

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2021
7:45 p.m**

A. Call to Order

President Stevinson called the meeting to order at 7:45 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 10, 2021, 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

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

E. Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.

- Residency Hearing, Legal, Personnel, HIB #145

Open Public Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

F. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment BTS 480, HS 236, thank you EoY committee and Mrs. Zugale - family-school partnership series
- Wellness and Green Team updates; December meeting - assessment presentation
- Welcome new staff: Mr. Spauz, Dr. Cooper; resignation will affect Math department & potentially special ed
- Good luck - Ms. Fitzsimmons; Congratulations: Mr. Jacobs, Ms. Mareski - Bedminster Twp, Mr. Reaves, Ms. Biedron, Mr. Wickizer - BTS Board of Education

Business Administrator's Report

- ASSA, DRTRS, Audit and ESSER III (K-6)

G. Public Questions/Comments

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- None

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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:

- October 21, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve **Items H.** moved by Ms. Johansson, seconded by Mr. Calulo

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

I. Task Groups

- Negotiations Committee – Suzie Stevinson
 - No report
- Somerset Hills School District – Sarah Nathans
 - Meeting 11/17
- Wellness Committee - Sonia Marto
 - Color days
- Technology Committee - Thomas Casey
 - No report
- Security/Safety Ad Hoc - Giovanna Lamiera
 - Meeting 11/23
- Child Care - Jennifer Johansson
 - No report

Delegate/Representative Appointments

- New Jersey School Boards Association - Tom Casey
 - No report
- Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance
 - No report
- PTO – Giovanna Lamiera and Suzie Stevinson
 - Book Fair announced, \$5,000 for teachers to spend, Spring Fling April 1, 2022

J. BUSINESS

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

Policy

J.1 the first reading of the following policy:

Number	Description	Action
P 1648.14	Safety Plan For Healthcare Settings In School Buildings - COVID-19	N
P 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	N

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P 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students	R
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* A - Abolished; N - New; R - Revised

Regulations

J.2 the **first reading** of the following regulations:

Number	Description	Action
R 5751	Sexual Harassment of Students	R

* A - Abolished; N - New; R - Revised

2022 Board of Education Meeting Dates

J.3 the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of New Jersey (1975) known and hereinafter designated as the “Open Public Meetings Act” requires notification of meetings of public bodies, as therein defined, in the manner therein set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that for the purpose of compliance with the “Open Public Meetings Act”, the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster hereby makes the following designations:

1. The Bernardsville News and The Courier News are hereby designated as the two (2) newspapers to receive notice of meetings as required by any and all sections of the “Open Public Meetings Act”, it appearing that those newspapers are most likely to inform the local public of such meetings, and meet the requirements of NJSA 35:1-2.2.
2. The location for posting of notice of meetings shall be the bulletin board in the Township Clerk’s office located in the Township Municipal Building, One Miller Lane, Bedminster, New Jersey, and the Main Office of the Bedminster Township School, 234 Somerville Rd. Bedminster, New Jersey.
3. Announcements will be mailed to any person requesting individual notice of meetings as provided in Section 14 of the “Open Public Meetings Act”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster, in the County of Somerset, New Jersey, will meet to discuss or act upon public business at 7:30 P.M., with a closed session commencing at 6:30 P.M., unless otherwise noted, on each of the dates set forth below, at the Bedminster Township School, 234 Somerville Rd. Bedminster, New Jersey with the exception of the open public 2022 **Reorganization** meeting which will be held at Bedminster Township School at 6:00 P.M. immediately followed by a regular business meeting. Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of every month unless noted by the asterisk (*).

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Month	Date
January	*January 4, 2022 - Reorganization - Bedminster Township School at 6:00 p.m. immediately followed by a regular business meeting. Action will be taken.
January	January 20, 2022
February	February 17, 2022
March	*March 22, 2022 (Budget Adoption)
April	*April 28, 2022 (Budget/Public Hearing)
May	May 19, 2022
June	*June 9, 2022
July	July 28, 2022

Comment: J.3 was **TABLED** - January 4, 2022 Reorganization meeting

NJDOE Non-Public Program

J.4 the following item(s) for revised purchase through the NJDOE Non-Public Programs for the 2021-2022 School Year:

School	Items	Program	Total Cost
Willow	Tablets, charging stations and access points	Technology	\$3,029.31
Willow	AC adapters	Technology	\$388.20

J.5 the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction plan per ch. 27, A-3904.

J.6 **RESOLVED.....**that the Bedminster Board of Education approve Change Order No. 001 with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for the Roof Replacement project at the Bedminster School in the following manner:

Original Contract Amount:	\$1,934,757.98
Allowance included in Contract Amount:	\$100,000.00
Change Order No. 001	(\$16,261.21)
Remaining Balance in the Allowance:	\$83,738.79

Change Order No. 001 – At the request of the Owner, replacement of the roof drains above the Main Office and Boiler Room and replacement of pipe portals at the classroom roof.

J.7 **RESOLVED.....**that the Bedminster Board of Education approve Change Order No. 002 with Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. for the Roof Replacement project at the Bedminster School in the following manner:

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Original Contract Amount:	\$1,934,757.98
Allowance included in Contract Amount:	\$100,000.00
Change Order No. 001	(\$16,261.21)
Change Order No. 002	(\$38,137.27)
Remaining Balance in the Allowance:	\$45,601.52

Change Order No. 002 – At the request of the Owner, repairs to the Chiller Roof.

Tuition Contracts

J.8 the out-of-district contract for student #221146 to attend Future Foundations Academy (FFE) in Piscataway, NJ effective on or about November 15, 2021 through June 30, 2022 at the total cost of \$101,340.00.

2021-2022 District Mentoring Plan & Evaluation System

J.9 the District Mentoring Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Facilities Use Request

J.10 the following facility requests:

Organization	Event	Room(s) Requested	Usage date(s) and time(s)
PTO	Mad Science Assembly	Cafe	9:00am-10:15am on 11/24/21
Cub Scout Pack 1749	Scout meetings	Cafe	6:00pm-8:00pm on Mondays

2021-2022 Nursing Plan

J.11 the Nursing Services Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year.

J.12 the gifted and talented report submission required for New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC).

J. agenda items J.1 through J.12

Motion to approve **Items J.** moved by Ms. Johansson, seconded by Mr. Calulo

Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Absent	Mr. Reaves
Absent	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Marto	Abstain J.10	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

J.13 Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent approve Addendum item J.13.

Whereas, a Notice of Initial Determination of Ineligibility was duly provided to the Family #0001 discussed in closed session this evening; and

Whereas, the said Family #0001 requested a hearing before the Board; and

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Whereas, the request for a hearing was granted and the hearing was conducted this evening, the Family #0001 appearing with and represented by their attorney; and

Whereas, the Board has carefully considered the information and circumstances regarding this matter; Now, therefore, be it hereby resolved, that the Board directs the Superintendent to issue a Notice of Final Ineligibility to the Family #0001 directing removal of the student(s) in question, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:22-4.2.

Motion to approve **Item J.13** moved by Ms. Johansson, seconded by Mr. Wolkow

Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Absent	Mr. Reaves
Absent	Mr. Casey	Abstain	Ms. Marto	Abstain J.10	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

K. FINANCE

Finance & Facilities Committee Report - Howard Wolkow

- Meeting on 11/16/21, discussed roof, fund capital reserve, tuition reserve

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

2021-2022 Financial Reports

K.1 the Report of the Secretary for October 2021 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 October 2021 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 October 2021 be accepted and filed.

2021-2022 Invoices-General Agency Account

K.2 invoices presented for payment totaling \$1,564,572.95 from the General Agency Account from October 22, 2021 through November 18, 2021.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$1,513,687.86
(12) Capital Outlay	\$15,087.84
(20) Special Revenue	\$35,797.25
(30) Capital Projects	\$0

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(40) Debt Services	\$0
Total	\$1,564,572.95

2021-2022 Invoices-Student Activities Account

K.3 invoices presented for payment totaling \$0.00 from the Student Activities Account from October 17, 2021 through November 13, 2021.

2021-2022 Invoices-Food Service Account

K.4 invoices presented for payment totaling \$2,802.58 from the Food Service Account from October 17, 2021 through November 13, 2021.

2021-2022 Transfers

K.5 transfers for the 2021-2022 school year totaling \$25,479.77 from October 17, 2021 through November 13, 2021 as per the monthly transfer report.

American Rescue Plan - ESSER III - Funding

K.6 and accept the following March 11, 2021 through September 30, 2024 grant funding and approve the application for submission to the NJDOE:

ARP ESSER	\$420,985
Accelerated Learning Coach and Educator Support	\$60,613
Evidence Based Summer Learning and Enrichment	\$40,000
Evidence Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day	\$40,000
NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing	\$45,000
Total	\$606,598

K. agenda items K.1 through K.6

Motion to approve **Items K.** moved by Ms. Lameira, seconded by Mr. Calulo

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

L. PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

Programs & Personnel Committee Report-- Jennifer Johansson

- Meeting on 11/16/21, discussed agenda items, welcome new School Psychologist, residency

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Course Approval

L.1 tuition reimbursement for the following staff per the terms and conditions of the employment contract in effect from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024:

Name	Course	Credits	School	Term	Estimated Amount
Jennifer Giordano	Dissertation II	6	NJCU	Spring 2022	\$6,757.00

Course Approval

L.2 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
Valerie Domanski	Diagnosis of Learning Disabilities	3	William Paterson	Spring 2022	\$2,333.00
	Education of Students with Disabilities	3	William Paterson	Spring 2022	\$2,333.00

Curriculum Resources

L.3 the book Melissa, previously approved July 29, 2021 as George.

Curriculum Revisions

L.4 the following staff at \$42.00/hr. for the curriculum per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Education Association contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023:

Name	MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADE LEVELS	Total hours
Dr. James Puglia	STEM and additional Technology	Up to 30
Barbara Alfieri, Carolyn Spero, Lauryn Resotka	ELA Grade 1 Reading and Writing Units	25 hours (split)

Curriculum

L.5 the following curriculum:

Subject Area	Grades	Effective Date:
Technology	Grades 4-8	Fall 2021

Leave of Absence

L.6 a leave of absence for John Philips from January 3, 2022 through March 31, 2022.

Student/Services/Contracts

L.7 Alternatives, Inc./Bridges to Employment (BTE) to provide Employment Readiness Classes for student #341 starting on or about November 1, 2021 though June 16, 2022 in the amount of \$31,530.00.

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L.8 Alternatives, Inc./Bridges to Employment (BTE) to provide SLE services for students #15985 and #307321 at Bernards High School starting on or about January 3, 2022 through June 16, 2022 in the amount of \$7,820.00.

Student Teachers

L.9 the following as student teachers from Fairleigh Dickinson University for 10 days between December 15, 2021 through January 21, 2022:

Katherine Ollis and Olivia Starr

L.10 the following as teachers funded through the ESSER III grant for ELA, Math and Social-emotional wellbeing support:

V. Domanski	N. Mancini	K. Schoch	E. Fitzsimmons
J. Alfone	H. Solimani	K. Deckhut	E. Kastell
P. Leonti	C. Spero	N. Stanek	L. Resotka
J. Carlin	K. Zdybel	K. Baccarini	J. Kolodziejski

2021-2022 Stipends

L.11 the following stipends being offered for the 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES				
Activity Title	Activity Type	Name of Staff Member	Number of Sessions	Individual Stipend Amount
CLUBS & ADVISORS				
Beginners Chess	Club	Moreira		\$720.00
Odyssey of the Mind	Advisor	Stanek		\$1,521.00

Comment: L.11 was **TABLED** - Odyssey of the Mind

Newly Hired Teachers/Substitute(s)

L.12 Klaudia Zdybel as a School Psychologist at the annual salary of \$69,075.00 (MA+30 Step 6) starting on or about January 18, 2022 through on or about June 30, 2022 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.

Workshops

L.13 the following staff for the workshop listed:

Name	Date	Title	Cost
Jennifer Giordano	11/22/21	NJASA - The Power of Legal Information 3-part Series in Trenton, NJ	\$400.00 Registration; \$60.20 Mileage

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Staff Testing

L.14 LabQ Diagnostics to provide weekly Covid 19 testing for staff as per State mandate at no cost to the Board.

Resignation:

L.15 the resignation of Elizabeth Fitzsimmons, Teacher, effective January 17, 2022.

L.16 go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on December 16, 2021.

L. agenda item L.1 through L.16

Motion to approve **Items L.** moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Ms. Lamiera

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

M. Public Questions/Comments

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- Andrew Oliveri - Wanted to thank Ms. Giordano and the Board for the 24 additional uniforms, 12 boys, 12 girls that were purchased.
- Mr. Hickey - Board of Health - Somerset County in NJ most vaccinated county. He anticipates that there will be more vaccine clinics the first or second week of December.

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Public Session at 8:24 p.m. moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Ms. Lamiera
Carried as follows: Yes: (7); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

December 16, 2021

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,


Eulalia Gillis
Board Secretary