

MINUTES OF THE BLOOMSBURY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The August 26, 2009 Meeting was called to order at 7:07 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 Express Times, and the Bloomsbury Borough Council and posted at the Bloomsbury Elementary School, Bloomsbury Post Office, and filed in the Board of Education Office.

ROLL CALL

Present: Karyn Frey, Cathy Foulk and Bert Furnari and Michael Galuppo

Absent: Marnie Carrick

Others Present: Mr. Slattery, Superintendent, Teresa E. Barna, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and about 2 members of the public.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was recited by those present.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Service – President Galuppo presented Mr. Briggs with a plaque and many words and appreciation and thanks for his 36 years of service to the Bloomsbury Elementary School and Community.

Peg Jagodzinski was unable to attend the meeting.

Proposal for After-School Activities – Mr. Briggs made a proposal to the Board of Education for two after school activities that he would volunteer to be the advisor to. The first activity would be a Chess Club and the second would be a Book Chat Club. Mr. Briggs explained his plan and vision for these activities. The board will discuss this proposal.

Discussion to Set Board of Education Goals for 2009-2010

The board partook in a discussion regarding the Board of Education goals or improvement plan for the 2009-2010 school year. These goals are based on the results of the board's annual self-evaluation.

Curriculum Stipend Letter

The Board is in receipt of a letter from the staff members that were hired over the summer to complete curriculum revisions. The letter requested that the board consider an increase of the stipend due to many more hours needed to complete the task than what it was approved for.

MINUTES

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Bert Furnari, that the minutes of the July 15, 2009 board meeting be approved and filed.

Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

Minutes of August 5, 2009 were tabled until the next meeting due to lack of a quorum for approval.

CERTIFICATION

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

RESOLVED, that in accordance with NJAC 6:20-2:13 the Board of Education certifies to the best of their knowledge, that no major account or fund has been over expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

BILL LIST

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

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the payment of the bills for August 26, 2009 in the amount of \$298,541.67.

Roll call vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SECRETARY'S REPORT AND REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Karyn Frey that be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Board Secretary's Report and Report of the Treasurer for the month ending June 30, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

RESOLVED, the Board approves the schedule of budget transfers in the amount of 2,187.00.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

CSA's Report

- QSAC
- Test Scores
- Schedule Change
- Annual Audit

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Vicki Pappas, a borough councilwoman was in attendance and gave the board information regarding certain changes to the traffic patterns in the area due to road construction.

New Business - Action Items

R-26-10

HIRE WORLD LANGUAGE TEACHER

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the emergent hiring of Ana Zambrano as the part-time World Language Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year at .4 of Step 1/MA+30 of the salary guide for an annual salary of \$19,378.00

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-27-10

**SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALPHA
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR ART TEACHER**

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Bert Furnari, that be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, hereby enters into an Shared Services Agreement with the Alpha Board of Education for the purposes of sharing an Art Teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Ms. Jenna Lamas is the Art Teacher of record. Bloomsbury's portion is 2/5 for a total of \$23,479.28.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-28-10

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONTRACT FOR 2009-2010

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Karyn Frey, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves a contract with Elspeth Sawyer, OTR for Occupation Therapy Services for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$68 per hour. The estimated annual cost of this agreement is \$13,500.

Roll Call Vote: 3 – Yes. Mr. Galuppo – abstain. Motion carried.

R-29-10

PHYSICAL THERAPY CONTRACT FOR 2009-2010

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves a contract with Allison M. Peck, P.T. for Physical Therapy Services for the 2009-2010 school year at a rate of \$81 per hour. The estimated annual cost of this agreement is \$4,000.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-30-10

INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve Abigail Kutz as the Interim Board Secretary effective September 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 at a rate of \$65 per hour.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-31-10

INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Mike Glauppo, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve Teresa E. Barna as the Interim Business Administrator effective September 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 at a rate of \$65 per hour.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-32-10

2009-2010 SUBSTITUTE LIST

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the substitute list for the 2009-2010 school year as presented.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-33-10 **TEACHERS-IN-CHARGE**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, appoint Debra Kane and Lisa Arlotto as the Teachers-in-Charge for the 2009-2010 school year at a stipend of \$418 each.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-34-10 **APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the following job descriptions as presented and attached to these minutes:

- Treasurer of School Monies
- Superintendent as amended
- Special Education Teacher
- School Social Worker
- School Psychologist
- Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant
- Health and Physical Education Teacher
- Extracurricular Activity Advisor
- Classroom Teacher as amended
- Early Childhood Education Teacher
- School Business Administrator/Board Secretary as amended.
- Part-time Custodian

Vote: 3 – Yes. Mr. Furnari – Abstain. Motion carried.

R-35-10 **HEALTH CURRICULUM**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Health Curriculum as presented.

Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-36-10 **PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Physical Education Curriculum as presented.

Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-37-10 **MUSIC CURRICULUM**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Music Curriculum as presented.

Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-42-10 **2009-2010 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Karyn Frey, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the 2009-2010 Integrated Pest Management Plan as presented.

Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-43-10 **SET TUITION RATE FOR PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, hereby sets the tuition rate for the 2009-2010 school year for the Preschool Program at \$1,500 per year.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-44-10 **RECOGNIZE TUITION RESERVE DEPOSIT**

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

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Board of Education at it's June 17, 2009 regular business meeting authorized the establishment of a tuition reserve account and,

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Board of Education at the same meeting authorized a year end deposit into the tuition reserve account in an amount not to exceed \$150,000, and

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Board of Education must recognize the actual amount of the fiscal year 2009 year end deposit into the tuition reserve account,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomsbury Board of Education recognizes the fiscal year end deposit into the tuition reserve account in the amount of \$50,715.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-45-10 **TRANSFER FUND 30 BALANCE TO CAPITAL RESERVE**

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Mike Galuppo, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the close-out of Fund 30 Capital Project Account in the amount of \$776.03 and to transfer the balance to the Capital Reserve Account.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-46-10 **CONTRACT FOR MONITORING COMPANY**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves a contract with Fischer Electrical Contractors, Inc. for 24 hour fire system monitoring in the amount of \$450 per year effective October 1, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-47-10 **PURCHASE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the purchase of Personnel Management Software from CDK Systems, Inc. at a cost of \$11,185 to be funded as follows:

FY09 REAP Grant	\$9,710.48
General Fund	\$1,474.52

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-48-10

ACES-ELECTRIC

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

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 Bloomsbury Board of Education 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, 2014 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

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

WHEREAS, the District agrees to purchase all Natural Gas Supply Services for its own use during the Effective Period through any natural gas 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; and

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 natural gas supply 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 natural gas supply services needed for its own use during the Effective Period from the natural gas supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for natural Gas supply 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 natural gas 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 charged for basic gas supply service by the natural gas public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain natural gas 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, 2014 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-50-10 REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITIES

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Karyn Frey, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves the following request for use of facilities:

PTO/Arts Festival	Food Tent Meeting	Sept. 10 th / 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Bloomsbury Arts Festival	Meetings	Sept. 9 / 7 :00 - 8:30 pm Sept. 22 / 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-51-10

2009-2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Bet Furnari, that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education set and approve the following goals for the 2009-2010 school year:

1. Preparedness with QSAC – Assist with the gathering of information
2. Committee Feedback
 - a. Develop a better system of reporting to the board on committee meetings and committee considerations in between board meetings.
 - b. Prepare and distribute a Board Newsletter
3. Community /School Involvement to increase board meeting attendance

Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-52-10

AWARD QUOTED TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, award a contract to First Student on a quoted contract for the transport of Bloomsbury students to and from the Phillipsburg High School at a rate of \$92.59 per day.

Roll Call Vote: 4 – Yes. Motion carried.

R-53-10

**CONSIDER ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION
FOR CURRICULUM WRITING**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education consider additional compensation for curriculum writing as requested in a letter dated August 25, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: Frey and Furnari – Yes. Foulk and Galuppo – No. Since there was no consensus on this item, it will be tabled until the next meeting.

The board had a brief discussion regarding the Mr. Andrews, Part-time custodian regarding his work schedule. The board agrees to pay Mr. Andrews four (4) additional hours for the Friday before Labor Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, the board adjourned at 10:26 pm on a motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Cathy Foulk. Motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa E. Barna, RSBO
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Board Member