

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

DECEMBER 21, 2020

6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held via Google Meet on the above date with the following members in attendance at roll call: Ms. Nusser-Meany, Ms. Howell, Mr. Havlusch, Mrs. Williams and Mr. Panetta. William Thompson, CSA and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance as well as one member of the public. Mrs. Lensi, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Sroka were unable to attend.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and stated that in accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided (by sending a notice of the time, date, instructions for remote access and making public comment) to the NJ Herald and Express Times on December 15, 2020. Mr. Panetta further noted that copies of this notice, along with a meeting agenda, have been placed in the Board Office, posted on the District website, and sent to the Township Clerk for posting on December 16, 2020, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

CSA REPORT

Mr. Thompson recognized our December "Student of the Month" and presented her with a certificate. Mr. Thompson announced that our Governor's Educator of the Year is Mrs. Rosano, our Preschool Teacher. Mr. Thompson noted that, while the year has been very challenging we've, still been able to move forward and implement our strategic plans. Mr. Thompson reviewed the District's plans for returning to in-person learning on January 11th.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Ms. Howell to approve the minutes as submitted from the November 23, 2020 Regular Session Meeting and Executive Session. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huff noted a letter was received from the Warren County Office of Education verifying that White Township is entitled to one representative on Belvidere's Board of Education because White Township sent students represent at least 10 percent of the students attending Belvidere High School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Mr. Panetta noted that the Committee discussed the ongoing need for substitutes and received a COVID-19 update.

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CURRICULUM

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee discussed virtual snow days, creation of a summer academy, changes to the Master Schedule for the 2021-2022 school year, and a plan for returning to in-person instruction.

OPERATIONS

Mr. Havlusch noted the Committee discussed virtual learning and plans for returning to in-person instruction, waiver of December PK tuition payments, the playground project, an update on the Long Range Facility Plan, an update on the well, and a cluster-wide feasibility study.

Block Motion – Operations

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

1. Approve November 2020 Board Secretary’s Report and Treasurer’s Report

To approve, on the recommendation of the CSA, the acceptance of the monthly financial reports of the Board Secretary for the month of November 2020 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of November 30, 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 or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c) 3, I, Dawn Huff, Board Secretary, hereby certify that no line account has been over expended as of November 30, 2020.

2. Approve December 2020 Bill List

To approve the payment of the December 2020 bills in the total amount of \$802,955.49 for all funds.

GOVERNANCE

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee discussed virtual snow days, policy alert 221, updates to the Use of School Facilities policy and regulation, and received an update on the playground project.

Motion – Governance

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a Second Reading of Policy & Regulation #7510 – Use of School Facilities

To approve a second reading of Policy & Regulation #7510 – Use of School Facilities

BHS BOARD MEMBER

Mrs. Williams noted that Belvidere’s board is discussing the use of Strauss Esmay as a consultant for their school policy making. Mrs. Williams noted Belvidere’s Board meeting was cancelled until tomorrow evening so she will have additional updates next month.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BELVIDERE BOARD OF EDUCATION

A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mr. Havlusch to appoint Colleen Williams to serve on the Belvidere Board of Education as the White Township Board of Education representative for the 2021 year. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Ms. Nusser-Meany and seconded by Mr. Panetta to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations deemed HIB incidents since last meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams and seconded by Ms. Howell to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary