

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 18, 2021
7:30 p.m**

A. Call to Order

President Stevinson called the meeting to order at 7:32 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 December 4, 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. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Mr. Reaves
Yes	Mr. Casey	Yes	Ms. Marto	Yes	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Ms. Johansson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

E. Executive Session – 6:30 p.m.

- Personnel, HIB, Legal, Negotiations, Budget, Grades (PK, K, 5&6) returning to building 2/22/21

Open Public Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.

F. Superintendent's Report

- Enrollment in-district: BHS 234, BTS 485
- Wellness Week - March 22, 2021, Wellness student representatives are busy planning
- SEL highlight: Mrs. Solimani, Mrs. Evans & Mrs. Relton - Valentines for the Troops
- Thanks to our front office staff for always going the extra mile
- Great Kindness Challenge - Mrs. Infante
- Principal's Character lunch award recipients: Benjamin and Christian
- PreKindergarten, Kindergarten, Grade 5, Grade 6 phase-in
- Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Read Across America
- Spanish programming
- Job postings
- Educator of the Year - Mrs. McFarland congratulations
- School Family Partnership Series
- Chromebook pick up
- NGSS Curriculum: revise SLS sequencing
- Phasing-in done in collaboration with local health officials
- Deep cleanings are daily
- Monitor child's symptoms each morning & their attendance
- Spring sports - no immunizations, no sports or in-person

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Business Administrator’s Report

- About 90% through the budget process, ready to present to the Board at next meeting
- State aid numbers should be released by the end of next week
- Administrative team is currently in process of assessing where we stand with sports

President’s Report

- No report

G. Public Questions/Comments

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- No comments

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

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

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

I. Task Groups

- Negotiations Committee – Jeff Reaves
 - Superintendent Giordano working with legal representatives - MoA into contract
- Somerset Hills School District – Sarah Nathans
 - January budget meeting - Lucy Taylor - some winter sports
 - Senior love campaign - some in person
 - K-8 math program, Ready Math
 - Contract tracing - new guidance - survey of HS parents if they want to send students into building
 - New Board member - Larry Rosen
- Wellness Committee - Sonia Marto
 - Looking forward to Wellness Week
- Technology Committee - Thomas Casey
 - Kevin Pickett - Chromebooks and end of life
 - Go Guardian pluses and minuses
 - On track for monthly meetings
- Security/Safety Ad Hoc - Giovanna Lamiera
 - No meeting
- Child Care - Jennifer Johansson

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- o Kindergarten returning, 20 children minimum in contract, willing to entertain 10-12 students because of Covid restrictions - if 10-12 they may run program

Delegate/Representative Appointments

- New Jersey School Boards Association - Tom Casey
 - o No report
- Somerset Hills Municipal Alliance
 - o Meeting cancelled due to weather today
- PTO –Giovanna Lamiera
 - o Tribute and recognize Mrs. McFarland
 - o Spring Fling - online silent auction several days prior to April 30th - info forthcoming
 - o Next meeting April 15th
 - o Thanked teachers who joined PTO this year
 - o Pinewood Derby at Pingry soon
 - o Running for Board at PTO - open until March 9, 2021; final vote at April 13, 2021 meeting
 - o Mancini - thanks for showing us all the wonderful books talk

BUSINESS

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

Technology

- J.1 the purchase of Document Repository from Frontline in the amount of \$1,500.00.
- J.2 the services contract with RFP Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$939.60 through September 30, 2021.

NJDOE Non-Public Program

- J.3 the following non-public allocations from the NJDOE for the 2020-2021 school year:
 - Chapter 192: \$871.00
 - Chapter 193: \$17,939.00
- J.4 the following items for purchase through the NJDOE Non-Public Security Program for the 2020-2021 School Year:

School	Items	Program	Total Cost
Willow	Unifi Dream Machine Pro - 1 @ \$352.47	Security	\$352.47
Willow	Unifi 48Port GB Switch Pro - 5 @ \$1,022.00	Security	\$5,110.00
Willow	Unifi Access Starter Kit - 8 @ \$464.00	Security	\$3,712.00

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Policies

J.5 the **second reading** of the following policy:

Number	Description	Action
P2464	Gifted and Talented Students (M)	R

J.6 the **second reading** of the following regulation:

Number	Description	Action
R2464	Gifted and Talented Students (M)	R

J.7 the reimbursement of fingerprinting expenses for a board member in the amount of \$65.25.

J. agenda items J.1 through J.7

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

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

K. FINANCE

Finance & Facilities Committee Report - Howard Wolkow

- Met with 2/16/21 - discussed tiling and roof - some leaks with snow and rain - discussing parking lot lighting - 21/22 budget moving along

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 January 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 January 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 January 2021 be accepted and filed.

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2020-2021 Invoices-General Agency Account

K.2 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$1,650,016.88 from the General Agency Account from January 22, 2021 through February 18, 2021.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$1,629,175.58
(12) Capital Outlay	-0-
(20) Special Revenue	\$ 20,841.30
Total	\$1,650,016.88

2020-2021 Invoices-Student Activities Account

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

2020-2021 Invoices-Food Service Account

K.4 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$0.00 from the Food Service Account from January 17, 2021 through February 13, 2021.

2020-2021 Transfers

K.5 transfers totaling \$69,969.38 from January 17, 2021 through February 13, 2021, as per the monthly transfer report.

K. agenda items K.1 through K.5

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

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

PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

Programs & Personnel Committee Report– Jennifer Johansson

- Met 2/16/21 - Special Education teacher needed for maternity replacement - bringing every one in is taken very seriously, looking at all the numbers as to who gets brought back
- Elementary teachers looking at a new Math program
- Dr. Omega looking at our Middle School Science program
- Elementary Spanish

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Home Instruction

- L.1 Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care's Child and Adolescent Inpatient Services (CAIS) to provide instruction for student #221146 effective on or about January 10, 2021, at the rate of \$65.00 per hour for 10 hours per week for approximately 2 weeks.

Revisions/Salary Adjustment

- L.2 horizontal movement on the guide for Carmen Rodriguez from MA+15 Step 20 (\$93,330.00 base salary) to MA+30 Step 20 (\$95,325.00 base salary), effective September 1, 2021.
- L.3 a salary adjustment for Carly Brantner to BA Step 1, 0.5 FTE (part-time) \$29,030.00 prorated effective January 25, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

PD/Workshops

- L.4 staff for the workshops listed:

NAME	DATE	TITLE	COST
Kaitlyn Baccarini	2/10/21	Pre-K Readiness and Writing; virtual	\$225.00 Registration; \$0 Mileage
Nicole Mancini	2/6/21	Conferring with Student Writers...Online and Onsite; virtual	\$40.00 Registration; \$0 Mileage

Course Approval

- L.5 tuition reimbursement for the following staff per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Education Association contract in effect from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023:

Name	Course	Credits	School	Term	Estimated Amount
Colin White	Principles of Educational Technology Leadership	3	New Jersey City University	Summer 2021	\$3,591.90
	Data Analysis and Report Writing	3	New Jersey City University	Summer 2021	\$3,591.90

New Hires

- L.6 rescinding the approval of Stephanie Albiani from the January 21, 2021 agenda.

Leave of Absence

- L.7 a leave of absence for employee, Carmen Rodriguez for 12 weeks of FMLA effective February 3, 2021 through April 15, 2021.
- L.8 go into Executive Session at 6:30 pm at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on March 18, 2021.
- L. agenda item L.1 through L.8

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

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

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- Suzie Stevinson - congratulations Mrs. McFarland for Teacher of the Year as well as new baby
- Howard Wolkow - Boy Scouts - Cub Scouts - Pinewood Derby on Sunday February 21, 2021 at Pingry. New all girl troop meeting at Basking Ridge. Encourage kids between ages 11-17 to join the Scouts
- Anne Helpinstill - would like Spring sports to be considered. Get more normalcy in kids' lives. Concern that it's the end of February, how can we fast track this
- Nelson Bong - his son played baseball last summer and fall and the had no issues with Covid, they took the necessary precautions
- Jennifer Giordano - everything is in a Phase-in manner
- Giovanna Lamiera - shout out to the teaching staff. It is so hard to teach especially in this hybrid environment. It's important that the students turn their cameras on. As teacher it is hard to teach to a background instead of a face
- Jennifer Johansson - some sports are out of our hands if we don't have other teams to play with, maybe we can do an intramural program
- Howard Wolkow - his daughter participated in sports over the winter, a lot went on to get them to play. Please be flexible to parents and work with administration, we will do the best we can to get it opened
- Jennifer Holzberger - sees 80 children every day but many have their avatars on, she would love to see their faces. Sports would be awesome

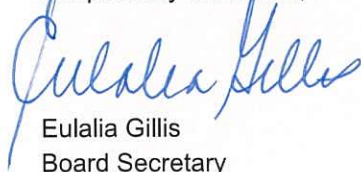
N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Public Session at 8:40 p.m. moved by Mr. Reaves, seconded by Ms. Stevinson
Carried as follows: Yes: (9); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

March 18, 2021 (Budget Adoption)
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Eulalia Gillis
Board Secretary

