 2023 Bills & Claims List

To approve the February 2023 Bills & Claims List in the total amount of \$1,064,831.74 for all funds.

#### 3. Approve Budget Transfers for January 2023

To approve budget transfers for January 2023.

#### 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 in September 26, 2022; now  
BE IT RESOLVED that the White Township Board of Education accepts the audit for the 2022-2023 school year, fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. It is noted there are no CAFR and AMR recommendations.

#### 5. Approve Staff Travel

To approve the following staff travel:

- Margaret Sheneman to attend a workshop sponsored by NJSMA for the purpose of improving instruction on April 1, 2023. The cost of the workshop is \$25. To cost of mileage is \$61.57. Note: This workshop is being funded with ARP grant funding.

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6. Approve Resolution for Waiver of Requirements in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program

WHEREAS, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3, provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2023-2024 school year, and

WHEREAS, the White Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the White Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Warren an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7. Approve an Agreement for Competitive Energy Services

A RESOLUTION BINDING THE White Township School District TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC

GENERATION SERVICES THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY

SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS

WHEREAS, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

WHEREAS, the White Township School District is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation program; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period (from date of adoption through May, 2028 hereinafter referred to as “Effective Period”) issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

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WHEREAS, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services,

with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price

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charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A.

40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May, 2028 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

**GOVERNANCE**

**Block Motion – Governance**

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve the following agenda items #1 through #12. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Mr. Jonkoski – yes, Mrs. Pinkerton – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes, and Mrs. Vesper yes.

1. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #P-0161 – Call Adjournment-Cancellation  
To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #P0161 – Call Adjournment-Cancellation

2. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #P-8140 – Student Enrollments  
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3. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #P-0152 – Board Officers  
To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #P0152 – Board Officers

4. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #P-0162 – Notice of Board Meetings  
To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #P0162 – Notice of Board Meetings

5. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #P-R-2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program  
To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #P-R2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program

6. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #P-R2423 – Bilingual and ESL Education  
To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #P-R2423 – Bilingual and ESL Education

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7. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #R8140 – Enrollment Accounting

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #R8140 – Enrollment Accounting

8. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #R8420.2 – Bomb Threats

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9. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #P-R Attendance

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #P-R Attendance

10. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #R8420.7 – Lockdown Procedures

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #R8420.7 – Lockdown Procedures

11. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #P-R8330 – Student Records

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #P-R8330 – Student Records

12. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #R-8420.10 – Active Shooter

To approve a second reading of policy & regulation #R8420.10 – Active Shooter

**BHS BOARD MEMBER UPDATE**

Mrs. Gardella provided a BHS update that involved the current state of the BHS budget and staffing challenges.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to convene to Executive Session at 7:15 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 Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

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**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS**

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

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrew Italiano  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary