

WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes –November 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Approved on December 14, 2020

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER:

President, Bart Howley called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

Bart Howley read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is either discussed or acted upon. The Board has fully complied with the notice requirements by advertising in The Express Times posting publicly and by notifying the Municipal Clerk of the date, time and place of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Present

President, Bartley Howley
Vice-President, Melissa Vitalos
Lisa Eller
Kristen Dufner
Ana Del Salto
Carmin Freda
Holly Masenior
Chris Bauknight

Absent

Others Present

Jacqueline Nassry, Superintendent
Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Sherry Koeppen, Principal
Earl Jenkins, Supervisor of Instruction
Florence Dolobach, Assistant to the Business Administrator

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD-None

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Jenkins a building level meeting was held today to go over any mid-year adjustments and look at student growth objectives. This month our safety drill is an “All Systems Check” and we are continuing to practice fire drills in shifts. A huge thank you to our custodial staff for all their hard work and a special shout out to Ernie who wipes down the hallway walls every day.

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Mrs. Koeppen- Today was a great day to do our practice fire drills at Taylor. All our upcoming conferences will be done virtually. Miss Stocker and Mrs. Knauer have been wonderful and a great resource in collaborating with us. Our survey has gone out to parents.

Mrs. Nassry- We will be reaching the end of the 1st marking on November 20th. Professional development day on the 18th. We are working side by side with the health department with every Covid-19 case. We could not ask for better nurses, Mrs. Knauer and Miss Stocker. All cases have been traced back to the family members and there has not been any student-to-student cases. A few parents have decided to have their children go virtual because of our increase in cases. They will have the option to come back in for the third semester. Parents have been very respectful and understanding during this time.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Ann Kaspereen-The custodial staff has gone above and beyond expectations. Teachers are still very concerned and need to be supported. It is wonderful to hear that staff are reaching out to parents and students for many of their education needs.

V. ACTION ITEMS: Chief School Administrator's Recommendations

CONSENT AGENDA: Matters listed within the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Board of Education and/or its standing committees, for reading and study, are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion.

A. Consent Agenda Motion: BOARD AFFAIRS

Motion made by Lisa Eller, seconded by Carmine Freda, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1**:

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 1.1 To approve the minutes of the October 12, 2020 regular meeting

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by Carmine Freda, seconded by Lisa Eller, to approve the following business affairs agenda items **2.1** through **2.3**;

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 2.1 To approve, on the recommendation of the Superintendent, the acceptance of the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer for the month of October 2020 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16,10(c)f, The Board of Education certifies that as of October 31, 2020, after review of the secretary's monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge, no major account has been over expended in violation of NJAC

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6A:23A-16.10(a) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. (to be hand carried)

- 2.2 To approve the 11/09/20 current expense food service and regular account bill list.
- 2.3 To approve Wyoming Avenue / West Stewart Street Watermain Replacement project per provisions of Permit Number 2020-37.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Melissa Vitalos, seconded by Lisa Eller, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.4**.

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 3.1 To approve the comprehensive student and staff attendance data (*with all fire drill reports, if applicable*) for the Month of October 2020.
- 3.2 To approve Cole Skelly's Clinical Experience K-5 Physical Education / Health from William Paterson University with Erica Chesniak from January 25, 2021 – May 3, 2021.
- 3.3 To retroactively approve Lisa LaCaruba's medical leave from to October 28, 2020 to January 3, 2021.
- 3.4 To retroactively approve Catherine Dell Elba to continue to provide medical leave replacement classroom coverage from October 28, 2020 to January 3, 2021 at a prorated salary of \$52,045 (Step 0 BA) on the W.E.A. salary guide with single benefits.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm on a motion by Melissa Vitalos, seconded by Lisa Eller.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.