

WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2022
Approved 12/12/22

I. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

CALL TO ORDER

President, Bartley Howley, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked everyone to please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting 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 meeting

ROLL CALL:

Present

Chris Bauknight

Lisa Eller

Carmine Freda

Bartley Howley

Joseph Kresefsky

Ya'el Kresefsky

Holly Masenior

Kevin Noone

Melissa Vitalos

II. COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD - None

III. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Jenkins: Supervisor of Instruction

- Provided an update to the Board on the Start Strong Assessment results. The state was able to provide results to districts very quickly so that teachers can then determine need areas for student growth.
- The new classroom furniture in Grade 2 and LLD classes is in, these new desks and chairs replace furniture that has been in use since the 1960s.
- Mr. Jenkins provided an update to the Board on the security drill scheduled to take place this month.

Mrs. Koeppen: Principal/CST

- Mrs. Koeppen followed up with a request that was brought to the board at the September meeting regarding the feasibility of providing Before Care. After consultation with the After Care provider, unfortunately we will be unable to accommodate at this time, due to lack of staff. Many of the staffers work in nearby districts that start earlier.
- Preschool Education site visit took place, we will receive benchmark rating which compares NJ against all Pre-K programs nationwide.

WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2022
Approved 12/12/22

Mrs. Nassry: Superintendent

- Community Assault Program (CAP) application has been reviewed and approved.
- Field Trips have resumed, we are looking forward to Gr 1 coming to view the Drama Club production in December. Club activities are taking place at Memorial. CPR training was offered to staff members today.
- Warren Hill HS Project Grad will be hosting the Harlem Wizards in December.
- Provided updates to the technology upgrades taking place districtwide, including the internet infrastructure.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

V. ACTION ITEMS: Superintendent’s Recommendations

CONSENT AGENDA: Matters listed within the consent agenda have been referred to members of the Board of Education 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 Chris Bauknight to approve the following board affairs agenda item **1.1**. thru **1.2**

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote, with abstentions by Mr. and Mrs. Kresefsky.

- 1.1 To approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 regular meeting.
- 1.2 To approve the minutes of the October 10, 2022 executive session meeting.

B. Consent Agenda Motion: BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Motion made by Carmen Freda, seconded by Lisa Eller to approve the following business affairs agenda item **2.1** through **2.5**.

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote, with abstentions by Mr. and Mrs. Kresefsky on item 2.3 and dissensions by Mr. and Mrs. Kresefsky on items 2.4 and 2.5

- 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 2022 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, 2022, 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

WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2022
Approved 12/12/22

of N.J.A.C. 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 11/14/22 current expense food service and regular account bill list.
- 2.3 To approve to amend Article IV (A) Teacher Work Year, B. Scheduling 1. (j.) of the 2021-2024 Agreement between the Board of Education and the Washington Education Association to include Memorial and Taylor Street student hours.
- 2.4 To submit for approval the Three-Year Preschool Operational Plan.
- 2.5 To approve a coordinated transportation agreement with the Sussex Co Regional Co-Op for the 2022-2023 school year with an Administrative Fee of 4%.

C. Consent Agenda Motion: PERSONNEL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Melissa Vitalos, seconded by Lisa Eller to approve the following personnel affairs agenda item **3.1** through **3.8**.

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote, with abstention by Mrs. Kresefsky on items 3.2 through 3.7.

- 3.1 To approve the comprehensive student and staff attendance data (*with all fire drill reports, if applicable*) for the Month of October, 2022.
- 3.2 To approve Ms. Jennifer Peters to move from Step 11 BA+15 (\$74,291) to Step 11 BA+30 (\$74,841) on the 2022-2023 W.E.A. salary guide effective December 1, 2022.
- 3.3 To approve Mrs. Jessica Nissen as the district's 2022-2023 Crisis Prevention Intervention Specialist with a stipend amount of \$1,500 per year.
- 3.4 To approve Ms. Rebecca Smith as a substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 3.5 To approve a request to expedite the P-3 certification process for Ms. Rebecca Smith.
- 3.6 To retroactively approve, Ms. Jamie Santos as a part-time paraprofessional for the 2022-23 school year, effective 11/8/22, at a rate of \$22.18 (Step 1A) per hour not to exceed 29 hours per week.
- 3.7 To approve Ms. Ivid Arguello as a leave replacement classroom teacher for the 2022-2023 academic year at a prorated salary of \$79,321 (Step13, BA+15) on the WEA salary guide with single benefits.
- 3.8 To accept the resignation of Deana Valle, effective 11/14/22

D. Consent Agenda Motion: SCHOOL AFFAIRS

Motion made by Lisa Eller, seconded by Chris Bauknight to approve the following school affairs agenda item **4.1** through **4.9**.

Motion carried by affirmative roll call vote, with abstentions by Mr. and Mrs. Kresefsky on item 4.2 and dissentions by Mr. and Mrs. Kresefsky on item 4.6.

- 4.1 To approve the submission of the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance (SOA) for the 2022-2023 school year to the New

WASHINGTON BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2022
Approved 12/12/22

Jersey Department of Education.

- 4.2 To affirm the administrative decision regarding the following HIB case: System assigned incident #1.
- 4.3 To approve the following field trip for Preschool, on November 16, 2022 to The Washington Borough Firehouse, Washington, NJ.
- 4.4 To approve the following field trip for Taylor Street Students, Grade 1 , on December 9, 2022 to Memorial School in Washington, NJ.
- 4.5 To approve the following Enrichment trip for Math-a-Magicians, Grade 3, on December 13, 2022 to Rutherford Hall in Hackettstown, NJ.
- 4.6 To approve the following field trip for Grade 2, on March 16, 2023 to DaVinci Science Center in Allentown, PA.
- 4.7 To approve the following field trip for Kindergarten, on April 21, 2023 to Imagi Nation in Allentown, PA.
- 4.8 To approve the following field trip for Grade 1 on May 2, 2023 to The Theatre at RVCC in Branchburg, NJ.
- 4.9 To approve the following field trip for Grade 4 on May 5, 2023 to Waterloo Village in Stanhope, NJ.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Melissa Vitalos seconded by Lisa Eller, to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Mantz
Board Secretary