
Date Approved
Special Meeting
16 March 2009

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMSBURY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The March 16, 2009 Special Budget Meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM by Michael Galuppo, Board President. Notification has been given in conformance with the Sunshine Law: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6) adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Bloomsbury Borough Council and posted at the Bloomsbury Elementary School, Bloomsbury Post Office, and filed in the Board Office with the Board Secretary.

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Galuppo, Karyn Frey(arrived at 5:07 pm), Cathy Foulk, Marnie Carrick and Bert Furnari

Absent: None

Others Present: Michael Slattery, CSA and Teresa Barna, Business Admin. /Board Sec'y

FLAG SALUTE was recited by all present.

BILL LIST

Motion by Michael Galuppo, second by Cathy Foulk that be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves a supplemental bill list for March, 2009 in the amount of \$22,580.00

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - None

New Business - Action Items

R-154-09 CONTRACT WITH SOUTH JERSEY ENERGY FOR ELECTRIC GENERATION

Motion by Michael Galuppo, second by Bert Furnari, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve an agreement with South Jersey Energy for Electric Generation for a 24 month period effective with the April 2009 meter reading at a rate of \$.10482 per kWh as per the bid through the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES).

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-155-09 APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Motion by Bert Furnari, second by Cathy Foulk, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve Karen Malta as a substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Michael Galuppo, second by Bert Furnari that the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 5:10 PM to discuss matters regarding personnel.

Vote: 5 – Yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Michael Galuppo, second by Marnie Carrick, that the Board return to open session at 5:25 PM.

Vote: 5 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-156-09 REQUEST FOR FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

Motion by Marnie Carrick, second by Michael Galuppo, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a request for a leave of absence without pay under the Family Medical Leave Act for Lorraine Wrede upon the exhaustion of all paid sick leave days.

Roll Call Vote: 5 – Yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS

Mrs. Barna gave an overview of the budget and noted any changes since the Board's last discussion. There has been an increase in State Aid for the 2009-2010 school year of 3% totaling \$31,523 which is attributed to an increase in School Choice Aid.

The budget as presented reflects a decrease in the tax rate of 1.4 cents. This is a decrease in the tax levy of \$20,456. This was possible even though the ratables have gone down. There are capital projects in the budget including the replacement of windows in two classrooms.

R-157-09 PRELIMINARY BUDGET APPROVAL FOR 2009-2010

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Cathy Foulk, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve a Fiscal Year 2009-2010 school district budget for submission to Hunterdon County Office of Education as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund 10	\$2,631,043	\$1,526,773
Special Revenue Fund 20	<u>\$ 76,859</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	\$2,707,902	\$1,526,773

Roll Call Vote: 5 – Yes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Cathy Foulk, second by Karyn Frey that the minutes of the March 10, 2009 regular meeting be approved and filed.

Vote: 5 Yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karyn Frey stated that Dan Andrews, the part-time custodian, commented to her about how nice it is to work here and that the board and the staff are very friendly.

Karyn Frey announced the Jesse DeMarco made it to the 5th round National Spelling Bee.

Karyn Frey also commented that all the policies are on the school website and they look great.

Cathy Foulk wanted to confirm that the Promotion/Retention Policy was finalized. Mrs. Frey confirmed that it has been finalized and the policy number is 6146.2.

Cathy Foulk suggested that the PTO donate a defibrillator instead of a sign.

Cathy Foulk asked if the high school still had a wood shop? The board believed that the high school does still have a wood shop.

Hearing no further business, the board adjourned at 6:16 pm on a motion by Michael Galuppo, second by Karyn Frey.

Respectfully submitted,

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Teresa E. Barna, RSBO
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Board Member