

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 15, 2022**  
**7:00 p.m**

**3A. Call to Order**

Vice President Calulo called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**B. Open Public Meeting Notice**

*In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey" adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster was provided in the following manner: On June 2, 2022, adequate written notice of this meeting was posted at the bulletin board in the Township Clerk's Office at the Bedminster Township Municipal Building and the Main Office of the Bedminster Township School, mailed to The Courier News, The Bernardsville News, and to all subscribers, and filed with the Township Clerk.*

Eulalia Gillis read the open public meeting notice.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Eulalia Gillis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Roll Call**

|        |             |     |              |        |               |
|--------|-------------|-----|--------------|--------|---------------|
|        | Roll Call   | Yes | Mr. Calulo   | Yes    | Mr. Reaves    |
|        |             | Yes | Ms. Creelman | Yes    | Mr. Wickizer  |
| Absent | Ms. Biedron | Yes | Ms. Nathans  | Absent | Ms. Stevinson |

**E. Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bedminster Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) 1 below which falls within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule:

- a. Individual privacy
- b. Collective bargaining agreements
- c. Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- d. Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- e. Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- f. Pending or anticipated litigation
- g. Attorney-client privilege
- h. Personnel - employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

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**F. Testing Presentation 2.0**  
**Superintendent's Report**

- Enrollment 448 & BHS 249
- Concerts: Mr. Lefurge and Mr. Copeland
- SEPAG meeting - Dec 15th
- Social Emotional Wellbeing district goal: 11/22 grades 5-8 discussion treating others with respect after letter sent to parents

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- Toward Silver cert with Sustainable Jersey: did energy audit, following local energy audit and energy star portfolio tracking costs/usage to see trends
- Student achievement district goal: Elementary School students exploring tools that support ESL-iReady program
- Biodiversity detention basin sustainability project Heather Gracie tagging invasive species with Green Team students and was open to community/parents
- BoE meeting January 19th, Re-org January 3rd
- Acknowledge BoE members: Stevinson, Gomez & Segal
- Happy Holidays and New Year

**Board Member Recognition**

**G. Public Questions/Comments**

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- None

**H. Approval of Minutes**

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- November 17, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
- November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve **Items H.** moved by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Ms. Nathans

|        |             |     |              |        |               |
|--------|-------------|-----|--------------|--------|---------------|
|        | Roll Call   | Yes | Mr. Calulo   | Yes    | Mr. Reaves    |
|        |             | Yes | Ms. Creelman | Yes    | Mr. Wickizer  |
| Absent | Ms. Biedron | Yes | Ms. Nathans  | Absent | Ms. Stevinson |

**I. Task Groups**

- Negotiations Committee – Jeff Reaves
  - Met with the BEA on 12/14/22; going through language it is a very ambitious goal, next meeting to be in early January
- Somerset Hills School District – Sarah Nathans
  - Meeting on 12/14/22; Choir and Band Orchestra concerts; Fall Drama - was held last month; auditions for Spring Drama; Before/After School help is getting hard to get; NJGPA - graduation assessments; Superintendent spreadsheet - curriculum based budgeting; Interim Superintendent Lydia Furnari through 6/30/2023; 2023/24 calendar was discussed.
- Technology Committee - Stephen Calulo
  - No meeting - update on 2 factor authorization 90% complete per K. Pickett

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- Security/Safety Ad Hoc - Suzie Stevinson
  - No update
- Child Care - Gabriel Wickizer
  - No report

**Delegate/Representative Appointments**

- New Jersey School Boards Association - Christy Biedron
  - No report
- PTO – Suzie Stevinson
  - No report

**J. BUSINESS**

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

**2023 Contract – Special Education Attorney of Record**

- J.1 Nathanya G. Simon of the law firm Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC 1100 Valley Brook Avenue, Lyndhurst, New Jersey as the special education attorney of record from January 1, 2023 through the January 2024 reorganization meeting at an hourly rate of \$175 for special education legal matters. Work performed by Associates shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$165. Work performed by paralegals and law clerks shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$100, as per their Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement dated November 22, 2022.

**2023 Contract – Lead Attorney of Record**

- J.2 Nicholas Celso III, Esq. of the Busch Law Group, LLC, 450 Main Street, Metuchen, New Jersey, as attorney of record from January 1, 2023 through the January 2024 reorganization meeting at an hourly rate of \$172 for general legal services, special education and construction matters. Work performed by paralegals and law clerks shall be billed at the hourly rate of \$100, as per their Legal Counsel Retainer Agreement dated November 11, 2022.

- J.3 **A RESOLUTION BINDING THE BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC GENERATION SERVICES  
THROUGH THE ALLIANCE FOR COMPETITIVE ENERGY SERVICES (“ACES”) Bid  
Cooperative Pricing System ID#E8801-ACESCPS**

**WHEREAS**, the Alliance For Competitive Energy Services (hereinafter referred to as “ACES”), an alliance composed of the New Jersey School Boards Association (hereinafter referred to as “NJSBA”), the New Jersey Association of School Administrators, and the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials, will from time to time during the Effective Period as defined below solicit bids from electric power suppliers for electric generation services through an energy aggregation program in which NJSBA will act as Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS in accordance with the “Public School Contracts Law”, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 *et seq.*, and the Electric Discount and Energy Competition Act, N.J.S.A. 48:3-49 *et seq.* (“EDECA”) and the regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bedminster Board of Education is a Participating member of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System and is eligible thereby to obtain electric generation services for its own use through one or more contracts to be awarded to electric power suppliers following said bids for electric generation services pursuant to the aggregation

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program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will from time to time during the Effective Period December 15, 2022 through May 31, 2028 hereinafter referred to as "Effective Period") issue one or more Requests for Bids for electric generation services on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law and EDECA; and

**WHEREAS**, due to significant volatility and the potential for price increases in the wholesale electric market, Participating Members will preauthorize the Lead Agency to award contracts for Electric Generation Service in each service territory to one or more electric power suppliers that submit bids which are reasonably forecasted to provide estimated savings to the Participating Member based upon its previous electric usage and utility provided Basic Generation Service rates; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will only award contracts for said electric generation services to electric power suppliers that submit bids with pricing reasonably estimated to be lower than the utility-provided basic generation service; and

**WHEREAS**, the District agrees to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period through any electric power supplier(s) awarded a contract, it being understood that the term of any one contract shall be subject to the provisions of Public School Contracts Law;

**WHEREAS**, the Lead Agency will notify the Department of Community Affairs' Division of Local Government Services by mail prior to the issuance a Request for Bids for electric generation services, with the understanding that if the Division of Local Government Services does not respond within 10 business days, it will be deemed to have approved the issuance of the Request for Bids or the Request for Rebids.

**NOW**, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the District binds itself to the ACES Cooperative Pricing System ##E8801-ACESCPS to purchase all electric power needed for its own use (exclusive of on-site electric generation sources) during the Effective Period from the electric power supplier or suppliers awarded a contract for electric generation services by the Lead Agency; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Lead Agency of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System is hereby authorized to execute a master performance agreement that obligates the district to purchase electricity at the terms and conditions stated therein with a third-party supplier or suppliers who have been awarded the contract or contracts by the Lead Agency on behalf of the participating members of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System #E8801-ACESCPS (or any CPS number to be assigned in the future), and provided further that all such contracts shall be at prices reasonably forecast and estimated by the Lead Agency to provide savings to the Districts relative to the price charged for basic generation service by the electric public utility that would otherwise provide such service; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that ACES is authorized to continue to bid to obtain electric generation services at any time during the Effective Period on behalf of the ACES Cooperative Pricing System including, for example, a rebid if energy market conditions do not initially lead to a successful bid, on additional dates to be determined by the Lead Agency; and

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**FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage. The authorization provided to the NJSBA pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Laws (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-11(5)), and the Local Public and Public School Contracts Laws Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.1 et seq.) shall be valid until May 31, 2028 (the Effective Period) at which time the Cooperative Pricing System will be subject to renewal. Any rescission or expiration of this resolution shall not affect any Agreements entered into prior to such rescission or expiration.

**Facilities Use Request**

J.4 the following facility requests:

| Organization          | Event                           | Room(s) Requested | Usage date(s) and time(s)  |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 8th Grade Fundraising | 8th Grade Trip meeting          | Room 315          | 12/8/2022 @ 6:00 pm-7:00 pm  |
| Bedminster Recreation | Whiz Kidz Lego Engineering Club | Room 241          | 1/5/2023, 1/12/2023, 1/19/2023, 1/26/2023, 2/2/2023, 2/9/2023, 2/16/2023, 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023 and 3/9/2023 @ 3:35 pm - 5:00 pm |
|                       | Master Artist Cartoons          | Room 241          | 1/18/2023, 1/25/2023, 2/1/2023, 2/8/2023, 2/15/2023 and 2/22/2023 @ 3:35 pm - 4:35pm   |

**Fundraising**

J.5 the Student Council fundraising event(s) for the 2022-2023 school year:

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Candy Cane Gram | December 2022 |
|-----------------|---------------|

**2022-2023 Music and Drama Service Providers**

J.6 the following:

| Provider        | Activity                | Estimated Cost |
|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Edward Redinger | Piano tuning and repair | \$465.00       |

**Donation**

J.7 the donation of 10 Promethean ActivBoards from Prime Interactive Solutions valued at approximately \$30,000.00.

**Student Services Contracts**

J.8 the revised contract for the 2022-2023 school year:

|                 |   |             |                             |
|-----------------|---|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Student #221146 | The Career Center of SCESC - Pathways Academy | \$65,312.20 | Effective November 30, 2022 |
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- J.9 the appointment of Sarah Nathans to the one-year vacant Board position effective January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.\*  
**\*J.9 Tabled**

- J. agenda items J.1 through J.8

Motion to approve **Items J 8.** moved by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Mr. Calulo

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|--------|-------------|-----|--------------|--------|---------------|
|        | Roll Call   | Yes | Mr. Calulo   | Yes    | Mr. Reaves    |
|        |             | Yes | Ms. Creelman | Yes    | Mr. Wickizer  |
| Absent | Ms. Biedron | Yes | Ms. Nathans  | Absent | Ms. Stevinson |

**K. FINANCE**

Finance & Facilities Committee Report - Stephen Calulo

- Met 12/13/22 - Trane; shared services discussions

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

**2022-2023 Financial Reports**

- K.1 the Report of the Secretary for November 2022 submitted for Board review. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-16.10(c)(3), the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that no line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations this fiscal year.

the recommendation that the Secretary's Report for November 2022 be accepted and filed, and the Board of Education hereby certifies that no major account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(4) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for November 2022 be accepted and filed.

**2022-2023 Invoices-General Agency Account**

- K.2 invoices presented for payment totaling \$1,622,703.12 from the General Agency Account from November 17, 2022 through December 14, 2022.

| Fund                  | Amount         |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| (10) General Fund     | \$1,583,302.38 |
| (12) Capital Outlay   | \$0            |
| (20) Special Revenue  | \$41,400.74    |
| (30) Capital Projects | \$0            |
| (40) Debt Services    | \$0            |

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$1,622,703.12</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|

**2022-2023 Invoices-Student Activities Account**

- K.3 invoices presented for payment totaling \$515.60 from the Student Activities Account from November 13, 2022 through December 10, 2022.

**2022-2023 Invoices-Food Service Account**

- K.4 invoices presented for payment totaling \$14,940.77 from the Food Service Account from November 13, 2022 through December 10, 2022.

**2022-2023 Transfers**

- K.5 transfers for the 2022-2023 school year totaling \$0.00 from November 13, 2022 through December 10, 2022 as per the monthly transfer report.

**Acceptance of FY2022 Audit and Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)**

- K.6 the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Bedminster Township School Board of Education engaged the firm Nisivoccia, LLP to conduct a yearly audit of the District's financial reports; and

**WHEREAS**, the firm audited these records for the 2021-2022 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, the auditor has submitted a full report of the audit to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, no recommendations were reported;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster, does hereby accept and place on file the 2021-2022 Annual Audit Report of the records and report of examination of the financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2022, as submitted by the firm Nisivoccia and Company, LLP.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Secretary be directed to file the necessary reports with the State Department of Education and that a copy of the summary audit be appended to and become part of these minutes.

**NJSDA Grant**

- K.7 FY23 allocation of \$10,990.00 in NJSDA grant funds for Emergent, and Capital Maintenance needs. This funding is available to SDA Districts and Regular Operating Districts to address emergent and capital maintenance projects.

- K. agenda items K.1 through K.7

Motion to approve **Items K.** moved by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Ms. Nathans

|        |             |     |              |        |               |
|--------|-------------|-----|--------------|--------|---------------|
|        | Roll Call   | Yes | Mr. Calulo   | Yes    | Mr. Reaves    |
|        |             | Yes | Ms. Creelman | Yes    | Mr. Wickizer  |
| Absent | Ms. Biedron | Yes | Ms. Nathans  | Absent | Ms. Stevinson |

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**L. PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS**

Programs & Personnel Committee Report– Christy Biedron

- Discussed L. items and shared services

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

**HIB Report**

L.1 the following resolution:

**RESOLVED**, that the Bedminster BOE accept the determination and consequences recommended by the Superintendent for Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying case #2022-3.

**Home Instruction**

L.2 the following staff members to provide home instruction and/or related services for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$42.00 per hour as per the negotiated contract between the Bedminster BoE and the Bedminster BEA in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Rebecca Befumo | Andrea Legiadre |
|----------------|-----------------|

L.3 the extension of Silvergate Prep to provide instruction for student #279598 through November 23, 2022, at the rate of \$36.66 per hour for 10 hours per week.

**Workshops**

L.4 the following staff for the workshop listed:

| Name             | Date      | Title  | Cost                     |
|------------------|-----------|--|--------------------------|
| Meghan Gottshalk | 12/1/2022 | Site visit: Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury, NJ                              | \$0                      |
| Ryan McCoy       | 12/1/2022 | Site visit: Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury, NJ                              | \$17.86 mileage          |
| Kyle Johnson     | 12/1/2022 | Site visit: Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury, NJ                              | \$0                      |
| Elizabeth Omega  | 12/1/2022 | Site visit: Eisenhower Middle School, Roxbury, NJ                              | \$15.13 mileage          |
| Ryan McCoy       | 3/2/2023  | Increasing Student Learning and Engagement in Your US History Classes; virtual | \$279.00<br>Registration |

**2022-2023 Stipends**

L.5 the following stipends being offered for the 2022-2023 school year are part of the negotiated contract between the Bedminster BoE and the Bedminster BEA in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

| BEDMINSTER SCHOOL 2022-2023 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES |                      |                |
|---|----------------------|----------------|
| Activity Title  | Name of Staff Member | Stipend Amount |
| Chess Club - Beginners                                  | Moreira              | \$802.00       |
| Board Newsletter Editor                                 | Mancini              | \$1,257.00     |



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L.6 rescind the following:

| Activity Title | Name of Staff Member | Stipend Amount                   |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Robotics Club  | Puglia               | 66 hours split -\$53.88 per hour |
| Robotics Club  | Biletski             | 66 hours split -\$53.88 per hour |

L.7 the following:

| Activity Title | Name of Staff Member | Stipend Amount                     |
|----------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Robotics Club  | Puglia               | Up to 33 hours at \$53.88 per hour |
| Robotics Club  | Biletski             | Up to 33 hours at \$53.88 per hour |

**School Nursing Department**

L.8 Debbie Nazzaro to join the Somerset County School Nurses' Association for the 2022-2023 school at the cost of \$55.00.

**Biodiversity Project**

L.9 the detention basin biodiversity project with the Green Team members, staff, and community volunteers including Heather Gracie-Perry on December 8 and December 12, 2022.

**Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

L10 Eulalia Gillis as Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, at the rate of \$650.00 per diem effective on or about January 15, 2023 through on or about June 30, 2023.

L.11 go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm at the scheduled meeting of the Board on January 19, 2023.

L. agenda item L.1 through L.11

Motion to approve **Items L.** moved by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

|        |             |     |              |        |               |
|--------|-------------|-----|--------------|--------|---------------|
|        | Roll Call   | Yes | Mr. Calulo   | Yes    | Mr. Reaves    |
|        |             | Yes | Ms. Creelman | Yes    | Mr. Wickizer  |
| Absent | Ms. Biedron | Yes | Ms. Nathans  | Absent | Ms. Stevinson |

Ms. Stevinson arrived at 8:20 pm

**M. Public Questions/Comments**

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- Mrs. Holzberger - Candy Gram Fundraiser for a 7-8 Dance and 5-6 Game Night
- Mr. Colin - January 4th Reorganization Township meeting

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- Mr. Calulo - thank you Ms. Giordano for email regarding inappropriate use of language

Motion to reopen J.9 moved by Ms. Stevinson, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

Vote on J.9

|        |             |         |              |     |               |
|--------|-------------|---------|--------------|-----|---------------|
|        | Roll Call   | Yes     | Mr. Calulo   | Yes | Mr. Reaves    |
|        |             | Yes     | Ms. Creelman | Yes | Mr. Wickizer  |
| Absent | Ms. Biedron | Abstain | Ms. Nathans  | Yes | Ms. Stevinson |

**N. Adjournment**


Motion to adjourn the Public Session at 8:28 p.m. moved by Mr. Wickizer, seconded by Ms. Stevinson  
Carried as follows: Yes: (6); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

**NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:**

**January 3, 2023  
OPEN PUBLIC RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 6:00 PM  
Immediately followed by  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

**January 19, 2023  
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM  
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Eulalia Gillis  
Board Secretary