

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

JULY 25, 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. Sroka, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Lensi, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Gardella and Mrs. Vesper. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mrs. Huff, Business Administrator were also in attendance. Mrs. Pinkerton was unable to attend.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:35 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 discussed some of the summer work including installation of new cameras, the media center renovation, and technology upgrades. Mr. Thompson noted that the custodians are doing a great job cleaning the building, and readying it for the start of school in September. Mr. Thompson highlighted some initiatives for the 2022-2023 school year including safety and security, academic achievement, and SEL. Mr. Thompson noted we'll have orientation programs for incoming PK and K students, as well as any new students, the last week of August.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Sroka to approve the minutes as submitted from the June 27, 2022 Regular Session Meeting and Executive Session. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Huff read a letter announcing her resignation September 30, 2022, for the purpose of retirement October 1, 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PERSONNEL

Motion – Personnel

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

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Motion – Personnel - continued

1. Approve a Principal Waiver Form for the 2022-2023 School Year

To approve a request for a waiver from the requirement of a full-time, non-teaching Principal for the 2022-2023 school year at the White Township Consolidated School.

CURRICULUM

Ms. Nusser-Meany noted the Committee discussed the Preschool Expansion grant and feels the timetable is too rushed to allow for the implementation of a smooth Preschool experience for our students so we will look to apply for this grant in the future. Ms. Nusser-Meany further reported the Committee discussed the 8th grade trip, NJSLA test results, Summer Academy and ESY, the Media Center renovations and upcoming curriculum writing.

OPERATIONS

Mrs. Sroka noted the Committee discussed Mr. Thompson's attendance at a security conference hosted by Hackettstown School District, building upgrades, the upcoming audit, the Preschool expansion grant, and the Feasibility Study.

Block Motion – Operations

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 through #18. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes, and Mrs. Vesper – yes.

1. Approve Final June 2022 Bill List

To approve the final June 2021 Bills List in the total amount of \$175,481.67 for expenditures from June 28 through June 30, 2022 for all funds.

2. Approve July 2022 Bills List

To approve the payment of the July 2022 bills in the total amount of \$164,804.47 for all funds.

3. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for June 2022 in the amount of \$19,435.06.

4. Approve a Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children

To approve a tuition contract for one student SID#8737801050 to attend Celebrate the Children for the 2022-2023 school year at a tuition rate of \$77,580 and the cost of the personal aide of \$31,500.

5. Approve a Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children

To approve a tuition contract for one student SID#9132106692 to attend Celebrate the Children for the 2022-2023 school year at a tuition rate of \$77,580 and the cost of the personal aide of \$31,500.

6. Approve the 2022-2023 Tuition Contract Agreement with Belvidere School District for High School

To approve the 2022-2023 tuition contract agreement with Belvidere School District for regular high school services for 111 students at the estimated cost per pupil of \$18,200 for a total tuition charge of \$2,020,200.

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7. Approve the 2022-2023 Contract Agreement with Belvidere School District for the Belvidere High School Resource Program

To approve the 2022-2023 contract agreement with Belvidere School District for the Belvidere High School Resource Program for a total charge of \$60,000.

8. Approve a Tuition Contract with Belvidere School District

To approve a tuition contract with Belvidere School District for one student SID#7600691611 to attend their MD Program at a tuition cost of \$30,000 for the 2022-2023 school year.

9. Approve a Tuition Contract with Belvidere School District

To approve a tuition contract with Belvidere School District for one student SID#9249311861 to attend their MD Program at a tuition cost of \$30,000 for the 2022-2023 school year.

10. Approve a Tuition Contract with Belvidere School District

To approve a tuition contract with Belvidere School District for one student SID#8829502233 to attend their MD Program at a tuition cost of \$30,000 for the 2022-2023 school year.

11. Approve a Tuition Contract with Belvidere School District

To approve a tuition contract with Belvidere School District for one student SID#5404077684 to attend their grade 7 program at a tuition cost of \$16,500 for the 2022-2023 school year.

12. Approve a Parental Transportation Contract for the 2022 ESY

To approve a parental transportation contract (2022ESY-JBMtOlive) for student SID#4552810184 for transportation to Mt. Olive Middle School, July 6 – August 11, 2022 for a total contract of \$2,200.

13. Approve a Parental Transportation Contract for the 2022-2023 School Year

To approve a parental transportation contract (2022JBMtOlive) for student SID#4552810184 for transportation to Mt. Olive Middle School, September 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 for a total contract of \$18,000.

14. Approve the 2022-2023 Student Transportation Contract Renewal with Garden State Transport

To approve the 2022-2023 Student Transportation Contract Renewal with GST Transport, Corp. for the 2022-2023 school year for the following routes:

Route #	# of students	Route Cost	Destination
1E	30	\$ 25,127.72	White Township School
2E	50	\$ 25,127.72	White Township School
3E	39	\$ 25,127.72	White Township School
4E	45	\$ 25,127.72	White Township School
7E	41	\$ 29,148.13	White Township School
10E	33	\$ 27,137.90	White Township School
Total cost for all routes:		\$156,796.91	

15. Approve a 2022-2023 Student Transportation Contract with GST Transport, Corp for the 2022-2023 school year for the following routes, pending Board Attorney review:

To approve a 2022-2023 Student Transportation Contract with GST Transport, Corp., Bid #WT22-23HighSch, for the following routes, pending Board Attorney review:

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Route #	# of students	Route Cost	Destination
HS1	29	\$46,440.00	Belvidere High School
HS3	30	\$46,440.00	Belvidere High School
HS7	31	\$46,440.00	Belvidere High School
HS9	23	\$46,440.00	Belvidere High School
Total cost for all routes:		\$185,760.00	

16. Approve Schematic Plans Prepared for the Roof Replacement Project and Submission of Plans to the Warren County Superintendent and the NJ Department of Education for Approval
 WHEREAS, the White Township Board of Education in the County of Warren, New Jersey (the “Board”), would like to proceed with a school facilities project consisting generally of: Select Roof Replacement (the “Project”) at the White Township School;

WHEREAS, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the project;
 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, as follows:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic Plans prepared in connection with the Project and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Warren County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. This project is designated “Other Capital” and the Board is not seeking state funding.

The Board hereby authorizes, the amendment to its Long-Range Facilities Plan in order to reflect the proposed Project.

The White Township Board of Education authorizes the School District’s appointed architect for the Project, Parette Somjen Architects, LLC to make the submission to the Department of Education on behalf of the District of any required filing of all required forms, plans, and specifications, and LRFP Update.

17. Approve Staff Travel

To approve the following staff travel:

- Margaret Sheneman to the NJSMA Elementary Fall Workshop on October 11, 2022 in Mountain Lakes, NJ. The cost of the workshop is \$95 and mileage reimbursement not to exceed \$32.

18. Accept the Grant Award for Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) Funding

To accept the REAP grant award for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$21,696 and approve use of the funds for technology equipment.

GOVERNANCE

Mr. Murray noted the Committee discussed background checks for volunteers, policy to allow staff members’ children to attend White Township School, the Preschool Expansion Grant, and Policy Alerts 227 and 228.

Block Motion – Governance

A motion was made by Mrs. Sroka and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to approve the following agenda items #1 through #31. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Havlusch – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mr. Murray – yes, Ms. Nusser-Meany - yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mrs. Gardella – yes, and Mrs. Vesper – yes.

1. Approve a First Reading of Policy #1648.15 – Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19

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To approve a first reading of policy #1648.15 – Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19

2. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2415.04 – Title I – District–Wide Parent and Family Engagement

To approve a first reading of policy #2415.04 – Title 1 – District–Wide Parent and Family Engagement

3. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2415.50 – Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement

To approve a first reading of policy #2415.50 – Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement

4. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2416.01 – Postnatal Accommodations for Students

To approve a first reading of policy #2416.01 – Postnatal Accommodations for Students

5. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2417 – Student Intervention and Referral Services

To approve a first reading of policy #2417 – Student Intervention and Referral Services

6. Approve a First Reading of Policy #3161 – Examination for Cause

To approve a first reading of policy #3161 – Examination for Cause

7. Approve a First Reading of Policy #4161 – Examination for Cause

To approve a first reading of policy #4161 – Examination for Cause

8. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

To approve a first reading of policy #5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying

9. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #7410 – Maintenance and Repair

To approve a first reading of policy #7410 – Maintenance and Repair

10. Approve a First Reading of Policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations

To approve a first reading of policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations

11. Approve a First Reading of Policy and Regulation #9320 – Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

To approve a first reading of policy and regulation #9320 – Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

12. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2461 – Special Education/Receiving Schools

To approve a first reading of policy #2461 – Special Education/Receiving Schools

13. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2461.06 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Appropriately Certified and Licensed Staff

To approve a first reading of regulation #2461.06 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Appropriately Certified and Licensed Staff

14. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2461.09 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Statewide and District-Wide Assessment Programs

To approve a first reading of regulation #2461.09 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Statewide and District-Wide Assessment Programs

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15. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2461.10 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Full Educational Opportunity

To approve a first reading of regulation #2461.10 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Full Educational Opportunity

16. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2461.12 – Special Education/Receiving Schools - Length of School Day and Academic Year

To approve a first reading of regulation #2461.12 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Length of School Day and Academic Year

17. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2461.14 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Amending Policies, Procedures, the Services Provided, or the Location of Facilities

To approve a first reading of regulation #2461.14 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Amending Policies, Procedures, the Services Provided, or the Location of Facilities

18. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2461.15 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Operation of an Extended Academic Year Program

To approve a first reading of regulation #2461.15 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Operation of an Extended Academic Year Program

19. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2461.19 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Behavior Modification Program

To approve a first reading of regulation #2461.19 – Special Education/Receiving Schools – Behavior Modification Program

20. Abolish Policy #1648.14 – Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19

To abolish policy #1648.14 – Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19

21. Approve a First Reading of Policy #0163 – Quorum

To approve a first reading of policy #0163 – Quorum

22. Approve a First Reading of Policy #1511 – Board of Education Website Accessibility

To approve a first reading of policy #1511 – Board of Education Website Accessibility

23. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2415 – Every Student Succeeds Act

To approve a first reading of policy #2415 – Every Student Succeeds Act

24. Abolish Policy & Regulation #2432 – School Sponsored Publications

To abolish policy & regulation #2432 – School Sponsored Publications

25. Approve a First Reading of Policy #3216 – Dress and Grooming

To approve a first reading of policy #3216 – Dress and Grooming

26. Approve a First Reading of Policy #3270 – Professional Responsibilities

To approve a first reading of policy #3270 – Professional Responsibilities

27. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #3270 – Lesson Plans and Plan Books

To approve a first reading of regulation #3270 – Lesson Plans and Plan Books

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28. Approve a First Reading of Policy #4216 – Dress and Grooming

To approve a first reading of policy #4216 – Dress and Grooming

29. Approve a First Reading of Policy & Regulation #5513 – Care of School Property

To approve a first reading of policy & regulation #5513 – Care of School Property

30. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5517 – School District Issued Student Identification Cards

To approve a first reading of policy #5517 – School District Issued Student Identification Cards

31. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5722 – Student Journalism

To approve a first reading of policy #5722 – Student Journalism

BHS BOARD MEMBER

No updates.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Murray and seconded by Ms. Nusser-Meany to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations deemed HIB incidents 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 Mrs. Sroka to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nay – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary