

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (Budget/Public Hearing)**

April 25, 2024

7:09 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Mr. Reaves called the meeting to order at 7:09 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 January 5, 2024, 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 all subscribers, and filed with the Township Clerk.

In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey" adequate notice of this Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster was provided in the following manner: On April 17, 2024, 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 Star Ledger, and all subscribers, and filed with the Township Clerk.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Boehmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Roll Call

Absent	Ms. Anderson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Absent	Ms. Stevinson
Absent	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Absent	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal		

- Ms. Biedron entered at 6:59 p.m.

E. Executive Session – 6:45 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bedminster Township Board of Education shall meet in closed session to discuss item(s) a, b, f, and h below which falls within an exception of our open meeting policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b. Matters rendered confidential by Federal Law, State Law, or Court Rule:

- Individual privacy (HIB 2024-2 and HIB 2024-3)
- Collective bargaining agreements
- Purchase or lease of real property if public interest could be adversely affected
- Investment of public funds if public interest could be adversely affected
- Tactics or techniques utilized in protecting public safety and property
- Pending or anticipated litigation
- Attorney- client privilege, settlement agreement
- Personnel- employment matters affecting a specific prospective or current employee

- Ms. Gomez entered at 6:59 p.m.

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F. Superintendent's Report - Mandated Annual School Wellness Progress Report

- Enrollment
- Teacher retirement - thank you Ms. James for the dedication and service to the students of BTS
- SEL: Thrive - Tier 1 & Tier 2 supports, MS IEP counseling
- Lifelines program suicide prevention - will continue with the program next year
- Annual Wellness Report
- Thank you - BEA & BoE Negotiation Teams
- Thank you - Barker Bus - Bus Driver Appreciation Day 4/23
- Thank you - Ms. Mancini & Dr. Puglia - Sustainable Jersey digital school submittal. The Sustainability Institute at TCNJ invitation extended to Ms. Mancini to speak on Digital Innovative Classrooms and how to transform your classroom.
- Congratulations Ms. Mitchell highlighted by NJEA and will have a new summer opportunity awarded
- Kately F. organized a Toy Drive to support Morristown Medical regarding Crohn's - Genius Hour project
- Thank you - B&G team for the aftermath earthquake pipe burst cleanup
- Dr. White successfully defended their dissertation: Educational Technology Used to Remediate Learning Loss
- Congratulation to Mrs. Ragoza and the OoTM team for representing BTS at the state level
- Thank you, Mrs. Kolodziejski - Autism Awareness initiative & donation collection
- Middle School Science/Social Studies/ELA Teachers -writing across content areas based on NJSLA data
- Middle School Math Teachers - Math criteria
- Thank you - K-5 ELA teaching staff meetings - discuss transitions/programs/revisions
- Thank you - Mr. Dunn - for volunteering & building out the school garden, donating 2 beds and 20 Earth Boxes
- Thank you - DPW - delivered mulch for the garden and had the softball field ready
- Thank you - Dr. Omegna & Mr. Nye - WIDA testing, next up: NJSLA attendance is important, please make sure your child is well rested and to school on time
- Wellness updates: Mindfulness professional here for staff during NJSLA in May & as we celebrate (TAW), Smoothie contest - Philly was the winner with Mango Madness made by Maschios, 400 samples, May A&AA month & Celiac Disease awareness - students making school-wide announcements
- Shout out to Class of 2002 alumni Mr. Mitchy Collins of lovelytheband recognized at Somerset Hill School District, thank you - Mr. Lefurge for representing the district
- Random Act of Kindness from Nurse Nazzaro to Mrs. Kolodziejski's room library - donated Autism books
- Green Team created a wheelbarrow display of garden goods for parent-teacher conferences
- Sustainable Jersey for Schools - waiting on our Digital Schools certification approval
- State Assessment Testing Performance Report for 2022-2023 - exceeded standards for mSGPs and met standards for assessments in ELA and Math, congratulations and thank you to the BTS teachers
- BTS Grade 8 students Bernards High School in June for a welcome-to-High School Orientation
- 5/9 annual Moorland Farms shooting event behind the school
- BoE meeting: Tuesday, May 14th same night as PTO

Business Administrator's Report - FY2025 Annual District Budget Presentation

- Ms. Boehmer presented the 2024/2025 budget to the board. The board was allotted time to ask questions and comment at the end of the presentation. Mr. Reaves asked Mrs. Boehmer to also present two slides showing the district's cost per student and how this has increased due to a declining

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enrollment and how districts of the same size compared. Mrs. Boehmer reminded the board and the public that the presentation was also available on the Bedminster School website.

- Ms. Stevinson entered at 7:30 PM

G. Public Questions/Comments

Please note that this segment will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. At this point in the meeting, comments from the public will be open to agenda items only. Each person is kindly requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. As per Board Policy, all participants must preface comments by first stating his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. Any written statements are to be provided to the Board Secretary, in advance of the Board Meeting, prior to the statement being read at a Board Meeting.

- Cheryl Mitchell, Teacher and NJEA representative, asked about the cost of math programs in comparison to other districts.
- Julie Rogers, 101 River Wood, Bedminster, NJ questioned if the district accepted tuition students and what number enrollment the district would like to see.

H. Budget Adoption

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

H.1 **WHEREAS**, the Bedminster Board of Education adopted a tentative budget on March 14, 2024, and submitted it to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval, and

WHEREAS, the tentative budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools on March 27, 2024, and,

WHEREAS, the advertised budget was advertised on April 18, 2024, in the Courier News and the Bernardsville News,

WHEREAS, the final budget was presented to the public during a public budget hearing held in the Bedminster Township School, on April 25, 2024.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve a tax levy for this budget as follows:

	Budget	Local Tax Levy
General Fund	\$20,811,686	\$18,056,538
Special Revenue Fund	\$291,413	\$0
Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0
Total Budget	\$21,103,099	\$18,056,538

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H. agenda items H.1 through H.1

Motion to approve **Items H.** moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Ms. Segal

Absent	Ms. Anderson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal		

I. 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 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - March 14, 2024 Executive Session Minutes
 - March 14, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- Mrs. Boehmer explained that the July 20, 2023 minutes were being reapproved as it was noticed that the Superintendent’s report was accidentally omitted in the original approval.

Motion to approve **Items I.** moved by Mr. Wickizer, seconded by Ms. Nathans

Absent	Ms. Anderson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Abstain February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Abstain February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes	Mr. Wickizer
Abstain July 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes	Ms. Gomez	Abstain February 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes	Ms. Segal		

J. Task Groups

- Negotiations Committee - Jeff Reaves
 - Mr. Reaves reported that a settlement agreement has been reached with the BEA. The BEA will have a ratification meeting on Monday April 22, 2024. He thanked Ms. Biedron, Ms. Segal and the Bedminster teachers for the collaborative and time-consuming effort.
- Somerset Hills School District - Sarah Nathans
 - Ms. Nathans reported on the upcoming events at Bernards High School including an intergenerational prom, the junior prom, college decisions being announced, AP testing, NHS inductions and the Wall of Honor. She also noted that the band has performed at Disney, the stem group won 1st place for a wind turbine project, and vocal groups continue to receive honors. More information will also be forthcoming regarding math progression and the pathway from Bedminster Middle School to Bernards High School.
- Technology Representative - Gabriel Wickizer
 - None
- Security/Safety Ad Hoc Representative - Suzie Stevinson
 - None
- Child Care - Sarah Nathans

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- Ms. Nathans reported that an RFP for Child Care was advertised with submittals due on May 2, 2024.

Delegate/Representative Appointments

- New Jersey School Boards Association - Christy Biedron
 - Ms. Biedron reported that the superintendent's evaluations are in progress.
- PTO - Gabriel Wickizer and Gaby Gomez
 - Ms. Gomez reported to the board that the Spring Fling was "amazing". The next PTO meeting is May 14, 2024.

K. BUSINESS

- Mrs. Boehmer reviewed the business items with the board that were also gone over at the Finance and Facilities meeting.

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

NJDOE Non-Public Program Purchase(s)

K.1 the following non-public purchase for the 2023-2024 school year:

School	Items	Program	Total Cost
The Willow School	4x NVR grade HDD	Security	\$828.16
The Willow School	1 Unifi AI Bullet Camera	Security	\$473.78
The Willow School	Security Fencing	Security	\$21,502.50

Revised May and June 2024 Board of Education Meetings

K.2 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".

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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 7:00 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 2025 **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 (*).

Month	Date
May	May 16, 2024 May 14, 2024* - Bedminster Township School at 6:00 p.m.
June	June 20, 2024 - Bedminster Township School at 6:00 p.m.

2024-2025 HCESC Contracts

K.3 the following contracts with the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (HCESC) to administer the following programs effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 at the costs indicated:

Chapter 192/193 (6%)	Non-Public School Security Program (10%)	Non-Public Textbook (10%)
Non-Public Technology (5%)	Non-Public School Nursing Services (6%)	IDEA B Services
Paraprofessional	Public School Services (including CST)	

2024-2025 Contract

K.4 the Base Year Contract award (Year 1) of the FSMC base year contract with Maschio's Food Service Management Company for the 2024-2025 school year with an annual management fee of \$15,312.00. The management fee shall be payable in ten (10) monthly installments of \$1,531.20 per month commencing September 1, 2024 and ending on June 30, 2025.

Be It Further Resolved, That Maschio's FSMC guarantees a profit of \$2,000.00 to the Local Education Agency for the 2024-2025 School Year. In the event the actual bottom line of the operational report (total revenue from all sources less program costs, including administrative/management fee) is below this amount, Maschio's FSMC shall be responsible for any shortfall.

Be It Further Resolved, That the total cost of the contract is \$147,655.15.

Grant Application(s)

K.5 the submission of a NJSIG grant application for the 2024 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Insurance Group's ERIC North sub-fund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$2,012.00 for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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- K.6 the submission of a grant application for the Healthy Meals Incentives: Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals that is supported by the US Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service. The Innovation in the Preparation of School Meals recognizes schools who plan and prepare scratch recipes for school breakfast and lunch, having implemented at least three new menu items during the last 12 months that were prepared from scratch.
- K.7 the submission of a grant application for the Small, Rural School Achievement (SRSA) grant under the Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) for the 2024-2025 school year. Under the SRSA program, the department estimates that Bedminster Township Public School District is eligible to receive \$30,503.00.

Architect Agreement(s)

- K.8 Parette Somjen Architects to prepare and submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the CHILLER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be an "Capital" project and the Board of Education shall fund the Local Share of the project's cost in the amount of \$1,050,396 through the District's Capital Reserve Account in accordance with the provisions for the approval of Capital Projects pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:22-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 and P.L. 1991, c. 139 (C.18A:7A-46.1 et seq.), as applicable to the District pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-11 and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23A-2.7. The total project costs shall be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the State of New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the State Share Grant amount of \$700,264. The project scope of the Chiller Replacement Project is \$1,750,660.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the School Business Administrator and Parette Somjen Architects to solicit bids for the purpose of completing this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the School Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Parette Somjen Architects for professional services related to the Chiller Replacement Project at a fee of \$141,000 and reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$7,100 for a total amount not to exceed \$148,100.

- K.9 Parette Somjen Architects to prepare and submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the RTU REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be an "Capital" project and the Board of Education shall fund the Local Share of the project's cost in the amount of \$2,295,576 through the District's Capital Reserve Account in accordance with the provisions for the approval of Capital Projects pursuant to N.J.S.A 18A:22-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 18A:24-1 and P.L. 1991, c. 139 (C.18A:7A-46.1 et seq.), as applicable to the District pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-11 and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:23A-2.7. The total project costs shall be aided by grant funds pursuant to Section 15 of the Educational Facilities Construction and Financing Act through the State of New Jersey Schools Development Authority in support of the aforementioned project in the State Share Grant amount of \$1,530,384. The project scope of the RTU Replacement Project is \$3,825,960.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the School Business Administrator and Parette Somjen Architects to solicit bids for the purpose of completing this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board authorizes the School Business Administrator to enter into an agreement with Parette Somjen Architects for professional services related to the RTU Replacement Project at a fee of \$308,000 and reimbursable expenses in the amount of \$15,400 for a total amount not to exceed \$323,400.

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Pitching Machine Agreement

K.10 the use of pitching machine property of James Puglia by the Bedminster softball team from on or about March 26, 2024 to June 20, 2024 at no cost to the district.

Tournament Fee

K.11 the \$75.00 registration paid to Creativity Unlimited for the NJ Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament.

Athletic Official(s) 2023-2024

K.12 the following:

Sport	Assignor	Rate
Boys Basketball	Jack Baum; Philipsburg, NJ	\$75.00
Girls Basketball	Jack Baum; Philipsburg, NJ	\$75.00

Nisivoccia Contract

K.13 the contract with the firm of Nisivoccia, LLP for the 2024-2025 school year to perform an audit of the 2023-2024 financial operations of the district at a fee of \$24,000 plus an additional assistance fee for implementation of GASB 68 and 75 relating to Financial Accounting and Reporting of Post-Retirement Benefits, GASB 87 relating to Leases, additional procedures required by NJDOE relating to PL2020, Chapter 44 (State Employee Health Benefit Plan), and GASB 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA's) not to exceed \$5,500 to \$8,000 for a total cost of up to \$32,000.

School Physician Services Contract 2024-2025

K.14 Greenbrook Family Medicine for the 2024-2025 school year to provide School Physician services at an annual fee of \$1,750 payable in two equal installments of \$875.00 in July 2024 and January 2025. This includes the following services:

1. Review of Sports Physicals performed by the students' own physician.
2. Telephone Consultations as needed regarding Home Study and Busing requests for medical conditions.
3. Review of current school medical policies and consultations with the School Nurses/Administration as needed.
4. FULL TIME -Employee pre-employment medical screenings with mantoux testing performed at our office.*
5. Provision of standing orders and concussion management program.

Excluded from this rate would be any Workman's Comp evaluations.

Additionally, the following services are offered on an individual basis

- Hepatitis B vaccines will be \$65.00 per vaccine dose administered.
- *Part-time/substitute employee pre-employment mantoux testing is \$30.00 per employee to be paid by the employee.
- Provide a yearly on-site Employee Influenza/COVID vaccination clinic and vaccines are billed to the employee's insurance or paid by the employee.

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2024-2025 Health Benefits Contract

K.15 the following monthly medical/prescription rates effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025:

Direct 15 Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey

- Single - \$1,703.28
- Parent/Child(ren) - \$2,471.49
- 2 Adults - \$3,832.30
- Family - \$4,258.10

NJEHP Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey

- Single - \$1,564.62
- Parent/Child(ren) - \$2,270.30
- 2 Adults - \$3,520.34
- Family - \$3,911.48

Garden State Health Plan Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey

- Single - \$1,514.72
- Parent/Child(ren) - \$2,197.90
- 2 Adults - \$3,408.09
- Family - \$3,786.76

K.16 the following monthly dental rates effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026:

Delta Dental of New Jersey

- Single - \$54.80
- Parent/Child(ren) - \$106.85
- 2 Adults - \$101.38
- Family - \$167.13
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Policies

K.17 the second reading of the following policy:

Number	Description	Action
P 1140	Educational Equity Policies/Affirmative Action (M)	R
P 1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan (M)	R
P 1530	Equal Employment Opportunities (M)	R
P 1550	Equal Employment/Anti-Discrimination Practices (M)	R
P 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M)	R
P 3211	Code of Ethics	R
P 5570	Sportsmanship	R
P 5750	Equitable Educational Opportunity (M)	R

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P 5841	Secret Societies	R
P 5842	Equal Access of Student Organizations	R
P 7610	Vandalism	R
P 9323	Notification of Juvenile Offender Case Disposition	R
P 2423	Bilingual Education	R
P 2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M)	R

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

Regulations

K.18 the second reading of the following regulation:

Number	Description	Action
R 1530	Equal Employment Opportunity Complaint Procedure (M)	R
R 2200	Curriculum Content (M)	R
R 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices Complaint Procedure (M)	R
R 7610	Vandalism	R
R 2423	Bilingual Education	R
R 2431.4	Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries (M)	R

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

Motion to table **Item K.18 R 2260** moved by Mr. Segal, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

Absent	Ms. Anderson	No	Ms. Nathans	No	Ms. Stevinson
No	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal		

Facilities Use Request(s)

K.19 the following facility request(s):

Organization	Event	Room(s) Requested	Usage date(s) and time(s)
PTO	BTS Staff Appreciation Luncheon	Room 251	05/2024

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BTS Website

K.20 contract with Active Internet Technologies, dba Final Site, for website hosting for a three year contract comprising one three year term with the payment schedule as follows:

Schedule	Amount
Period 1 - July 1, 2024	\$3,489.00
Period 2 - July 1, 2025	\$3,708.00
Period 3 - July 1, 2026	\$3,930.00

K. agenda items K.1 through K.20

Motion to approve Table Item K.18 R 2260 was approved.

Motion to approve **Items K.** moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

Absent	Ms. Anderson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal		

L. FINANCE

Finance & Facilities Committee Report - Gabriel Wickizer

- Mr. Wickizer asked Mrs. Boehmer to review items discussed at the finance meeting. Mrs. Boehmer stated that most of the finance items were already discussed as business items. One additional item to mention was that the technology department is moving the district to multi-factor authentication, with fobs being issued to staff for this purpose.
- Facilities reporting included an update on recent water damage as a result of the April earthquake.

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

2023-2024 Financial Reports

L.1 the Report of the Secretary for February 2024 submitted for Board review. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-16.10(c)(3), I, Robbin Boehmer, 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 February 2024 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 2023-2024 fiscal year.

It is recommended that the Treasurer's Report for February 2024 be accepted and filed.

L.2 the Report of the Secretary for March 2024 submitted for Board review. As required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23-A-16.10(c)(3), I, Robbin Boehmer, 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.

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It is recommended that the Treasurer’s Report for March 2024 be accepted and filed.

2023-2024 Transfers

- L.3 transfers for the 2023-2024 school year totaling \$120,592.50 from February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 as per the monthly transfer report.
- L.4 transfers for the 2023-2024 school year totaling \$224,711.00 from March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024 as per the monthly transfer report.

2023-2024 Invoices-General Agency Account

- L.5 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$2,520,031.06 from the General Agency Account from March 15, 2024 through April 25, 2024.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$2,441,653.14
(12) Capital Outlay	\$0.00
(20) Special Revenue	\$78,377.92
(30) Capital Projects	\$0.00
(40) Debt Services	\$0.00
Total	\$2,520,031.06

2023-2024 Invoices-Student Activities Account

- L.6 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$5,182.59 from the Student Activities Account from March 15, 2024 through April 25, 2024.

2023-2024 Invoices-Food Service Account

- L.7 the invoices presented for payment totaling \$37,193.26 from the Food Service Account from March 15, 2024 through April 25, 2024.

- L. agenda items L.1 through L.7

Motion to approve **Items L.** moved by Ms. Biedron, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

Absent	Ms. Anderson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal		

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M. PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS

Programs & Personnel Committee Report – Suzie Stevinson

- Ms. Stevinson reported that two criteria were submitted to Programs & Personnel as programs and areas to be reviewed. The math department will be presenting to Personnel & Programs in May. The high school has just released information about the math program, so Personnel & Programs is eager to review this information.

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

Motion to move **M.1** to separate vote moved by Mr. Wickizer, seconded by Ms. Stevinson

Absent	Ms. Anderson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal		

HIB Report

M.1 the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Bedminster BOE accept the determination and consequences recommended by the Superintendent for Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying case # HIB 2024-2.

Motion to approve **Items M.1** moved by Ms. Stevinson, seconded by Ms. Biedron

Absent	Ms. Anderson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	No	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Biedron	No	Mr. Reaves	No	Mr. Wickizer
No	Ms. Gomez	No	Ms. Segal		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appeal heard on April 22, 2024, is affirmed and that the Superintendent shall inform the parents of the board's decision.

Treasurer of School Monies

M.2 Alicia Schauer as Treasurer of School Monies at the annual salary of \$3,500.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Workshops/Site Visits

M.3 for the following staff for the workshops/site visits listed:

Name	Date	Title	Cost
Grade K Grade 1	Spring 2024	K-1 ELA Pilot Program reading specialist and teacher trainings (in-house)	\$0.00
Liz Meechan	04/19/2024	Hunterdon County Office of Education Criminal History and School Bus Safety Training Program; Flemington, NJ	\$0.00 Registration \$19.74 Mileage
Amber Jimenez	04/26/2024	Somerset County Association of School Business Officials Administrative Assistants Luncheon; Bridgewater, NJ	\$0.00 Registration \$7.24 Mileage
Natalie Stanek	05/2/2024	Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Ceremony; Bridgewater, NJ	\$50.00 Registration

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Corby Swan	05/2/2024	Somerset County Governor's Educator of the Year Recognition Ceremony; Bridgewater, NJ	\$50.00 Registration
Peggy Doorly	05/9/2024 - 05/10/2024	NJSHA Annual Convention; Atlantic City, NJ	\$280.00 Registration
Alison Gagliolo	05/9/2024 - 05/10/2024	NJSHA Annual Convention; Atlantic City, NJ	\$280.00 Registration
Amber Jimenez	05/21/2024	NJASBO Administrative Assistants - North; Whippany, NJ	\$125.00 Registration; \$19.50 Mileage
Nicole Mancini	05/21/2024	High-Impact and Engaging Routines for Phonics, Word Study, Vocabulary and Fluency (K-6); Piscataway, NJ	\$180.00 Registration; \$16.92 Mileage
Robbin Boehmer	06/5/2024 - 06/6/2024	NJASBO Annual Conference; Atlantic City, NJ	\$238.00 Hotel
Lauren Zugale	06/7/2024	NJCIE Summer Inclusion Leadership Conference; Union, NJ	\$0.00 Registration \$30.88 Mileage

Rescind Conference(s)

M.4 rescind the following staff for the conference listed:

Name	Date	Title	Cost
Liz Meechan	01/17/2024 - 03/6/2024	Frontline Education - Recruiting & Hiring Certification Course - Virtual	\$695.00 Registration
Jennifer Giordano	03/14/2024 - 03/15/2024	SCASA Annual Meeting/Training - Bethlehem Hyatt Place, PA	\$0.00 Registration; \$90.99 Mileage
Lisa Rica	03/21/2024	NJASBO Purchasing - North Workshop; Whippany, NJ	\$125.00 Registration

Course Approval(s)

M.5 tuition reimbursement for the following staff:

Name	Course	Credits	Institution	Term	Amount
Lauren Zugale	GED 810 - Dissertation Advisement I	3	Centenary University	05/13/2024 - 07/5/2024	\$2,416.50

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M.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	Institution	Term	Amount
Jolanta Kolodziejski	Leading Curriculum Change for Student Achievement	3	Montclair State University	05/6/2024 - 06/30/2024	\$2,427.00
Jolanta Kolodziejski	Schools and Community Relations	3	Montclair State University	05/13/2024 - 06/9/2024	\$2,427.00
Jolanta Kolodziejski	Field Work in District Level Leadership	3	Montclair State University	05/13/2024 - 08/2/2024	\$2,427.00

Trip(s)

M.7 the following class/field trip(s):

Name of Event	Grade(s)	Date(s) and time(s)
Stokes State Forest; Sandyston, NJ	6	06/2024

Event(s)

M.8 the following in-house school/class event(s):

Name of Event	Grade(s)	Date(s) and time(s)
Pastries, Parents, & Performances	K	05/2024
Author Visit; Poet Kenn Nesbitt	2	05/2024
End of Year Party	K	06/2024
Poetry Picnic	3	06/2024
End of Year Party	3	06/2024
4th Grade Promotion to Middle School Ceremony	PreK - 4	06/2024
End of Year Party	4	06/2024

Volunteer(s) - Lacrosse

M.9 Former student, Nolan Baker, for the 2023-2024 season pursuant to a successful clearance of P.L. 2018, c.5.

Student Internship - Field Placement Teacher

M.10 Grace Hoelzel from Centenary University from on or about September 3, 2024 through on or about May 2, 2025.

Retirement

M.11 the retirement of Anne James, teacher, effective June 30, 2024, and thank you for the dedicated service provided to the students of Bedminster Township School. Congratulations and best wishes in your future endeavors.

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Extended School Year

M.12 the following staff for the 2023-2024 Extended School Year Program, Monday through Thursday, beginning July 8, 2024 through August 8, 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm as per the negotiated agreement rate:

Staff Name	Position/Title
Jolanta Kołodziejcki	Teacher
Carly Brantner	Teacher
Joanna Alfone	Teacher
Patricia Leonti	Teacher
Peter Prinz	Teacher
Elaine McCarthy	Paraprofessional
Jacqueline Martoccia	Paraprofessional
Andrea Legiadre	Substitute Teacher (as needed)
Colin White	Substitute Teacher (as needed)
Lisa Bodaj	Substitute Teacher (as needed)
Deborah Nazzaro	Nurse
Elena Garcia-Albea	Behaviorist
Peggy Doorly	Speech Therapist
Klaudia Zdybel	Psychologist

M.13 the following staff for the 2023-2024 Multilingual Learner Summer Program Monday through Thursday beginning July 8, 2024 through August 8, 2024 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm as per the negotiated agreement rate:

Staff Name	Position/Title
Jon Nyerges	Teacher

M.14 the following staff for 2024 summer Special Education work, as needed and assigned by Director, as per the negotiated agreement rate:

Staff Name		
Andrea Legiadre	Klaudia Zdybel	Krista Deckhut

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M.15 the following staff to participate in 2024 summer IEP meetings, as needed and assigned by Director, as per the negotiated agreement rate:

Staff Name	Position/Title
Lisa Bodaj	Teacher
Heather Cere	Teacher
Jackie McFarland	Teacher
Elena Garcia-Albea	Behaviorist
Melissa Davies	Teacher
Jolanta Kołodziejski	Teacher
Patricia Leonti	Teacher
Natalie Stanek	Teacher
Patrick McNamara	Teacher
Peggy Doorly	Speech-Language Specialist

M.16 Deborah Nazzaro, school nurse, up to 30 hours for 2024 summer work at the negotiated agreement rate.

Home Instruction Teacher(s)

M.17 the following staff to provide home instruction for the 2023-2024 school year as per the negotiated agreement rate:

Staff Name	
Patricia Leonti	Jacqueline Martoccia

M.18 go into Executive Session at 6:00 pm at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on May 14, 2024.

M. approve agenda item M.2 through M.18

- Ms. Segal asked if rescinded conferences had already been paid for. Mrs. Boehmer responded that the Business Office never pays vendors in advance of receiving goods, so conferences had not been paid for. Purchase orders for rescinded conferences were just canceled.

Motion to move **M.2 though M.18** moved by Ms. Segal, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

Absent	Ms. Anderson	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Ms. Gomez	Yes	Ms. Segal		

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N. Public Questions/Comments

Please note that this segment will be limited to thirty (30) minutes. At this point in the meeting, comments from the public will be open to agenda and non-agenda items. Each person is kindly requested to limit their remarks to three (3) minutes. As per Board Policy, all participants must preface comments by first stating his/her name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. Any written statements are to be provided to the Board Secretary, in advance of the Board Meeting, prior to the statement being read at a Board Meeting.

- Mariana Wickizer, 47 Wentworth Road, Bedminster, NJ would like the board to note that the May PTO meeting and the May board meeting are the same day and time. The PTO elections are the same night. She feels many would like to attend both, especially the math presentation scheduled for the BOE meeting.
 - Ms. Giordano responded that the board will try to work out a solution for this date.
- Emilija Spirovski, 46 Gatehouse Road, Bedminster, NJ asked about information contained in a high school opinion paper and voiced concern about Bedminster Township School honor science classes and the effect on students science program offerings at the high school level.
 - Ms. Giordano asked Ms. Spirovski to check the Bedminster Township School website regarding program offerings.
- Cheryl Mitchell, Teacher and NJEA representative, explained high school placement from a teacher's perspective, noting that teachers recommend whether a student should have an honors placement.
- Ms. Stevinson, Board Member, also elaborated on her experience with placements, having three children who attended the high school from Bedminster Township School.
- Jennifer Chang, 1 Jordanna Court, Bedminster, NJ commented on the lack of response to the high school opinion paper. She also felt that communication was lacking in the decision to remove honors programs from the curriculum. It was asked that the enrichment program contain math components.

O. Adjournment

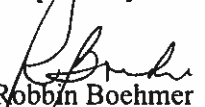
Motion to adjourn the Public Session at 8:52 p.m. moved by Mr. Wickizer, seconded by Ms. Biedron
Yes: (7); No: (0); Abstain: (0); Absent (1)

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

May 14, 2024*

**EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

 5/14/24
Robbin Boehmer
Board Secretary