
Date Approved
Regular Meeting
October 21, 2009

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMSBURY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The October 21, 2009 Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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 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, Tim Mantz, Board Secretary/B.A. and members of the public.

FLAG SALUTE

Those present recited the flag salute led by September Super Student of the Month Jeffrey Buchinski.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS/CUSTODIAN'S REPORT

Test Score Presentation – Mr. Slattery gave an overview of the standardized testing program and described the school's 2008-09 test results.

PUBLIC HEARING ON VIOLENCE AND VANDALISM REPORT

Mr. Slattery was pleased to announce that Bloomsbury had no incidents to report.

Minutes –

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Bert Furnari that the minutes of the September 23, 2009 Regular Meeting be approved and filed.

Vote : Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

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: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

Bill List October 22, 2009

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Karyn Frey that be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the payment of bills for October 21, 2009 in the amount of \$209,530.33.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer

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

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

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 \$0.00.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

C.S.A. Report

Mr. Slattery introduced Marianne Treanor as a representative from the PTO. Ms. Treanor updated the Board with regard to current and upcoming PTO events. Mr. Slattery thanked the PTO for conducting the "Walking School Bus" activity.

Mr. Slattery gave the Board a QSAC preparation update. He thanked the DPR committee for their efforts and cooperation and stated that the DPR's would be on November's agenda for approval.

Committee Reports

Karyn Frey reminded the Board members of the board member training requirements and encouraged everyone to remain current.

Karyn Frey and Catherine Foulk attended the regionalization meeting held on October 7th and provided the Board with an overview of what was discussed.

Catherine Foulk showed the Board the form that the Phillipsburg School District uses for staff reporting on professional development workshops. She expressed an interest in seeing the reports turned in by the Bloomsbury staff.

Catherine Foulk told the Board that she learned that the building is legally available to religious groups as long as the building use is not during school hours.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Matt Hall asked that if Bloomsbury were made to regionalize, would it be possible for the district to opt to send their students to Hunterdon Central rather than Phillipsburg High School and how such a decision would be made on the state level. A broad spectrum feasibility study would be done on the state level and recommendations would be made. However, it ultimately fall to a vote.

Marianne Treanor asked who constituted the "School Advisory Committee". Mr. Slattery told her that it was comprised of himself, two staff members and two Board members.

New Business - Action Items

R-70-10 TRANSPORTATION JOINTURE WITH THE PHILLIPSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves entering into a joint transportation agreement with the Phillipsburg School District for the 2009-10 school year at a total annual cost of \$5,111.00 with terms as presented.

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-71-10 FY2010 SMALL RURAL SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT GRANT

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, accepts the Small Rural School Achievement Grant in the amount of \$23,698 under the REAP, Rural Education Achievement Program, for the 2009-2010 school year. The grant is subject to activities authorized under the federal title programs.

Discussion: The Board discussed possible uses for this money.

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-72-10 EMPLOYEE TRAVEL AND EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Mike Galuppo 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
Differentiating Instruction in Mixed Ability Classrooms	December 11, 2009	Parsippany, NJ	Donna MacLennan	Registration: \$165 Mileage: \$29.14 (94 miles/\$.31)
Differentiating Instruction in Mixed Ability Classrooms	December 11, 2009	Parsippany, NJ	Karen Bolmarcich	Registration: \$165
Practical Guidance on Section 504 in NJ	November 13, 2009	Parsippany, NJ	Virginia Reagle	Registration: \$218 Mileage: \$34.32 (110.72 miles/\$.31)

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-73-10 FIELD TRIPS FOR APPROVAL

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second Karyn Frey that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the following field trip:

Grade 3	October 27, 2009	"The Appalachian Trail" production - Hunterdon Central High School
Grade 4	October 27, 2009	Mystery Mayhem – Trinity Methodist Church, Hackettstown, NJ
Grade 6	November 10, 2009	Cultural Arts & Heritage Commission production: "Cuentos: Tales from the Latin World" - Hunterdon Central High School
Grades 5 th – 7 th	May 28, 2010	Philadelphia Zoo

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-74-10 SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES

Motion by Catherine Foulk, second _____ that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, approves the second reading and adoption 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

Discussion: Karyn Frey discussed the policies and mentioned relevant revisions. She told the Board that the manual is now current with regard to QSAC. Catherine Foulk thanked Karyn for all of her hard work.

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-75-10 REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITIES

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

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

BES PTO Dale Briggs	Family Movie Night Book Chat/Chess Club	November 6, 2009 11/2, 11/5, 11/9, 11/12, 11/16, 11/19, 11/23, 11/30, 12/3, 12/7, 12/10, 12/14
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Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-76-10 SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Richard Corso as a substitute custodian for the 2009-10 school year.

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-77-10 SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Love Williams as a substitute custodian for the 2009-10 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative except for Mike Galuppo who voted no.

R-78-10 STUDENT TEACHER

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Raritan Valley Community College student Benjamin Torcivia to be a 7th grade student teacher during the 2009-10 school year.

Discussion: Mr. Furnari inquired about the amount of time that the student teacher would be spending at the school.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-79-10 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NATIONAL PRINCIPAL'S MONTH

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, approves the resolution supporting National Principal's Month as presented.

Discussion: Mr. Furnari expressed his appreciation for the job Mr. Slattery does.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-80-10 HOMEWORK CLUB ADVISOR

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Rick Arlotto as the Homework Club Advisor for the 2009-10 school year at an approved stipend of \$313.

Discussion: Karyn Frey asked if help for the 8th grade honors algebra students could be incorporated into the club.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-81-10 FIELD TRIP BUS CONTRACT

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves transportation contract Q1-09/10 with BK Dalrymple in the amount of \$120 for a field trip to Melick's Town Farm.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-82-10 CHESS CLUB ADVISOR

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Dale Briggs as the Chess Club Advisor for the 2009-10 school year at an approved stipend of \$313.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Bert Furnari,

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 8:55 pm to discuss the curriculum revision hours.

Vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mike Galuppo, second by Bert Furnari, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 9:30 pm.

Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-83-10 CURRICULUM HOURS

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves compensation in the amount of \$939.60 (30 hours at \$31.32/hour) to Debra Hill-Whipple for revising the health curriculum (15 hours) and physical education curriculum (15 hours).

Discussion: Mr. Furnari stated that he did not like how the scenario was handled. He felt it was not handled in good faith.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Marnie Carrick voting no and Catherine Foulk abstaining.

R-84-10 CURRICULUM HOURS

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves compensation in the amount of \$939.60 (30 hours at \$31.32/hour) to Alane Borgstrom for revising the music curriculum (15 hours) and technology curriculum (15 hours).

Discussion: Mr. Galuppo felt the situation was handled unprofessionally.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote. All members voting in the affirmative with Marnie Carrick voting no and Catherine Foulk abstaining.

X. Unfinished/Future Business/Open Issues

Mr. Slattery pointed out the request made by Mr. Mantz to revise the Board's meeting schedule. The Board agreed to change future meetings to the second Tuesday of the month.

Mr. Slattery told the Board that the school had previously put furniture up for sale and garnered no response. As a result, he would like to now make these items available specifically to lower grade families.

XIII. Other Public Comment

JoAnna Murphy asked if background checks were performed on student teachers. Mr. Slattery told her that they were not as the student teachers are never left alone with the students.

Matt Hall inquired as to when the G&T program would begin and what the selection process was. Mr. Slattery said the program would begin before October ended and the criteria for selection primarily included test scores and teacher recommendations.

Marianne Treanor asked if the G&T would be done in groups or on an individual basis. Mr. Slattery explained it would be done in groups.

Marnie Carrick told the Board that she was not pleased with how the decision was made not to show President Obama's speech geared towards school children in school. She reported that over time, the administration gave different reasons for why the speech had not yet been shown, but ultimately those reasons had nothing at all to do with the decision to not show it. It was her contention that this was a matter appropriate for Board review pursuant to BES Policy 6144. She felt that our students were deprived of a unique and valuable learning experience, and that it showed an incredible lack of respect for the institution of the presidency.

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike Galuppo and seconded by Cathy Foulk. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Board Member