

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2020
7:30 p.m**

A. Call to Order

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 November 28, 2019, 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.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Roll Call

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

E. Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.

- Negotiations, HIB, Legal

Open Public Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

Public Questions/Comments

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- Laurie Anderson - inquired concerning clarification on homeschooled students who wish to attend BTS after school activities. Superintendent Giordano referred to policy 9270.
- Giovanna Lamiera - congratulations to Ms. Skiba for being the BTS Governor's Educator of the Year

F. BEA/BoE Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) Approval

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the 4 year negotiated agreement, including salary guides and the Memorandum of Agreement, between the Bedminster Board of Education and the Bedminster Education Association, representing the Teachers, Paraprofessionals and Support Staff for the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

Motion to approve **Item F** moved by Ms. Johansson, seconded by Ms. Stevinson

Motion carried as follows: Yes: (8); No: (0); Abstain: (1)

Yes	Mr. Casey	Abstain	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Mr. Haggerty	Yes	Ms. Marto	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
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- Ms. Stevinson left at 7:40pm.

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G. Robotics Presentation

- Dr. Puglia facilitated student led robotics club presentation to the Board

Superintendent's Report

- Robotics presentation-gr 5-8 students fantastic work this year
- boys basketball game-excellent student support in the stands for the team
- 2020 Governor's Educator of the Year, Ms. Melissa Skiba
- Goodbye Mrs. Dodge, welcome back Mrs. Quarino
- MOA between Education & Law Enforcement Officials updated and submitted
- Finian: 3rd place 17th Annual Spelling Bee
- Mr Philips hosted Geography Bee, winner Collin, 1st runner up Ben
- School closed 2/17
- Sustainability-improvements in classroom recycling, Sustainable Jersey for Schools application and school health index progress completed
- Mrs. Zugale Wegman's community outreach donation
- District Goal-SEL St E's SCCI data analysis mtg 2nd mtg 2/6, CAP staff workshop 1/13, parent mtg 1/14 NJCAP
- District Goal-Math committee mtg 2/6
- SSDS - Student Safety Data System reporting period 1 incidents: 1 fight, 1 damage to property, no incidents leading to removal. Programs 1, SEL SC&CI & 5 HIB trainings: 1 contracted service providers & substitutes, 1 BoE members, 1 teaching staff, support staff, admin, 1 ABS, 1 parents, admin also attended.
- BoE Recognition Month - thank you
- Thank you for supporting Bound Brook drive for families in need due to recent fire

Business Administrator's Report

- Correspondence: market Street Mission, Roger Jinks (mid-year budget review)
- Reminder to complete required financial disclosures
- FY21 Budget
- School Board Recognition Month: Thank you to our wonderful hard working underpaid BoE members who make our school community a better place.

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:

- January 6, 2020 Executive Session Minutes
- January 6, 2020 Re-Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve **Item H.** moved by Ms. Lamiera, seconded by Ms. Marto
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (8); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

Yes	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Absent	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Mr. Haggerty	Yes	Ms. Marto	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
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I. Task Groups

- Negotiations Committee – Jeff Reaves
 - Appreciative to BEA negotiations committee for face to face opportunity to discuss proposed salary guide without either NJEA rep present or BoE lawyers present
- Somerset Hills School District – Sarah Nathans
 - BTS represented on Finance and Curriculum committee; first SHSD BoE meeting next week
- Wellness Committee - Sonia Marto
 - Next meeting 1/31/2020
- Technology Committee - Tom Casey
 - Website under review - discussed 1:1 initiative
- Security/Safety Ad Hoc - Giovanna Lamiera
 - Will meet on an as needed basis
- Child Care - Jennifer Johansson
 - Meeting held on 1/21/2020
 - Next meeting scheduled May 2020
 - No issues pending at this time

Delegate/Representative Appointments

- NJSBA delegate - Brian Haggerty/Tom Casey (alternate)
 - Mr. Haggerty expressed the importance of advocating for local school districts at state level through this role
- Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance - as reported by Ms. Spitaleri
- PTO – Suzy Stevinson (as reported by Ms. Lamiera)
 - Spring FLing tickets to go on sale mid February
 - New leadership election scheduled for May 2020
 - Fall Fest scheduled for 10/24/2020
 - 8th Grade 50/50 raffle a success

BUSINESS

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

Technology

J.1 the annual renewal of Gaggle Safety Management Email Filter for \$1,978.10 for the 2019-2020 school Year.

Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program

J.2 the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2020-2021 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Bedminster Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than (40) Medicaid eligible classified students.

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Somerset an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2020-2021 school year.

School Board Recognition Month

J.3 the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2020 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, the Bedminster Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Bedminster Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2020 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs toward the advancement of our children's education.

Auditing Services

J.4 a contract with Scott Clelland, CPA of Wiss & Company LLP, to conduct an audit calculation of the A41, A42 and Resource tuition for the 2018-2019 school year at Bernards High School at the total cost of \$7,500.00 which will be equally split by the Somerset Hills School District and the Bedminster Township School District.

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Facilities Use Request

J.5 the following facilities use requests:

Organization	Activity	Date and Time	Room
Somerset Hills Little League	Registration	1/11/2020 @ 9:00am-12:00pm	Front hallway
Bedminster Middle School Drama Club	Movie Night / Parent's Night Out	2/21/2020 @ 6:00pm-9:30pm Snow date 3/6/2020 @ 6:00pm-9:30pm	Cafetorium
Bedminster Pack 1749	Scout meeting	2/1/2020 @9am-12:00pm	Cafetorium

Donations

J.6 the following donations to the Bedminster Township School:

Donor	Approx. Value	Recipient
Wegmans	\$75.00	LLD class - life skills activities

2020-2021 Calendar

J.7 the 2020-2021 school calendar.

J. Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve agenda items J.1 through J.7

Motion to approve **Item J.** moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Ms. Marto

Motion carried as follows: Yes: (7); No: (1, J7); Abstain: (2, J3 & J5)

Yes	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Absent	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Mr. Haggerty	Yes	Ms. Marto	Abstain on J.3 and J.5; No to J.7; Yes to J.1, J.2, J.4 and J. 6	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Mr. Reeves

FINANCE

Finance & Facilities Committee Report - Howard Wolkow

- Mr. Wolkow requested Board to consider referendum in 2020 for new roof

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

2019-2020 Invoices-General Agency Account

K.1 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$698,858.82 from the General Agency Account from January 7, 2020 through January 23, 2020.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$693,515.67
(12) Capital Outlay	-0-

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(20) Special Revenue	\$5,343.15
Total	\$698,858.82

2019-2020 Invoices-Student Activities Account

K.2 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$0.00 from the Student Activities Account from January 1, 2020 through January 17, 2020.

2019-2020 Invoices-Food Service Account

K.3 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$10,965.82 from the Food Service Account from January 1, 2020 through January 17, 2020.

2019-2020 Transfers

K.4 transfers totaling \$3,500.00 from January 1, 2020 through January 17, 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.4

Motion to approve **Item K.** moved by Mr. Wolkow, seconded by Mr. Haggerty

Motion carried as follows: Yes: (8); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

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PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

Programs & Personnel Committee Report– Jennifer Johansson

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

2019-2020 Governor's Educator of the Year Recipient

L.1 recognize and congratulate **Ms. Skiba** as the Bedminster Township School's recipient of the 2019-2020 Governor's Educator of the Year award and thank her for her outstanding contribution to student achievement and her tireless dedication to the professional education of our students.

SSDS/HIB Grade

L.2 the SSDS/HIB Grade ITP submission for reporting period 1 data collection dates of incidents, trainings, and programs for July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Workshops

L.3 staff for the workshops listed:

NAME	DATE	TITLE	COST
Todd St. Laurent	1/10/2020	Vice Principal 2020 Expo; Monroe, NJ	\$0 Registratio; \$0 Mileage

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Todd St. Laurent	2/26/2020	2020 Statewide Assessment District Test Coordinator and District Technology Coordinator Training; Whippany, NJ	\$0 Registration; \$0 Mileage
Joshua Copeland	2/27-28/2020	Antioch @ Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	\$0 Registration; \$0 Mileage

Field Trips

L.4 the following field trips:

Grade	Trip/Location	Date
6th	Holocaust Education Program @ RVCC; Branchburg, NJ	4/1/2020
1st	Turtle Back Zoo; West Orange, NJ	5/7/2020
4th	Red Mill Museum Village; Clinton, NJ	5/27/2020

Volunteers

L.5 the following parent volunteers for the 3rd Annual Parents Night Out on February 21, 2020:

Dawn Grossmith, Deb Posner, Karen Rosen, Shauna Crain, Caitlyn Parker, Dana Dunn, Lillian Baker, Martin Johansson, Danna Frank, Tara Mulcahy

New Hires

L.6 Lauren Soltis as a 7th/8th grade Science teacher at the annual salary of \$73,435.00 (Step 13 MA +30 prorated) pending receipt of transcripts effective on February 3, 2020 through June 30, 2020 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.

L.7 Megan Donnelly as a Physical and Health Education teacher at the annual salary of \$57,025.00 (Step 1 BA prorated) effective January 21, 2020 through February 21, 2020 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.

Revisions/Salary Adjustment

L.8 movement on the guide for Jaclyn McFarland from BA Step 5 (\$58,375) to MA Step 6 (\$65,445) effective September 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 per the terms and conditions of the contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

L.9 go into Executive Session at 6:30pm at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on February 20, 2020.

L. Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve agenda item L.1 through L.9

Motion to approve **Item L.** moved by Ms. Johansson, seconded by Ms. Nathans
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- Colin Hickey - Township Committee - introduced himself as town liaison to Board
 - Township's goal is to work together to build community awareness related to township programming and school activities
- Giovanna Lamiera - thank you for donating to Bound Brook School
 - Proud to be a Bound Brook employee and Bedminster resident,
 - Very generous on part of our school community to help those during their time of need
- Rebecca Casey - inquired concerning background to high school tuition dispute
 - President Reaves responded with overview of improvement in SHSD/Bedminster Township BoE relationship

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Public Session at 8:56 p.m. moved by Mr. Haggerty, seconded by Ms. Marto Voice vote. Voting yes: Casey, Haggerty, Johansson, Lameira, Marto, Nathans, Wolkow, Reaves Carried as follows: Yes: (8); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

**February 20, 2020
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Alicia M. Schauer
Board Secretary