

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 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: Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mrs. Gardella, Mrs. Vesper, Mr. Havlusch and Mrs. Sroka. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mr. Italiano, Business Administrator were also in attendance as well as one member of the public. Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Lensi and Mr. Murray were unable to attend.

Ms. Nusser-Meany opened the meeting at 6:49 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 mentioned the monthly student recognition awards would take place again in December. Mr. Thompson reviewed upcoming items including the PTO's breakfast with Santa, the winter concert and the end of the first trimester fast approaching.

Mr. Thompson also recognized the following staff:

- **Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition – Mrs. Rebecca Dionne**
- **Educational Service Professional of the Year Recognition – Mr. Anthony Marinelli**

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Herb asked how the school year was going and stated he looked forward to the Holidays that were fast approaching and wished everyone in the educational community well.

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to approve the minutes as submitted from the October 24, 2022 Regular Session Meeting and Executive Session. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Italiano provided the following local election unofficial results:

- **Board of Education Election Results – *Unofficial***
 - ✓ 3 year term - Tim Havlusch
 - Catherine Lensi
 - Elizabeth Vesper

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Mr. Havlusch provided an update on negotiations and said the process hopefully will be wrapped up soon.

Block Motion – Personnel

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

1. Approve Club Advisor Position

To accept the recommendation of the CSA and approve staff for the following Extra-Curricular Activity Position:

Advisor TBD Board Game Club 3rd and 4th Grade \$45/per hour (Not to exceed \$450)

CURRICULUM

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee discussed the Pre K expansion grant and that White Twp. will be ready for this opportunity when it presents itself again. Ms. Nusser-Meany also discussed the recent feasibility meeting with Hope Twp. School and mentioned that the Hope Twp. School was not interested at this time.

Block Motion – Curriculum

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to approve the following agenda items #1 through #10. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Nusser-Meany -yes, Mrs. Gardella -yes, Mrs. Vesper -yes, Mr. Havlusch -yes and Mrs. Sroka -yes.

1. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 3 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 10 grade 3 GEM students to Willow Grove Elementary School in Hackettstown, NJ on March 9, 2023 for a STEM event. No student or transportation costs.

2. Approve a Field Trip for Grades 5-8 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 10 grades 5-8 GEM students to Harmony Township School on March 15, 2023 for a Robotics event. No student or transportation costs.

3. Approve a Field Trip for Grades 7-8 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 10 grades 7&8 GEM students to North Warren Regional High School in April 2023 for a Battle of the Books event. No student or transportation costs.

4. Approve a Field Trip for Grades 5-6 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 8 grades 5&6 GEM students to Great Meadows Middle School on April 26, 2023 for a Battle of the Books event. No student or transportation costs.

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Block Motion – Curriculum - Continued

5. Approve a Field Trip for Grades 5-8 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 6 grades 5-8 GEM students to Mansfield Township Elementary School on May 5, 2023 for a Video Expo. No student or transportation costs.

6. Approve a Field Trip for Grades 3-4 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 10 grades 3&4 GEM students to Knowlton Township Elementary School on May 25, 2023 for a Battle of the Books event. No student or transportation costs.

7. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 5 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 6 grade 5 GEM students to Memorial School, Washington, NJ on March 30, 2023 for a Strategic Thinking event. There is no student cost and the cost of the bus transportation is \$375.

8. Approve a Field Trip for Grades 6-7 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 8 grades 6&7 GEM students to Villa Roller Rink, Washington, NJ on February 22, 2023 for a convocation. There is no student cost and the cost of the bus transportation is \$325.

9. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 3 GEM

To approve a field trip for approximately 6 grade 3 GEM students to Rutherford Hall, Allamuchy, NJ on December 13, 2022 for a STEM event. There is no student cost and the cost of the bus transportation is \$325.

10. Approve a Field Trip for Grades 7 and 8

To approve a field trip for grades 7&8 students to Belvidere High School on December 9, 2022 for the BHS winter concert. The cost of the bus transportation not to exceed \$350.

OPERATIONS

Mrs. Sroka noted the Committee discussed the feasibility study, the salary guides and to look into the cost of an electronic marquis for the school.

Block Motion – Operations

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

1. Approve November 2022 Bill List

To approve the payment of the November 2022 bills in the total amount of \$451,754.13 for all funds.

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Block Motion – Operations - Continued

2. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve the attached budget transfers for October 2022.

3. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a request from the White Township PTO for use of the cafeteria for Breakfast with Santa, December 17, 2022.

4. Approve a Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children

To approve a tuition contract with Celebrate the Children for one student (ID#9760912165) to attend for the period November 7, 2022 - June 30, 2023 at a total tuition cost of \$83,628.

5. Approve November 2022 Bill List

To approve the payment of the November 2022 bills in the total amount of \$241,361.80 for all funds.

GOVERNANCE

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee discussed the tree lighting ceremony, the Pre K expansion grant and the feasibility study.

No items in this section

BHS BOARD MEMBER UPDATE

Mrs. Sroka mentioned how BHS was discussing various building upgrades and exploring potential grant opportunities to upgrade the athletic fields. Mrs. Sroka stated that some decision will be resolved in 2023 when BHS has a full board in place.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations since last meeting deemed to be HIB incidents. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, and Abstentions – 0.

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Herb informed everyone he reached out to JCP&L regarding a drop for lights for the Christmas Tree as well as other holiday activities in the Township.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to adjourn the meeting at 7:27p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Andrew Italiano
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary