

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

JUNE 26, 2023

6:30 PM

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township Consolidated School Media Center, Belvidere, NJ. The following members of the Board were in attendance at roll call: Mr. Panetta, Mr. Jonkoski, Mrs. Vesper, Mrs. Lensi and Mr. Murray. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mr. Italiano, Business Administrator were also in attendance as well as six members of the public. Mr. Havlusch, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mrs. Gardella and Mrs. Pinkerton were unable to attend.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:55 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 current events such as the 8th grade overnight field trip, field day and the 8th grade Commencement and awards ceremony.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Jonkoski to approve the minutes as submitted from the May 22, 2023 Reappointment and Regular Session. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Italiano presented the Board with thank you cards from Hope Township School 8th grade students. The thank you cards were in regards to having the Hope Township School students attend the 8th grade overnight field trip with the White Township School students.

PERSONNEL

Block Motion – Personnel

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve the following agenda items #1 through #11. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Panetta - yes, Mr. Jonkoski - yes, Mrs. Vesper - yes, Mrs. Lensi - yes and Mr. Murray - yes.

1. Approve Summer Academy Staff

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Stephanie Quinn, Stewart Quinn, Kimberly Rosano, Lisa Rosano (Substitute), and Bernadette Sissick (Substitute) for the Summer Academy, Mondays – Thursdays, July 17 – August 10, 2023, 3 hours/day, \$50/hour.

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2. Approve Summer Hours for IT Support

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Dawn Werkheiser for summer IT support at \$21/hour, not to exceed 100 hours.

3. Approve a Substitute Custodian

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Richard Fielding as a substitute custodian for the 2023-2024 school year.

4. Approve a Substitute Custodian

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Duane Quigley as a substitute custodian for the 2023-2024 school year.

5. Accept a Resignation

To accept the resignation, for the purpose of retirement, of Joan Williams effective June 30, 2023.

6. Approve a Request for a Maternity/Disability Leave of Absence

To approve a request from employee number 00582 for a maternity/disability leave of absence to commence on or about September 1, 2023 followed by an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act, with an anticipated return to work date of December 10, 2023.

7. Approve a Middle School ELA Teacher

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Jacqueline Rebimbas as a Middle School ELA Teacher, BA, Step 12, at the salary rate of \$68,125 for the 2023-2024 school year.

8. Approve an Extra-Curricular Activity Position

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve the following Extra-Curricular Activity Position:

Anthony Marinelli	Webmaster (Head)	Year 9	\$3,037
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9. Approve Curriculum Writing Positions

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve the following curriculum writing assignments for the 2023-2024 school year at the salary rates below: *(Note: curriculum writing will be paid with ARP Grant funds)*

Eric Fraunfelter	Social Studies	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$ 750
Erika Puskas	Social Studies	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$ 750
Stew Quinn	Physical Education	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$ 750
Alexis Bill	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000
Katherine Williams	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000
Sherry Bellfy	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000
Bernadette Sissick	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000
Lisa Rosano	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000

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Amy Stumpe	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000
Crystal Garvey	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000
Erika Puskas	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000
Allyson Evans	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000
Deirdre Mulligan	ELA	\$250/per day	Not to exceed \$1,000

10. Approve a Home Instruction Position

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Michele Laubach to perform 39 hours of home instruction to be paid at the contractual rate for SID# 5674107970 effective immediately.

11. Approve Summer Academy Staff

To accept the recommendation of the CSA to approve Michele Laubach for the Summer Academy, Mondays – Thursdays, July 17 – August 10, 2023 for 3 hours per day at a rate of \$50/hour.

CURRICULUM

Block Motion – Curriculum

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

1. Approve the Updated ARP Safe Return to School Plan

To approve the submission of the ARP Safe Return to School Plan as per NJDOE guidelines effective June 26, 2023.

OPERATIONS

Block Motion – Operations

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to approve the following agenda items #1 through #14. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Panetta - yes, Mr. Jonkoski - yes, Mrs. Vesper - yes, Mrs. Lensi - yes and Mr. Murray - yes.

1. Approve May 2023 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 May 2023 and further that, in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c)4, the Board of Education certifies that as of May 31, 2023, 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

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of the fiscal year. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16-10(c) 3, I, Andrew Italiano, Board Secretary, hereby certify that no line account has been over expended as of May 31, 2023.

2. Approve June 2023 Bill List

To approve the payment of the June 2023 bills for all funds.

3. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for May 2023.

4. Approval to Pay Carryover 2022-2023 Bills Prior to July Board of Education Meeting

To authorize the Business Administrator to pay carryover bills from fiscal year 2022-2023 that may be received in late June and July 2023 prior to the July 24, 2023 Board of Education meeting, said bills to be submitted for final approval at the July 24, 2023 regular meeting.

5. Approval to Transfer Current Surplus Funds to Tuition Reserve Account

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the White Township Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Tuition Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the White Township Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed \$250,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the White Township Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

6. Approve a Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children

To approve a tuition contract with Celebrate the Children School for one student (ID#9760912165) to attend for the Spring 2023 session for approximately 16 days at a total cost of \$800.

7. Approve Submission of the IDEA Consolidated Grant Application and Accept the Grant Award

To approve submission of the IDEA consolidated grant application for the 2023-2024 school year and accept the grant award as follows:

IDEA Basic	\$ 93,121	OOD Tuition
IDEA Preschool	\$ 5,449	Preschool Para Salary – (.4 FTE)

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8. Approve ESEA grant submission

To approve submission of the FY 2024 ESEA Consolidated Grant as follows:

<u>Title I-Part A</u>		
100-100 Teacher Salary – D. Mulligan	\$20,335	(FTE .25)
200-200 Teacher Benefits	\$10,370	
<u>Title II-Part A</u>		
200-300 Professional Dev Consultants	<u>\$ 8,972</u>	
Title III-refused		
Total Grant	\$39,677	

9. Approve a Tuition Contract with Limitless

To approve a tuition contract for one student SID#8737801050 to attend the Limitless School for the 2023 ESY, July 5 – August 4, 2024 at a tuition rate of \$5,758.

10. Approve a Parental Transportation Contract for the 2023 ESY

To approve a parental transportation contract (2023ESY-JBMtOlive) for student SID#4552810184 for transportation to Mt. Olive Middle School, July 1 – August 31, 2023 not to exceed the state maximum allowance.

11. Approve a Parental Transportation Contract for the 2023-2024 School Year

To approve a parental transportation contract (2023JBMtOlive) for student SID#4552810184 for transportation to Mt. Olive Middle School, September 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024' not to exceed the state maximum allowance.

12. Approve a Shared Services Agreement for Child Study Team Services

To approve a Shared Services Agreement between the Boards of Education of Belvidere, Hope, White and Harmony Townships for Child Study Team Services for the 2023-2024 year and approve the total fee for the CST services payable to Belvidere Board of Education by White Township Board of Education, for the months of September 2023 through June 2024, shall be \$327,669.

13. Approve a Tuition Contract with East Mountain School

To approve a tuition contract for one student SID#4490939123 to attend the East Mountain School for the 2023-2024 School Year at a tuition rate of \$86,165.10.

14. Approve a Tuition Contract with Celebrate the Children

To approve a tuition contract for one student SID#4552810184 to attend the Celebrate the Children School for the 2023 ESY, July 5 – August 8, 2023 at a tuition rate of \$2,693.44.

GOVERNANCE

No items in this section.

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BHS BOARD MEMBER – Representative: Mrs. Gardella
None

OLD BUSINESS

- Continue the discussion regarding upgrading the marquee.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Panetta discussed exploring the possibility of making the turn wider at the Route 519 and Route 46 intersection.

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to acknowledge receipt of one HIB investigation since last meeting not deemed to be a HIB incident. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, and Abstentions – 0.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to convene to Executive Session at 7:47pm to discuss the CSA evaluation.

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

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 Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to adjourn the Executive Session at 8:05pm.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Vesper to adjourn the meeting at 8:07p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 5, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Italiano
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary