

Date Approved
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2009

**MINUTES OF THE BLOOMSBURY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The November 11, 2009 Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Karyn Frey, Board Vice-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, Catherine Foulk & Karyn Frey

Absent: Robert Furnari & 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 October Super Student of the Month Elijah Carrick.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS/CUSTODIAN'S REPORT

Custodian Report – The Board discussed the possibility of installing automatic hand dryers in the bathrooms.

Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2009 Regular Meeting was tabled pending revision.

Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Catherine Foulk, that the executive session minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting be approved and filed.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

Certify Financials

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Catherine Foulk 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 November 11, 2009

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Marnie Carrick that be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the payment of bills for November 11, 2009 in the amount of \$136,566.40.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Catherine Foulk that be it RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves the Board Secretary's Report and the Report of the Treasurer for the month ending September 30, 2009.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

Budget Transfers

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Catherine Foulk that be it RESOLVED, the Board approves the schedule of budget transfers in the amount of \$3,271.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

PTO Report

Marianne Treanoir stated that the next meeting was scheduled for the following Wednesday, November 18th and invited everyone to attend. She mentioned that the movie night went well and said that the holiday luncheon was to be held on December 17th.

C.S.A. Report

Mr. Slattery updated the Board with regard to how the school is handling the threat of the H1N1 virus. The custodians are doing a tremendous job with disinfecting and cleaning which is all recorded in a daily log to specify what has been done and what is planned. Each Tuesday Mr. Slattery submits attendance reports to the County office.

Mr. Slattery fielded concerns about how students participated in Halloween activities in the school. He confirmed that costumes are allowed.

Mr. Slattery provided a review of the NJSBA Convention. He believed that the workshops were well done and had the opportunity to hear the Commissioner of Education speak. He believes that, if interested, the convention would be a positive experience for the Board members.

Mr. Slattery reported that nineteen students made the honor roll and ten the high honor roll this past marking period. He congratulated the students on a job well done.

Mr. Slattery mentioned that there was some confusion with the walking bus. Efforts will be made to alleviate some of the issues for next time.

Committee Reports

Catherine Foulk gave a summary as to what took place at the last Town Council meeting. She said that the Council was working on an ordinance governing how people handle their trees, brush and trash and stressed that people should attend the meetings in order to have a say before any ordinance is passed.

Catherine Foulk inquired as to the possibility of improving the parking situation on Church Street. Mr. Slattery said that he believed she would have to start on the county level.

Catherine Foulk commented on how quickly the Phillipsburg Board meetings conclude. Mr. Slattery said that an example of agendas from the Alpha and Pohatcong schools were distributed

as possible ways to revise the Bloomsbury agenda. The Board was interested in trying this for the December meeting.

Karyn Frey said that she will be revisiting the policy on harassment and bullying as well as the health policy for potential updates and revisions.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Marianne Treanor addressed the topic of the H1N1 virus with Mr. Slattery and how the school was handling it. She asked if more information might be made available to the parents in times where the number of absences were significant. She believes that this will keep the parents better informed as to the actual illnesses turning up at the school while helping to squelch rumors.

New Business - Action Items

R-85-10 STATE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the updated Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement enacted by Mr. Michael Slattery and Sergeant Burke, New Jersey State Police on November 2, 2009.

Discussion: Mr. Slattery explained that the regulations incorporated into the Memorandum of Agreement were the same as last year which is why the Board members were supplied with a copy in their packets. He discussed the layers of communication between the school and police with regards to handling incidents.

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

R-86-10 ACCEPT CAFR AND AUDITOR'S REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS, FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Motion by Marnie Carrick, second by Karyn Frey that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, accepts the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings for the year ending June 30, 2009.

Roll call vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

R-87-10 APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Motion by Karyn Frey, second Marnie Carrick that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, acknowledges that there were no audit recommendations under the following headings and to approve the corrective action plan.

Audit for Year Ending June 30, 2009

Schedule of findings of Non-Compliance None

Summary of Recommendations

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| 1. Administrative Practices and Procedures | None |
| 2. Financial Accounting and Reporting | None |
| 3. School Purchasing Programs | None |
| 4. School Food Service | None |
| 5. Student Body Activities | None |

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| 6. Applications for State School Aid | None |
| 7. Pupil Transportation | None |
| 8. Facilities and Capital Assets | None |
| 9. Miscellaneous | None |
| 10. Follow-up on prior year findings | None |

Roll call vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

R-88-10 COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE PLAN

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, to approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

R-89-10 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE BUDGET AMOUNT WORKSHEET (M-1)

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves the Annual Maintenance Budget Amount Worksheet (M-1).

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

R-90-10 TUITION CONTRACT

Motion by Karyn Frey, second by Marnie Carrick that be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approve the resource room tuition contract with the Phillipsburg School District for the 2009-2010 school year at an hourly rate of \$27.15 as presented.

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-91-10 REVISED BOE MEETING DATES

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

RESOLVED that the Board of Education will revise its meeting dates to the second Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted, at 7:00 pm in the All Purpose Room of the Bloomsbury Elementary School located at 20 Main Street, Bloomsbury, NJ in the following dates:

- December 8, 2009
- January 12, 2010
- February 9, 2010
- March 9, 2010
- April 13, 2010

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

R-92-10 STAFF TRAVEL

Motion by Marnie Carrick, second by Catherine Foulk 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 |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|--|
| Web Literacy | 12/8/09 | Bridgewater, NJ | Michael Slattery | Registration: \$50 Mileage: \$17.98 (58 miles/\$.31) |

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-93-10 REQUEST FOR USE OF FACILITIES

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

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

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| Greenwich Township Recreation Association | 3 on 3 youth basketball | Monday through Thursdays: 11/16/09 – 1/31/10 |
| BES PTO | Parent's Day Out | 12/6/09 |

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

R-94-10 STUDENT TEACHER

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves Centenary College student Tara Baranowski to be an elementary classroom student teacher during the 2009-10 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

R-95-10 NJ QSAC RESOLUTION

Motion by Marnie Carrick, second by Karyn Frey that

WHEREAS, 18A:7a-10 establishes the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) for evaluating performance of each school district, and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the district will be based upon five (5) key components of school district effectiveness: instruction and program; personnel; fiscal management; operations; and governance, and

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Board of Education has conducted a self- evaluation for the period 2006-2009 in the key components to assess the district's capacity and effectiveness using quality performance indicators, and

WHEREAS, the Bloomsbury Board of Education has determined that the district has scored as follows:

- 46 points out of 100 in instruction and program
- 89 points out of 100 in personnel
- 89 points out of 100 in fiscal management
- 92 points out of 100 in operations
- 89 points out of 100 in governance,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bloomsbury Board of Education shall submit to the County Office for review, these DPRs that have been approved by the Bloomsbury Board of Education

Discussion: Mr. Slattery discussed the test scores with the Board and explained how there were comprised. The "Instruction and Program" score reflected is low due to the fact that the school's testing results are not available prompting the NJDOE instructing the schools to leave the first six categories of this section blank to be completed at a later date.

Roll call vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

R-96-10 STUDENT TEACHER

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent, approves County College of Morris student Jonathan Burgess-Shockley to observe third grade gym classes during the 2009-10 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

Unfinished/Future Business/Open Issues

Mr. Slattery pointed out that the timeline for the language arts curriculum mapping was in the Board member's packets for their review.

Mr. Slattery informed the Board that Mr. Dale Briggs had comprised the chess club roster which was also included within the board packets.

Other Public Comment

Matt Hall expressed his concern with some of the curriculum projects happening. He believes that with the state preparing to propose new curriculum guidelines in January it might be better to wait to alter any existing curriculum. Mr. Slattery stated that the Technology Plan was being revised out of necessity.

Executive Session

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

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session at 7:59 pm to discuss the curriculum revision hours.

Vote: Motion carried unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Catherine Foulk, second by Marnie Carrick, that the Board of Education returns to regular session at 8:33 pm.

Vote: Motion carried unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Karyn Frey and seconded by Marnie Carrick. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.

Board Member