

# WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR SESSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 24, 2022**

**6:30 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township Municipal Building, Belvidere, NJ. The meeting was a hybrid meeting which allowed members of the public to participate in person or virtually. The following members of the Board were in attendance at roll call: Mr. Havlusch, Mrs. Pinkerton, Mrs. Lensi, Mr. Murray, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mr. Panetta, and Mrs. Gardella. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mrs. Huff, Business Administrator were also in attendance as well as five members of the public. Mrs. Sroka was unable to attend.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m. and stated that in accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided and 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, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **CSA REPORT**

Mr. Thompson reviewed the Start Strong Assessment data with the group. Mr. Thompson recognized our January "Student of the Month" and presented her with a certificate. Mr. Thompson provided a COVID-19 update and reviewed upcoming dates including a tuition meeting with the Belvidere School District.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**

The Board interviewed Mrs. Elizabeth Vesper, who expressed interest in the vacant seat on the Board of Education January through December 2022.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Havlusch and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to convene to Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss candidates for the Board vacancy. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Be it resolved by the White Township Board of Education that it shall meet in closed session this evening to discuss candidates for the Board vacancy.

The board will publicly disclose information pertaining to the topics discussed as soon thereafter and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions that are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975c chapter 321.

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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### **MOTION TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBER FOR VACANT SEAT**

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to appoint Elizabeth Vesper to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education from January – December 2022. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mrs. Pinkerton – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes.

### **APPROVE MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the minutes as submitted from the December 20, 2021 Regular Session Meeting and the January 3, 2022 Reorganization Meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

### **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PERSONNEL**

##### **Motion – Personnel**

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

##### 1. Approve a Substitute Nurse

To approve Cynthia Conklin as a Substitute Nurse for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year pending receipt of criminal history and Chapter 5 paperwork.

#### **CURRICULUM**

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee met and discussed All-Star Band, a redesign of the Media Center, National Junior Honor Society, Start Strong Assessments, LinkIt testing, ESY programs, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip.

##### **Motion – Curriculum**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

##### 1. Approve the ELL Three-Year Program Plan

To approve the 2021-2024 English Language Learner (ELL) Three-Year Program Plan for the White Township School District.

#### **OPERATIONS**

Mr. Havlusch noted the Committee discussed budget development for the 2022-2023 school year and negotiations.

##### **Block Motion – Operations**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to approve the following agenda items #1 through #5. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch - yes, Mrs. Pinkerton - yes, Mrs. Lensi - yes, Mr. Murray - yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany - yes, Mr. Panetta - yes, Mrs. Gardella - yes, and Mrs. Vesper - yes.

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### Block Motion – Operations

#### 1. Approve December 2021 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 December 2021 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of December 2021, 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 December 31, 2021.

#### 2. Approve January 2022 Bill List

To approve the payment of the January 2022 bills in the total amount of \$722,949.16 for all funds.

#### 3. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for December 2021 in the amount of \$2,659.53.

#### 4. Approve Resolution for Waiver of Requirements in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI)

**WHEREAS**, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3, provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2022-2023 school year, and

**WHEREAS**, the White Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than 40 Medicaid eligible classified students;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the White Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Warren an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2022-2023 school year.

#### 5. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a request from Warren County Little League to use the playing field from April 1 – June 20, 2022.

### GOVERNANCE

Mr. Murray noted the Committee discussed QSAC legislation, location for upcoming Board meetings, more student presentations at Board meetings, and participation in a Feasibility Study.

### BHS BOARD MEMBER

No updates.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

None

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**APPROVE SUBMISSION OF THE STUDENT SAFETY DATA SYSTEM (SSDS) REPORT**

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to approve submission of the SSDS Report for the reporting period September 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to acknowledge receipt of one HIB investigation deemed a HIB incident since last meeting. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Panetta to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary