

BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Blairstown, New Jersey 07825

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SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

Thursday, November 17, 2016 Meeting

7:00PM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Dirk Herrmann, President
Mrs. Margaret McLain, Vice-President
Mr. Jeremy Cook, Mrs. Lauren Glory, Mrs. Kelly Hadden,
Mr. John Karolchyk, Mrs. Shelly Mantegna, Mrs. Leslie Ruben,
and Mrs. Jessica Wood-Rosso

CALL TO ORDER

FLAG SALUTE

NOTICE OF MEETING

Adequate notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act by publishing in the Express Times and by posting a copy of the meeting schedule by the front door of the school and at the Blairstown Municipal Building.

READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with home and community, Blairstown Elementary School is dedicated to the mission of providing an engaging, comprehensive education aligned with the Common Core Standards.

A passion for learning is ignited through an enriched learning environment. While celebrating individuality, our students develop confidence, competence and character.

All students have the opportunity to achieve their highest potential on a quest of lifelong learning to succeed in a global, 21st century.

ROLL CALL

APPROVE REGULAR MINUTES* - Motion to approve the minutes as submitted for October 20, 2016. Please note that the cost for the trip to Turtle Back Zoo was incorrectly listed on the agenda at \$2/child. It is \$9/child.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Superintendent's Update
2. Principal's Report
3. BOE Election Results – Five candidates ran for three vacancies (all three-year terms).
Final election results to be read at the meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: NEWLY ELECTED BOE MEMBER(S) MUST COMPLETE CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ELECTION DATE (NOVEMBER 8TH).

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4. Reorganization Meeting Date – Motion to set the date of Thursday, January 5th, 2017 as the date of the Board's Annual Reorganization Meeting, with a start time of 7:00PM.

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

APPROVE TRANSFERS & FINANCIAL REPORTS * (RCV) - Motion to approve the attached list of September Transfers in the amount of \$52,905 and the September Board Secretary's reports in the amount of \$1,436,578.71 in Total Government Funds; and to certify that as of September 30, 2016, after review of the Secretary and Treasurer's monthly financial reports (appropriations section) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been overexpended in violation with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligation for the fiscal year.

APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS* (RCV) - Motion to approve payment of the Bills & Claims Lists for the General Fund in the amount of \$875,867.19 and for the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$_____.

MOTION ITEMS

A. PERSONNEL

Motion to approve the following four Personnel items (RCV):

1. Approve Leave of Absence Request- To approve Mrs. Jennifer Apostolou's maternity leave of absence request per her October 20th letter, from (approximately) February 21, 2017 until the end of the school year.
2. Accept Resignation – To accept the resignation of Gian-Claudia Nufrio, aide, effective November 11, 2016.
3. Hire Substitutes – To accept Mr. Saalfield's recommendation to add the name of Juliana Goncalves to the substitute teacher list for the 2016-17 School Year.
4. Battle of the Books – To appoint Claire Fleming as a 4th grade Battle of the Books advisor for 2016-17, with a stipend of \$480, per the terms of the BTA contract.

B. FINANCE

Motion to approve the following three Finance motions (RCV):

1. Approve Workshop and Mileage Reimbursement Requests – To approve the attached list of requested workshop and mileage reimbursement requests.
2. 2015-16 Audit Synopsis Presentation – Mrs. Petty will present the 2015-16 Financial Audit Synopsis, with no auditor recommendations.

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3. 2016-17 Preschool Tuition Rate – To set the 2016-17 Preschool “reduced” tuition rate at \$75 per month (paying this rate is based on eligibility for the Free & Reduced Lunch program).

C. FACILITIES

1. Lavatory Proposal – Discussion of enclosed Proposal for gym lobby lavatory project. Does the BOE want to proceed to budget for this project in 2017-18, as a withdrawal from Capital Reserve, with the work to be done over the summer of 2018? The cost for the architect’s services to get us out to bid will be \$10,325.

D. EDUCATION

1. HIB Report

E. TRANSPORTATION

1. Approve Jointure Contract – Motion to approve a transportation jointure contract for Route #NP04 with the North Warren Regional Board of Education for them to transport two BES students to Pope John, Reverend Brown, in the amount of \$1,681.20 for the 2016-17 School Year.
2. Emergency Bus Service for Knowlton- Would the Board be interested in providing our spare bus, if available, for Knowlton Township Board of Education to use on an emergency basis this year? They currently do not have a back-up vehicle. Our insurance company has approved this idea. Still waiting to hear from our attorney. Cost to be determined, if attorney is supportive of the arrangement.

F. POLICY

1. Second Reading & Adoption – Motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the Policies:

P1140	Affirmative Action Program
P1523	Comprehensive Equity Plan
P&R1530	Equal Employment Opportunities
P1550	Affirmative Action Program for Employment and Contract Practices
P2260	Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices
P&R2411	Guidance Counseling
P&R2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
P3125	Employment of Teaching Staff Members
P3125.2	Employment of Substitute Teachers
P&R3126	District Mentoring Program
P3141	Resignation
P3231	Outside Employment as Athletic Coach
P&R3240	Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders

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P&R3244	In-Service Training – This policy/regulation is to be abolished
P5339	Screening for Dyslexia
R5350	Student Suicide
P5514	Student Use of Vehicles on School Grounds
P5755	Equity in Educational Programs and Services
P7481	Unmanned Aircraft Systems
P&R8441	Care of Injured and Ill Persons
P8454	Management of Pediculosis
P8630	Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility
R8630	Emergency School Bus Procedures

2. Discussion on Policy 2463 (Preschool Tuition)

OLD BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – J. Karolchyk

ADJOURNMENT