

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 27, 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, Ms. Nusser-Meany, Mr. Havlusch, Mrs. Gardella, Mr. Murray, Mrs. Vesper, Mrs. Lensi and Mr. Jonkoski. Mr. Thompson, CSA and Mr. Italiano, Business Administrator were also in attendance. Mrs. Pinkerton was unable to attend.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 6:33 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 taking place at school. Mr. Thompson also provided the board and the public with a feasibility study update.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the minutes as submitted from the October 23, 2023 Regular Meetings. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board of Education Election Results – *Unofficial*
 - ✓ 3 year term - Frank Panetta
George Jonkoski
Kevin Murray
- Correspondence from Local Veteran

PERSONNEL

Block Motion – Personnel

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

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Block Motion – Personnel - continued

1. Approve Home Instruction Staff

To accept the recommendation of the CSA and approve Megan Frutcheby to provide speech therapy/home instruction, as needed, at the rate of \$75/hour for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

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

To approve a request from employee number 00710 for a maternity/disability leave of absence to commence on or about March 11, 2024 followed by an unpaid leave of absence in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act, with an anticipated return to work date of September 1, 2024.

CURRICULUM

Ms. Nusser-Meany updated the board on the many items including the new NJDOE ELA and Math standards.

Block Motion – Curriculum

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

1. Approve a Field Trip for Grade 8

To approve a field trip for approximately 30 grade 8 students to Hersey Park & Gettysburg, PA on May 30-31, 2024. The tentative cost of the trip per student is \$350 which includes the cost of the bus transportation.

OPERATIONS

Mrs. Vesper provided an update on the feasibility study as well as an update on new marquee and the roof and RTU projects.

Block Motion – Operations

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

1. Approve October 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 October 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 October 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 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 October 31, 2023.

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2. Approve November 2023 Bill List

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

3. Approve Budget Transfers

To approve budget transfers for October 2023 for all funds.

4. Approve a Use of Facility Request

To approve a request from the White Township PTO for use of the cafeteria for Breakfast with Santa, December 17, 2023.

5. Approve Regionalization Feasibility Consultant

To approve a regionalization feasibility consultant based on the following terms and conditions:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs is dedicated to helping New Jersey public schools achieve educational excellence and district efficiencies, and its School Regionalization Efficiency Program (SREP) Grant supports public school districts and governing bodies across New Jersey who wish to study the feasibility of school district regionalization and consolidation; and

WHEREAS, the White Township School Board of Education has been approved for a SREP Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to cover the costs of a feasibility study that will gather and analyze school and community data in the areas of governance and law, demographics, education and program, and finance and operations in order to produce recommendations for greater school district effectiveness and efficiency; and

WHEREAS the Public School Contracts Law at N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 provides that contracts for the provision of services which are specialized and qualitative in nature requiring expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor may be awarded through procedures applicable to extraordinary unspecifiable services; and

WHEREAS, the services to be performed in preparing such a feasibility study require expertise, extensive training and proven reputation in the field of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the White Township School Board of Education has determined to award a contract for those services to the Rowan School Regionalization Institute;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the White Township School Board of Education as follows:

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SECTION 1: The Board hereby appoints the Rowan School Regionalization Institute for the period from November 15, 2023 to September 30, 2024 at an amount not to exceed \$150,000, comprised of the following fee structure:

- a. Services provided by consultant investigators - \$175.00/hour.
- b. Services provided by a consultant project manager - \$225.00/hour.
- c. Overhead for work done by Rowan University staff and graduate students - 20%.

SECTION 2: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

6. Approve Student Transportation Contract with Monmouth Ocean County ESC

To approve a transportation contract with MOESC for SID#4490939123, for the 2023-2024 school year for a total cost \$7,251.

7. Accept and Anonymous Donation

To accept an anonymous donation in the amount of \$1,500 to be deposited in the student activities account for the purpose of helping local families in need.

8. Request for Professional Services

To approve a contract between Parette Somjen Architects and the White Township Consolidated School District for a bid proposal for a Roof Top HVAC unit in the amount of \$28,500. *Note: Professional Services being paid with ARP ESSER III Grant Funds*

9. Join New Jersey Educational Services Commission

To approve joining the NJESC purchasing coop at no cost to the District based on the following terms:

**RESOLUTION FOR MEMBER PARTICIPATION
IN A COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE (White Township School)
TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5) authorizes contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements for its administration; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as the "Lead Agency " has offered voluntary participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of goods and services;

WHEREAS, on (November 27, 2023) the governing body of the (White Township School), County of (Warren), State of New Jersey duly considered participation in a Cooperative Pricing System for the provision and performance of goods and services;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

TITLE

This RESOLUTION shall be known and may be cited as the Cooperative Pricing Resolution of the (White Township School)

AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the provisions of *N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)*, the (Business Administrator) is hereby authorized to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency.

CONTRACTING UNIT

The Lead Agency shall be responsible for complying with the provisions of the *Local Public Contracts Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.)* and all other provisions of the revised statutes of the State of New Jersey.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

10. Approve Oxford Consulting

To approve Oxford Consulting for Physical Therapy services, as needed, at a rate of \$100 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year.

11. Approve Mountain Lakes BOE for Itinerant Services

To approve the Mountain Lakes Board of Education for Itinerant services, as needed, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year.

GOVERNANCE

Mrs. Gardella stated the committee discussed the feasibility study and the potential outcomes, the marquee, the warehouse meetings and possible black out dates for facility use at the school as well as the township meetings about the warehouse and policy alert 231.

Block Motion – Governance

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to approve the following agenda items #1 through #26. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

1. Approve a First Reading of Policy #1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)

To approve a first reading of Policy #1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)

2. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #1642.01 – Sick Leave (New)

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3. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2270 –Religion in Schools (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #2270 – Religion in Schools (Revised)

4. Approve a First Reading of Policy #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New)

To approve a first reading of Policy #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (New)

5. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (M) (New)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams (New)

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

To approve a first reading of Policy #3163 – Examination for Cause (Revised)

7. Approve a First Reading of Policy #3212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #3212 – Attendance (Revised)

8. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #3212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #3212 – Attendance (Revised)

9. Approve a First Reading of Policy #3324 –Right of Privacy (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #3324 – Right of Privacy (Revised)

10. Approve a First Reading of Policy #3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

To approve a first reading of Policy #3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

11. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #3432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

12. Approve a First Reading of Policy #4161 – Examination for Cause (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #4161 – Examination for Cause (Revised)

13. Approve a First Reading of Policy #4212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #4212 – Attendance (Revised)

14. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #4212 – Attendance (M) (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #4212 – Attendance (Revised)

15. Approve a First Reading of Policy #4324 –Right of Privacy (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #4324 – Right of Privacy (Revised)

16. Approve a First Reading of Policy #4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

To approve a first reading of Policy #4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

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17. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #4432 – Sick Leave (Abolished)

18. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Students (M) (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Students (Revised)

19. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Students (M) (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Non Resident Students (Revised)

20. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

21. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #5116 – Education of Homeless Children and Youths (Revised)

22. Approve a First Reading of Policy #5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)

To approve a first reading of Policy #5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (Abolished)

23. Approve a First Reading of Regulation #5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)

To approve a first reading of Regulation #5460.02 – Bridge Year Pilot Program (Abolished)

24. Approve a First Reading of Policy #8500 – Food Services (M) (Revised)

To approve a first reading of Policy #8500 – Food Services (Revised)

25. Approve a First Reading of Policy #8540 – School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished)

To approve a first reading of Policy #8540 – School Nutrition Programs (Abolished)

26. Approve a First Reading of Policy #8550 – Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) (Abolished)

To approve a first reading of Policy #8550 – Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (Abolished)

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BHS BOARD MEMBER – Representative: Mrs. Gardella

Mrs. Gardella provided a BHS update and indicated that things are positive at BHS right now. Mrs. Gardella mentioned there is a new Hope Rep, sports updates are now provided through a new app and the athletics are participating in team building activities.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF HIB INCIDENTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to acknowledge receipt of no HIB investigations deemed to be a HIB incident. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, and Abstentions – 0.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Murray to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Italiano
Business Administrator/Board Secretary