
Date Approved
Regular Meeting
September 23, 2009

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMSBURY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The September 23, 2009 Meeting was called to order at 7:08 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: Marnie Carrick, Robert Furnari, Catherine Foulk, Karyn Frey & Michael Galuppo

Others Present: Mr. Slattery, Superintendent, Abigail E. Kutz Interim Board Secretary/B.A. and about 10 members of the public.

FLAG SALUTE

Those present recited the flag salute.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS/CUSTODIAN'S REPORT

Recognition of Service – President Galuppo presented Mrs. Peg Jagodzinski with a plaque for her many years of dedicated service as School Nurse, volunteer, IR&S Coordinator, 504 Coordinator and many other hats. Mrs. Jagodzinski thanked the board members and talked about her health condition and her hopes to get back to volunteering with children. She also spoke to a new procedure for back surgery that she personally experienced.

Town Meeting Update – Catherine Foulk attended the meeting and reported that the roadwork talked about last time has been delayed and will be done during spring into summer and will impact the school. She said a representative from the N.J. State Police attended and was made aware of the issue.

Custodian's Report – The report spoke to sidewalk repairs. Mr. Galuppo said it would have to be budgeted. Mr. Weber asked for a shift in hours due to the additional duties in connection with the H1N1 virus. Mr. Galuppo said it was an administrative decision and was okay with the board.

Correspondence –

A letter from the Department of Education stating approval of our Interlocal Agreement with Pohatcong Township for Business Office Services.

A letter from the Department of the Treasury stating that our Affirmative Action Compliance On-Site Review found the school district to be compliant.

Minutes –

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Bert Furnari that the minutes of the August 26, 2009 Regular Meeting be approved as amended and filed.

Amendments – misspelling of plaque on page 1, eliminate the word "to" on page 1 and change the motion approving the minutes to state Regular and Executive approved with 3 Yes and an abstention by Mike Galuppo.

Vote : 4 Yes 1 Abstention - Marnie Carrick Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Karyn Frey that the minutes of the August 5, 2009 Special Meeting be approved as presented and filed.

Vote: 3 Yes 2 Abstentions – Karyn Frey and Bert Furnari Motion carried.

Certify Financials

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Marnie Carrick that be it RESOLVED, that in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:30-2-13 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: 5 Yes Motion carried.

Bill List September 28, 2009

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Catherine Foulk that be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the payment of bills from August 27, 2009 through September 23, 2009 in the amount of \$215,443.42.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Karyn Frey that be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Board Secretary's Report and the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending July 31, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

Budget Transfers

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Marnie Carrick that be it RESOLVED, the Board approves the schedule of budget transfers in the amount of \$200.00.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

C.S.A. Report

Testing – the scores were received and will be presented at the October meeting

QSAC – committees have been meeting and will continue to meet
Governance Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on September 29th

Curriculum – some new ones are on the agenda. It is in good shape.

Phillipsburg Groundbreaking Ceremony – 11:00 a.m. on October 5th R.S.V.P.

H1N1 – there are no confirmed cases in the school. Children are out with flu like symptoms; Hunterdon County Health Department is very much on top of it; we are waiting for updated information from the Department of Education; starting Monday a parent note will be accepted for a return to school since doctor's offices are overwhelmed; closing the building will not help and it will stay open

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Ilse Goshen wanted to know why the decision was made for students not to view the President's message. Mr. Slattery said it was not a political issue but a logistics issue. The school was closed

the two days prior and no formal notice of the speech had been communicated to him. Mr. Slattery heard about it through a parent. There was not sufficient notice to disrupt the entire first day back after a two-day break. We are anticipating a copy from the Department of Education in a curriculum type format. Mr. Galuppo said it is probably available through a network. Mr. Slattery will follow up.

Matt Hall felt the H1N1 threat was serious and wanted to know what was being done in the school. Mr. Slattery said extra disinfecting and a total wipe down of the building are being performed on a rotating schedule. Children are being told not to share at lunchtime too.

Peg Jagodzinski said opening the windows and letting the building air out does a lot of good.

Mr. Hall wanted to know what the plans were for instruction if the school is closed down. Mr. Slattery said no formal direction has been given from the Department of Education to date. He felt he would do everything he could to keep the building open.

Mr. Hall wanted to know if our new curriculum met the Core Curriculum Content Standard guidelines and if the technology curriculum had the 2006 or 2009 standards. Mr. Slattery said it meets the C.C.C.S. and is the 2009 version. Mr. Slattery noted that all the curricula are living documents subject to being updated and changed.

A member of the public said there were issues communicating with staff and SPAM was an issue. The matter has been addressed. Some staff members said they were not having problems. Mike Galuppo said it would be checked on.

Maryann Treanor asked when the testing would be on the website. Mr. Slattery said right after it is presented at the October meeting.

Karen Bolmarcich said the trip to Clinton Township on the agenda is 8th grade only.

New Business - Action Items

R-54-10 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH POHATCONG BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR SERVICES

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, hereby enters into an Interlocal Agreement with the Pohatcong Board of Education for the purposes of sharing Business Administrator Services effective October 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 for a total amount of \$48,750.00.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-55-10 WORLD LANGUAGE CURRICULUM

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

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

Discussion: The curriculum will provide exposure over proficiency in the beginning. Once the students have been exposed from Kindergarten their proficiency will be greater. The program spans K-8th grade.

Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-56-10

TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM

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

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

Discussion: There was discussion over the topic of plagiarism and driving that point home. Mr. Slattery said the curriculum would always be in lock step with the Department of Education.

Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

Motion by Mike Galuppo and seconded by Bert Furnari to take a 5 minutes recess at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene to open session at 8:21 p.m.

Vote: 5 yes motion carried.

R-57-10

OBSERVATION HOURS

Motion by Marnie Carrick, second by Cathy Foulk that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Cheryl Weger to complete (10) ten hours of classroom observations.

Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-58-10

NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve entering into a contract with the National Writing Project at East Stroudsburg University to provide professional development at a cost of \$4,360.00.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-59-10

EMPLOYEE TRAVEL AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Motion by Bert Furnari, second by Marnie Carrick that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves travel and expense reimbursement for district employees as follows:

WORKSHOP	DATE	LOCATION	PERSONNEL	PROJECTED COST
Making Middle Grades Work	September 23, 2009	Kean University	S. Skene	Registration: \$0 Mileage: \$31.00 (100 miles/\$.31)
NJSB&GA Compliance Workshop	October 16, 2009	Somerset, NJ	S. Weber	Registration: \$0 Mileage: \$25.42 (82 miles/\$.31)
Regionalization Issues in Hunt.	October 7, 2009	Flemington, NJ	K. Frey M. Carrick	Registration: \$0 Mileage: \$13.02 (42 miles/\$.31)

NJSBA Fall Workshop	October 28-30, 2009	Atlantic City, NJ	M. Slattery	Registration: \$200 Mileage: \$91.14 (294 miles/\$.31) Lodging\$272
Management & Supervision	9/23, 9/28, 9/30,10/5, 10/7, 10/14	Rutgers University	S. Weber	Registration: \$0 Mileage: \$137.64 (444 miles/\$.31)

Discussion: Mileage for 9/28 for Mr. Weber will not be reimbursed.

Roll Call Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-60-10

REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITIES

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the following requests for use of facilities:

BES PTO	Fall Vendor Fair	Friday, Nov. 13, 2009
Ann Vitale	Book Fair	September 28-October 2, 2009
Diana Kohrt	Graduate School Tutoring Project	September-December, 2009 Tuesday & Friday 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-61-10

NURSING SERVICES PLAN

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the Nursing Services Plan as required by N.J.Q.S.A.C. with services to be provided for by the School Nurse Virginia Reagle.

Discussion: Cathy Foulk asked Mr. Slattery to check on the abbreviations I.E.P and I.E.H.P. to be sure there were no typos or misunderstandings. Make changes if needed.

Vote: 5 yes Motion carried.

R-62-10

TEACHER MENTORING

Motion by Marnie Carrick, second by Cathy Foulk that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve Mr. Rick Arlotto as Mentor to Ana Zambrano for the 2009-2010 at no cost to the Board of Education.

Discussion: Mrs. Zambrano has to be mentored because her teaching experience was in a private school not due to her lack of experience.

Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-63-10 **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CURRICULUM WRITING**

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

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

Discussion: The matter was turned back to the Administration for resolution.

Roll Call Vote: 3 No – Furnari, Foulk & Galuppo, 1 Yes – Frey, 1 Abstention – Carrick Motion died.

R-64-10 **C.S.T. COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the job description for C.S.T. Coordinator as presented.

Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-65-10 **EMC2 SERVICE AGREEMENT**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the Technology Service Agreement with EMC2@ at a rate of \$800.00 commencing September 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Vote: 5 Yes Motion carried.

R-66-10 **FIRST READING OF POLICIES**

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, approves the first reading of the following policies:

- #3000/3010 Concepts & Roles in Business and Noninstructional Operations /Goals and Objectives
- #3451 Petty Cash Funds
- #3510 Operation and Maintenance of Plant
- #3600 Evaluation of Business & Noninstructional Programs
- #4112.8 Certified Personnel – Nepotism
- #4118.3 Certified Personnel – Grievances & Procedures
- #4212.8 Noncertified Personnel- Nepotism
- #4218.3 Noncertified Personnel – Grievances & Procedures
- #5131 Conduct and Discipline
- #5141 Health
- #5145.12 Search and Seizure
- #6173 Home Instruction
- #9270 Conflict of Interest
- #4119.26 Certified Staff Use of Internet, Social Networks and Other Types of Electronic Communication

X. Unfinished/Future Business/Open Issues

Sick Day Bank was reviewed by board members.

XI. Committee/Liaison Reports

Cathy Foulk RE: Town Council Meeting – Blinking light for school bus will start earlier for the high school students; November there will be discussion regarding responsibility for trees between homes and the street; Municipal Alliance Grant that is Town Council's responsibility was given to Cathy Foulk to bring to the board of education. It is not the board of education's grant , it is their job. Another truck warehouse is being proposed on the edge of Franklin Township near Bloomsbury.

Karyn Frey asked the board members to look in their files and send her any board training taken over the last three years. Mrs. Kutz said she would check the files and contact N.J.S.B.A.

XII. Other Public Comment

None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike Galuppo and seconded by Cathy Foulk. 5 Yes Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Respectfully submitted,

Abigail E. Kutz
Interim Board Secretary/B.A.

Board Member