

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2020
7:30 p.m**

A. Call to Order

President Stevinson called the meeting to order at 7:34 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 May 7, 2020, 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. Tonight's meeting will be held remotely, with a call in option, and will offer the opportunity for public comment. Please see the District's website home page for information on how the public may participate.

Ernie Turner read the open public meeting notice.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Ernie Turner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Roll Call

Yes	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Mr. Reaves
Yes	Mr. Haggerty	Yes	Ms. Marto	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

E. Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.

- Legal, Personnel

Open Public Meeting @ 7:34 p.m.

F. Superintendent's Report

- Welcome back to teaching staff, students and parents
 - Grade 5-8 September 24th Back to School Night
 - Grade K-4 September 21st Back to School Night
 - Preschool September 29th start in person
- Welcome Dr. Garcia Albea - Behaviorist
- K-4 School Counselor - Mrs. Infante
- 5-8 School Counselor - Ms. Deckhut
- CPI Training - Mrs. Cannizzaro
- Sunday, Heggerty Training - Mrs. Alfieri
- ESL services started
- Reading assessments - Mrs. Ragoza and Mrs. Alfieri
- Roof leaks are being addressed - main concern moving forward
- 2:10-2:35 office hours for students with their teachers
- Bat houses - Cub Scout Troop 1749
- Parent survey 9/18
- Superintendent Giordano visited Ewing School District - 5 school building \$68M referendum to be completed by Summer 2023
- Upgrades to existing systems
- Retirement Mrs. Donna Perry - PreK teacher

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- o We will miss her, uses creativity to teach, accommodates all in her classroom, loving gentle teacher who only wants to help her students, makes classrooms a magical place, 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year

Business Administrator’s Report

G. Public Questions/Comments

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- Ms. Kolodziejski (BEA Co-President - with a NJEA representative) - walk through with NJEA representative before school

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:

- August 20, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve **Items H.** moved by Mr. Wolkow, seconded by Ms. Stevinson
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (8); No: (0); Abstain: (1)

Yes	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Mr. Reaves
Yes	Mr. Haggerty	Yes	Ms. Marto	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes to Executive, Abstain from Regular	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

I. Task Groups

- Negotiations Committee – Jeff Reaves
 - o No report
- Somerset Hills School District – Sarah Nathans
 - o High school has lots of issues, scheduled to return on Monday, 9/21, attached by ransomware, next BoE meeting 9/30
- Wellness Committee - Sonia Marto
 - o No report
- Technology Committee - Thomas Casey
 - o No report
- Security/Safety Ad Hoc - Giovanna Lamiera
 - o No report
- Child Care - Jennifer Johansson
 - o No meetings

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Delegate/Representative Appointments

- New Jersey School Boards Association - Brian Haggerty/Tom Casey
 - Next meeting 9/30
- Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance
 - Budget constraints
- PTO – Suzie Stevinson
 - No report
 - Please join the PTO

J. Business

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

Policies

J.1 the second reading of the following policy:

Number	Description	Action
P 1648.02	Remote Learning Options for Families	N

Contracts

J.2 a contract with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC) to provide Public School Services effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

J. agenda items J.1 through J.2

Motion to approve **Items J.** moved by Mr. Haggerty, seconded by Ms. Johansson
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (9); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

Yes	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Mr. Reaves
Yes	Mr. Haggerty	Yes	Ms. Marto	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

K. FINANCE

Finance & Facilities Committee Report - Howard Wolkow

- Met on Tuesday, 9/15
 - Roofer coming to view and inspect the roof, proposed solution for roof leaks and 5 year roof plan
 - Air quality - looking to purchase air filtration stand alone units
 - Ravine - getting quotes to clear
 - Health care - new law, chapter 44, open enrollment, October-November 2020
 - Architect - negative pressure room
 - Reminder about the High School tuition
- Mr. Reaves
 - medical option - we are still waiting for premium

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- o Parking lot - \$40k less than what we expected, would like to commend the Township for assisting with the parking lot project

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

2020-2021 Financial Reports

- K.1 the Report of the Secretary for July 2020 submitted for Board review. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-16.10(c)(3), I, Eulalia Gillis, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certify 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 July 2020 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 2020-2021 fiscal year.

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for July 2020 be accepted and filed.

2020-2021 Invoices-General Agency Account

- K.2 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$968,359.56 from the General Agency Account from August 21, 2020 through September 17, 2020.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$827,343.13
(12) Capital Outlay	\$118,573.28
(20) Special Revenue	\$22,443.15
(30) Capital Projects	\$0
(40) Debt Services	\$0
Total	\$968,359.56

2020-2021 Invoices-Student Activities Account

- K.4 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$0.00 from the Student Activities Account from August 15, 2020 through September 11, 2020.

2020-2021 Invoices-Food Service Account

- K.5 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$1,224.00 from the Food Service Account from August 15, 2020 through September 11, 2020.

2020-2021 Transfers

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- K.6 transfers for the 2020-2021 school year totaling \$25,000.00 from August 15, 2020 through September 11, 2020 as per the monthly transfer report.
- K. Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve agenda items K.1 through K.6

Motion to approve **Items K.** moved by Mr. Wolkow, seconded by Ms. Johansson
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (9); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

Yes	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Mr. Reaves
Yes	Mr. Haggerty	Yes	Ms. Marto	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

L. PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

Programs & Personnel Committee Report-- Jennifer Johansson

- Eduscape training for teachers, have had a smooth school opening, teachers are doing a great job, not easy to teach virtually
- Continuing search for Middle School Principal, interviews will be starting once we review all resumes, interviews will be in person

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

Resignation

- L.1 the resignation of Kristin Nardiello, part time School Social Worker effective August 31, 2020.

Revisions/Salary Adjustments

- L.2 Ashley Isello from BA Step 7 (\$61,315.00) to BA+15 Step 7 (\$65,045.00) effective September 1, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Township Board of Education and the BEA contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.
- L.3 Meredith Valentine from MA Step 16 (\$80,135.00) to MA+30 Step 7 (\$81,855.00) effective September 1, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Township Board of Education and the BEA contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Comment: L.3 was **TABLED**

- L.4 Erin McCoy from BA+15 Step 5 (\$64,240.00) to MA Step 5 (\$66,225.00) effective September 1, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Township Board of Education and the BEA contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Course Approval

- L.5 tuition reimbursement for the following staff per the terms and conditions of the B&G contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023:

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Name	Course	Credits	School	Term	Estimated Amount
Stephen Lemoine	Management Supervision and Human Resources	0	CEFM Courses	Fall 2020	\$853.00
	Information Systems	0	CEFM Courses	Fall 2020	\$483.00
	Structural and Mechanical Systems	0	CEFM Courses	Fall 2020	\$483.00

Special Education Programming

- L.6 Alternatives, Inc./Bridges to Employment (BTE) to provide transition services for students (#3436614706, #9263804093 and #3259886186) at a total cost of \$51,240.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Substitutes 2020-2021 School Year

- L.7 the following as substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year, per the substitute salary guide:
Anvita Negi, Arlene Vitale, Claudia Gerald, Brittany Harmon,
Ghazala Abbas, Tracy Grant, Rachel Edelman
- L.8 the following substitute nurse for the 2020-2021 school year, at the rate of \$250.00 per diem full day, \$125.00 per diem ½ day:

Robin Waters

Maternity Leave

- L.9 a maternity leave of absence for Jaclyn McFarland, 2nd Grade Teacher, under the Family and Medical Leave Act to begin on or before December 14, 2020 through on or about June 30, 2021.

Retirement

- L.10 the retirement resignation of Donna Perry, Special Education Teacher, effective December 31, 2020 and thank you for her dedicated service to the students of Bedminster Township School.
- L.11 go into Executive Session at 6:30pm at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on October 15, 2020.

- L. Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve agenda item L.1 through L.11

Motion to approve **Items L.** moved by Ms. Johansson, seconded by Mr. Reaves
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (9); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

Yes	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Mr. Reaves
Yes	Mr. Haggerty	Yes	Ms. Marto	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

M. Public Questions/Comments

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- Ms. Mitchell (Middle School teacher)- regarding NJEHP
- Ms. Mancini (5th grade ELA teacher and Bedminster resident) - looking forward to a wonderful school year

N. Adjournment

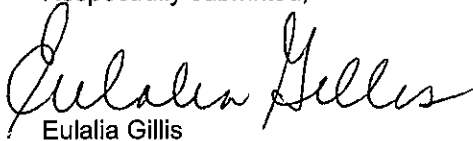
Motion to adjourn the Public Session at 8:25 p.m. moved by Mr. Haggerty, seconded by Ms. Marto

Carried as follows: Yes: (9); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

**October 15, 2020
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Eulalia Gillis
Board Secretary

