

WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting Minutes –September 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.
Approved on October 12, 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
Carmine 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 gave kudos to Jackie for rallying the troops, keeping us all focused and staying positive to get to where we are today. If we were to look back three weeks ago, we would not have thought we'd be where we are today. The first day of school we had all the temperature taken and students were reciting the pledge of allegiance by 8:30am. Parents are doing what they are supposed to be doing.

Meeting with the DOE every month regarding safety. There will be no live drills instead there will practice fire drills along with communication system checks.

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Teacher evaluations will be done differently this year, 85% will be based on instructor practices and the 15% will be based on student growth objectives.

Mrs. Koeppen concurred with Earl regarding the opening. This summer has been the summer of planning and replanning and we are pinching ourselves to have gotten to where we are today. We will be working with parents to help with the virtual and getting supplies to their children. We had a couple aides shift over to other roles. Thank you to all staff and we are glad to be back.

Mrs. Nassry we are enjoying our successes. There was a building level meeting today. We are now preparing for “Back to School Night” which will look a bit different this year. Grade levels will be making their own slides to show what is happening and what the classrooms looks like at each grade level. This continues to be a teamwork effort and planning to take it day by day. Overall, there is a lightness in the air and anxiety has gone down.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT N/A

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 Melissa Vitalos, seconded by Lisa Eller, to approve the following board affairs agenda items **1.1 through 1.13**:

Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 1.1 To approve the minutes of August 10, 2020 reorganization / regular meeting
- 1.2 To approve the 2020 School Self-Assessment of the NJ Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act, from July 1, 2019-June 30-2020 for Taylor Street and Memorial School.
- 1.3 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 1648, Restart and Recovery Plan (M) (New).
- 1.4 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 1649, Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (M) (New).
- 1.5 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 2270, Religion in Schools (Revised)
- 1.6 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 2431.3, Heat Participation Policy for Student-Athlete Safety (M) (Revised).
- 1.7 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 2622, Student Assessment (M) (Revised)

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- 1.8 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 5111, Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised).
- 1.9 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 5200, Attendance (M) (Revised).
- 1.10 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 5330.04, Administering an Opioid Antidote (M) (Revised).
- 1.11 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 5610, Suspension (M) (Revised).
- 1.12 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 5620, Expulsion (M) (Revised).
- 1.13 To entertain the second and final reading of Policy 8320, Personnel Records (M) (Revised).

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 **2.6**;

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 July and August 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 July 31, 2020 and August 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 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.
- 2.2 To approve the 9/14/20 current expense food service and regular account bill list.
- 2.3 To approve submission of 2020 IDEA – Basic and Preschool Final Expenditure Report
- 2.4 To approve submission of 2020 ESEA Final Expenditure Report
- 2.5 To approve the placement of the identified students in the Franklin Township School's 2020 ESY special education program at a cost of \$1000.
- 2.6 To approve the placement of the identified students in the Franklin Township School's multiple disabilities program for the 2020-2021 school year at an annual cost of \$28,266.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Lisa Eller, seconded by Melissa Vitalos, to approve the following personnel affairs agenda items **3.1** through **3.13**.

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 August 2020.
- 3.2 To approve the resignation letter from Mrs. Lauren Romano effective August 28, 2020.
- 3.3 To approve the resignation letter from Mrs. Rebecca Copenhaver effective August 30, 2020.
- 3.4 To approve the 2020-2021 District Professional Plan Statement of Assurance.

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- 3.5 To approve the 2020-2021 Memorial School Professional Development Plan.
- 3.6 To approve the 2020-2021 Taylor Street School Professional Development Plan.
- 3.7 To approve the 2020-2021 Superintendent Professional Development Plan
- 3.8 To approve the 2020-2021 Principal Professional Development Plan.
- 3.9 To approve the 2020-2021 Supervisor Professional Development.
- 3.10 To approve the 2020-2021 Washington Borough School District Mentoring Plan.
- 3.11 To approve Mr. Nicholas Pope to move from Step 2BA+15 (\$55,045.) to Step 2M (57,150.) on the W.E.A. salary guide effective October 1, 2020.
- 3.12 To approve Christina Henderson as long-term substitute maternity leave replacement from September 28, 2020 through February 8, 2021 at a prorated salary of \$52,045 (Step 0 BA) on the W.E.A. salary guide with single benefits.
- 3.13 To approve Ms. Jodi Hoffman as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2020-21 school year at a rate of \$21.07 (Step 1) per hour not to exceed 29 hours per week pending receipt of credentials.

D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Carmine Freda, seconded by Lisa Eller to approve the following school affairs agenda item **4.1**.

- 4.1 To affirm the administrative decision to revise the 2020-2021 school calendar.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm on a motion by Lisa Eller, seconded by Melissa Vitalos.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary/B.A.