

# WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR SESSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**MONDAY**

**DECEMBER 17, 2018**

**6:30 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township School Library, Belvidere, NJ with the following members in attendance at roll call: Mr. Boehm, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Nikolopoulos, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Sroka, Ms. Howell and Ms. Lee. William Thompson, CSA and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance as well as 9 members of the public. Mr. Rader and Mrs. Lensi were unable to attend.

Mr. Boehm opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised and the public properly notified through notification to The Express-Times, Star Ledger and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Ms. Lee and seconded by Mr. Panetta to approve the minutes as submitted from the November 26, 2018 Regular Session Meeting and Executive Session. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **CSA REPORT**

Mr. Thompson welcomed his mentor Robert Magnuson, Chief School Administrator of the Oxford Township School District, to the meeting this evening. Mr. Thompson provided updates on safety and security, the NJQSAC submission, and noted that Mrs. Marsh was named White Spotlight for January. Mr. Thompson reported on upcoming dates including the PTO family and student holiday shopping, Kindness Day activities, holiday parties and the sing-a-long. Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Boehm for his service to the community, being a catalyst for change, and for being part of the Board that has given him this opportunity.

#### **APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE NJQSAC DPR**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the submission of the NJQSAC, New Jersey Single Accountability Continuum, District Performance Review for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Wheatley, on behalf of members of the WTEA, thanked Mr. Boehm for his time, effort and dedication to the district. Mrs. Wheatley noted that Mr. Boehm has been innovative in creating change in the district and wished him the best.

Mrs. Smith asked about the special counsel that was approved at the last meeting, and wondered what they will be used for. Mr. Boehm noted that they were hired for special matters as the need arises. Mrs. Smith asked if the district has looked into audio recording Board of Education meetings. Mr. Boehm noted that the Board hasn't focused on recording meetings. Mrs. Sroka thanked Mrs. Smith for her feedback and noted the Board will look into it.

Mrs. Smith asked about district enrollment. Mr. Thompson provided estimates and noted he can get actual numbers for her.

Mr. Fiorentino noted that hiring additional attorneys could be a big cost to the district. Mr. Boehm noted that we would only engage the services if needed for a particular issue.

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### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT - continued**

Mrs. Fiorentino asked about the physicians on the agenda this evening. Mr. Thompson confirmed that the cost for these vendors will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PERSONNEL**

##### **Block Motion – Personnel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the following agenda items #1 through #2. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Lee – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mrs. Williams – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes and Mr. Boehm – yes.

##### **Block Motion – Personnel**

###### **1. Approve a School Psychiatrist**

To approve Linda Acevedo to perform psychiatric evaluations, as needed, at the cost of \$350, per evaluation.

###### **2. Approve School Physician Services**

To approve Dr. John Fritz and Plaza Family Care for School Physician Services, as needed, on a case-by-case basis for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

No updates.

#### **POLICY**

##### **Block Motion – Policy**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to approve the following agenda items #1 through #2. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

###### **1. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2416 – Programs for Pregnant Pupils**

To approve a first reading of policy #2416 – Programs for Pregnant Pupils

###### **2. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5752 – Marital Status and Pregnancy**

To approve a first reading of policy #5752 – Marital Status and Pregnancy

#### **FINANCE**

##### **Block Motion – Finance**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the following agenda items #1 through #5. Motion carried as follows: Ms. Lee – yes, Ms. Howell – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mrs. Williams – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes and Mr. Boehm – yes.

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#### **Block Motion – Finance**

1. Approve November 2018 Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Report

To approve the November 2018 Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Report in agreement. After review of the School Business Administrator’s monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the Business Administrator and CSA, this Board of Education does hereby certify that as of November 30, 2018, no major account or fund has been over expended in violation 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. Approve December 2018 Bill List

To approve the payment of the December 2018 bills in the total amount of \$808,288.72 for all funds.

3. Approve November 2018 Cafeteria Bills

To approve the payment of the November 2018 Cafeteria bills in the amount of \$3,685.22.

4. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for November 2018 in the amount of \$17,918.20.

5. Approve Staff Travel

To approve the following staff travel:

- William Thompson to attend an NJASA Legal Seminar on January 24, 2019 in Trenton, NJ. The cost for the seminar is \$150 and mileage reimbursement not to exceed \$35.

#### **CURRICULUM**

Mrs. Sroka noted the Committee reviewed the QSAC District Performance Review indicators for the Instruction and Program category, discussed creating a new master schedule for the 2019-2020 school year, and a 1:1 Chromebook initiative. Mrs. Sroka also reported on upcoming language arts professional development for staff and a State Police program to deter drugs and alcohol for our sixth grade students.

#### **Motion – Curriculum**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve Home Instruction

To approve Home Instruction for one student (SID#5404077684) beginning December 7, 2018 and to be re-evaluated per district policy and state code.

#### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

#### **Motion – Buildings & Grounds**

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mr. Panetta to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a request from the White Township PTO for use of the cafeteria for a Cardboard Fun Night on January 4, 2019.

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### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

No updates.

### **BHS BOARD MEMBER**

Mrs. Williams noted much of the discussion at the most recent Belvidere School District Board meeting was regarding a change in health benefit carriers for staff. Mrs. Williams noted that the Board's vote to change carriers in the midst of staff concerns hasn't helped protracted contract negotiations with the Association.

### **SHARED SERVICES LIAISON COMMITTEE**

No update.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boehm noted that he has been blessed to serve on this Board with so many dedicated people and appreciates the many warm well wishes he has received. Mr. Boehm thanked Mr. Thompson and noted with him at the helm, we'll continue to change and make things better for the entire school community.

Mr. Panetta noted that Mr. Boehm has been a beacon for change in many areas and thanked him for what he's done for the school.

### **APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BELVIDERE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to appoint Colleen Williams to serve on the Belvidere Board of Education as the White Township Board of Education representative for the 2019 year. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

### **ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Ms. Lee to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations deemed HIB incidents since last meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Smith asked where asbestos can be found in the building. Mrs. Huff noted we have an Asbestos Management Plan in the Board office which details the location of any asbestos containing materials in the building which she can view at any time.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary