

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2020
7:30 p.m**

A. Call to Order

President Stevinson called the meeting to order at 7:50 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.

Mr. Turner read the open public meeting notice.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. 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	Absent	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

E. Executive Session – 5:45 p.m.

- School Reopening, Legal, Personnel

Open Public Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

F. Superintendent's Report

- BHS valedictorian & Salut. Gordon W & Lauren S
- Calendar - start date change to 9/10 for 2 additional PD days, Election Day will be a virtual learning day
- Thanks Bedminster Police Department keep everyone safe through trying times;
- Thanks John Mantz for his communication and work - parking lot;
- Thanks custodial department disinfecting & adhering to NJDoE guidelines in Restart & Recovery plan;
- Thanks BTS Reopening Committee;
- Thanks Dr. Reddy at the SCDoH, Mayor Jacobs and Township Committee member Mr. Hickey for supporting BTS during the pandemic;
- Thanks Mrs. Rey - Rec Dept. Bedminster Summer Camp a successful, in-person experience for students;
- Mrs. Donna LaMarca - a wonderful retirement;
- Students opting for full virtual - 30%
- Presentation of NJDoE approved BTS Restart & Recovery Plan Appendices
- Governor Murphy issued Executive Order #175 - allowing remote instruction to students
- Gr 3-8 Chromebooks and select supplies needed after October are on backorder

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Business Administrator's Report

- Audit - started
- Alyssa's Law application submitted
- Parking lot update
- Trane contract
- Chromebook order 227
- F&F met 8/18/2020

G. Public Questions/Comments

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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:

- July 16, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve **Items H.** moved by Mr. Haggerty, seconded by Ms. Johansson
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (6); No: (0); Abstain: (1)

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

I. Task Groups

- Negotiations Committee – Jeff Reaves
 - No report
- Somerset Hills School District – Sarah Nathans
 - Superintendent Dempsey went over their hybrid model
- Wellness Committee - Sonia Marto
 - No report
- Technology Committee - Thomas Casey
 - No report
- Security/Safety Ad Hoc - Giovanna Lamiera
 - No report
- Child Care - Jennifer Johansson
 - No report
 - Superintendent Giordano - there is availability at YMCA, even extended to teaching staff

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Delegate/Representative Appointments

- New Jersey School Boards Association - Brian Haggerty/Tom Casey
 - No report
- Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance
 - No report
- PTO – Suzie Stevinson
 - No report

J. Business

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

Policies

J.1 the first reading of the following policy:

Number	Description	Action
P 1648.02	Remote Learning Options for Families	N

J.2 the second reading of the following policy:

Number	Description	Action
P 1648	Restart and Recovery Plan	N
P 1649	Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (FFCRA)	N
P 2270	Religion in Schools	R
P 2622	Student Assessment	R
P 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	R
P 5200	Attendance	R
P 5320	Immunization	R
P 5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote	R
P 5610	Suspension	R
P 5620	Expulsion	R
P 8320	Personnel Records	R

Regulations

J.3 the second reading of the following regulations:

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Number	Description	Action
R 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students	R
R 5200	Attendance	R
R 5320	Immunization	R
R 5330.04	Administering an Opioid Antidote	R
R 5610	Suspension Procedures	R
P 8320	Personnel Records	R

Student Contracts

- J.4 the out of district contract for student #291214 to attend Matheny Medical and Educational Center effective July 6, 2020 through June 30, 2021 at the total cost of \$180,400.00.

Settlement

- J.5 the settlement of N.B. v. Bedminster matter to be funded solely by Bedminster's insurance carrier and other equitable relief as requested.

Transportation-Student Activities

- J.6 to rescind the transportation for student activities for the Fall of the 2020-2021 school year.

2020-2021 Calendar

- J.7 the updated 2020-2021 calendar.

Thank You

- J.8 the donation of a rain barrel to the school garden from Mr. Robb Dunn.
- J.9 the picture of the new Bedminster School from the son, Jeff Faridy, of the architect, Jim Faridy from 1994 for school history

Contracts

- J.10 a contract with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC) to provide Paraprofessional services effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- J.11 the renewal maintenance service contract with Trane in the amount of \$9,600.00 for the 2020-2021 school year.
- J. agenda items J.1 through J.11

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

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

K. FINANCE

Finance & Facilities Committee Report - Howard Wolkow

- 8/18 - bills list, Chromebooks, energy audit, audit, Alyssa's Law, parking lot 8/26, blackout shades, tents, HVAC, Election day, Trane renewal

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 June 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 June 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 June 2020 and be accepted and filed.

2020-2021 Invoices-General Agency Account

K.2 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$644,221.12 from the General Agency Account from July 17, 2020 through August 20, 2020.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$601,390.12
(12) Capital Outlay	\$29,245.00
(20) Special Revenue	\$13,586.00
(30) Capital Projects	\$0
(40) Debt Services	\$0
Total	\$644,221.12

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K.3 revised invoices presented for payment totaling \$258,945.00 from the General Agency Account from July 1, 2020 through July 16, 2020.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$258,945.00
(12) Capital Outlay	\$0
(20) Special Revenue	\$0
(30) Capital Projects	\$0
(40) Debt Services	\$0
Total	\$258,945.00

2020-2021 Invoices-Student Activities Account

K.4 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$0.00 from the Student Activities Account from July 11, 2020 through August 14, 2020.

2020-2021 Invoices-Food Service Account

K.5 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$1,193.10 from the Food Service Account from July 11, 2020 through August 14, 2020.

2020-2021 Transfers

K.6 transfers for the 2020-2021 school year totaling \$0.00 from July 11, 2020 through August 14, 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 Ms. Johansson, seconded by Mr. Reaves
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (8); 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	Absent	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

L. PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

Programs & Personnel Committee Report– Jennifer Johansson

- Meeting most of time reporting areas, Eduscape, advert, Middle School Principal, hiring Mrs. Dodge

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Retirement

- L.1 the retirement resignation of Donna LaMarca, Special Education Teacher, effective October 1, 2020 and thank you for her dedicated service to the students of Bedminster Township School.

Enrichment/Gifted and Talented

- L.2 the changes to entrance/exit requirements for the Enrichment/Gifted and Talented ELA programming.

Special Education Programming

- L.3 Alternatives, Inc./Bridges to Employment (BTE) to provide transition services for students (#3436614706, #9263804093 and #3259886186) at a total cost of \$2,500.00 for ESY 2020.

Curriculum

- L.4 the revised curriculum: French

Course Approval

- L.5 tuition reimbursement for the following staff per the terms and conditions of the employment contract in effect from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025:

Name	Course	Credits	School	Term	Estimated Amount
Jennifer Giordano	Assessment and Evaluation	3	New Jersey City University	Fall 2020	\$3,470.00
	Advanced Administration & Supervision of Technology in Educational Settings	3	New Jersey City University	Fall 2020	\$3,470.00

- L.6 tuition reimbursement for the following staff per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Education Association contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023:

Name	Course	Credits	School	Term	Estimated Amount
Ashley Isello	Teaching as Inquiry & Advocacy	3	Drew University	Fall 2020	\$2,400.00
	Positive Behavior Supports	3	Drew University	Fall 2020	\$2,400.00

Workshops

- L.7 the following staff for the workshop listed:

NAME	DATE	TITLE	COST
Stephen Lemoine	8/4/2020 - 8/5/2020	Energy Management - online	\$202.00

New Hires/Substitutes

- L.8 the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2020-2021 school year, per the substitute salary guide and pursuant to a successful clearance of P.L. 2018, c.5.

Tierney Dodge, Carol Marano

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- L.9 Tierney Dodge as a Special Education teacher at the annual salary of \$63,425.00 (Step 1 MA prorated) effective on September 29, 2020 through June 22, 2021 per the provisions of the Bedminster Education Association contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023 and pursuant to a successful clearance of P.L. 2018, c.5.

Professional Development

- L.10 the following for the 2020-2021 School Year:

Vendor	Total	Comment
Eduscape	Approximately \$18,365.00	Remote Teaching and Leading

Salary Adjustment

- L.11 a salary adjustment for Stephen Lemoine effective August 21, 2020 at the rate of \$48,500.00 for the 2020/2021 School Year per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Township Board of Education and the B&G contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.
- L.12 go into Executive Session at 6:30pm at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on September 17, 2020.
- L. Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve agenda item L.1 through L.12

Motion to approve **Items L.** moved by Mr. Wolkow, seconded by Ms. Johansson
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (8); 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	Absent	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

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- Howard Wolkow - asked about adding a meeting before the 9/17/2020 BoE meeting, to 9/2/2020 Wednesday at 6:30pm

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Public Session at 11:37 p.m. moved by Ms. Johansson, seconded by Ms. Stevinson
Carried as follows: Yes: (8); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

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NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

September 17, 2020

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Eulalia Gillis

Board Secretary

