

BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Blairstown, New Jersey 07825

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SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA

Thursday, September 2, 2021 Meeting

7:00PM



A. CALL TO ORDER

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL by Matthew P. Herzer, Business Administrator

Mr. Jeremy Cook

Mrs. Michelle Gerhardt

Mrs. Sotie Hambos

Mrs. Rosette Inscho

Ms. Karen Klein

Mrs. Jennifer McElroy

Mrs. Nicole Rolph

Mrs. Shanna Sikkes

Mr. Bradford Van Valkenburg

D. NOTICE OF MEETING

This is a regular meeting of the Blairstown Township Board of Education. Notice of the time and place of this meeting was provided and copies of that resolution were forwarded to the official newspapers as designated by the Board of Education and to the Township Clerk, and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education offices as well as on the front door of the Blairstown Elementary School in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

F. PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

G. COMMITTEE REPORTS

H. PRESENTATIONS

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The Blairstown Township Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest.

J. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

August 5, 2021 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Voice Vote:

Motion by _____, second by _____

K. FINANCE

Resolutions R22-21 through R22-22 will be moved in one roll call vote

R22-21 Authorization for Payment of Bills (Attached)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the School Business Administrator to approve the bills list as submitted for the dates between August 6, 2021 and September 2, 2021.

Fund 10 – Current Expense	\$316,416.96
Fund 20 – Special Revenue	66,093.01
Fund 60 – Food Service	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$382,509.97

R22-22 Approve ARP IDEA Grant Application

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent to approve the ARP IDEA grant application in the amount of \$18,308.00 for ARP IDEA Basic and \$1,561.00 for ARP IDEA Preschool.

Motion by _____, second by _____
Roll Call: by Matthew P. Herzer, Business Administrator

Board Member	Vote	Board Member	Vote
Mr. Cook		Mrs. McElroy	
Mrs. Gerkhardt		Mrs. Rolph	
Mrs. Hambos		Mrs. Sikkes	
Mrs. Inscho		Mr. Van Valkenburg	
Ms. Klein			

L. PERSONNEL

Resolutions R22-23 through R22-28 will be moved in one roll call vote

R22-23 Approve Hiring of Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent to approve the hiring of Barbara Warnkin, Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher at 0.70 FTE, BA Step 1 from September 1, 2021 to November 23, 2021 prorated in the amount of \$37,754.50.

R22-25 Approve Vacation Day Payout

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent to approve the vacation day payout for Kathleen Welsh for 27.50 days at \$398.87 per day in the amount of \$10,968.93.

R22-26 Accept Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon recommendation by the Superintendent accept the resignation of Carlton Ashton, Part-Time Custodian effective September 3, 2021.

R22-27 Accept Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon recommendation by the Superintendent accept the resignation of Kimberly Hill, Paraprofessional effective August 31, 2021.

R22-27 Accept Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon recommendation by the Superintendent accept the resignation of Bernadine Pagano, Paraprofessional effective August 31, 2021.

R22-28 Approve List of Substitute Custodians

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent to approve the following list of returning substitutes custodians for the 2021-2022 School Year at \$14.00 per hour, \$16.00 per hour for black seal certification.

Last Name	First Name	Black Seal	Hourly Rate
Sciarrino	Chris	No	\$14.00
Ashton	Carlton	No	\$14.00
Perez	Ricardo	Yes	\$16.00

Motion by _____, second by _____

Roll Call: by Matthew P. Herzer, Business Administrator

Board Member	Vote	Board Member	Vote
Mr. Cook		Mrs. McElroy	
Mrs. Gerhardt		Mrs. Rolph	
Mrs. Hambos		Mrs. Sikkes	
Mrs. Inscho		Mr. Van Valkenburg	
Ms. Klein			

EDUCATION

Resolution R22-29 will be moved in one roll call vote

R22-29 Approve Curriculum for 2021-2022

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education upon recommendation by the Superintendent to approve the Computer Science and Design Thinking, Music, Physical Education, Science, Visual Arts and World Language (Spanish) curricula.

Motion by _____, second by _____

Roll Call: by Matthew P. Herzer, Business Administrator

Board Member	Vote	Board Member	Vote
Mr. Cook		Mrs. McElroy	
Mrs. Gerhardt		Mrs. Rolph	
Mrs. Hambos		Mrs. Sikkes	
Mrs. Inscho		Mr. Van Valkenburg	
Ms. Klein			

M. FACILITIES

Resolution R22-30 will be moved in one roll call vote

R22-30 Approve Tentative Facility Use Requests

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon recommendation by the Superintendent to approve the tentative facility use requests for the following groups:

Name	Organization	Requested Date
Linda Sprague	Blairstown Women’s Volleyball League	See attached form
Liz Dwyer	Blairstown Jr. Wrestling	See attached form
Susan Elias	Centenary University	See attached forms

Motion by _____, second by _____

Roll Call: by Matthew P. Herzer, Business Administrator

Board Member	Vote	Board Member	Vote
Mr. Cook		Mrs. McElroy	
Mrs. Gerhardt		Mrs. Rolph	
Mrs. Hambos		Mrs. Sikkes	
Mrs. Inscho		Mr. Van Valkenburg	
Ms. Klein			

N. CORRESPONDENCE

O. NEW BUSINESS

P. OLD BUSINESS

1. Teacher Empowerment Training
2. Ad hoc Survey Committee Report – Survey to begin after the 2020-2021 School Year is completed
3. Cluster board services ad-hoc committee
4. Resource Officer/Added Security Measures

Q. PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, the Board has set aside two portions of this meeting for public comment. Specifically, during both the “Public Comment on Agenda Items” and the “Other Public Comments” sections noted on the agenda, this meeting will be open to members of the public who wish to speak or make comment on agenda items or a school district issue that may be of concern to the residents of the Township of Blairstown. In that respect, please limit your comments or questions during the “Public Comment on Agenda Items” to agenda items only, and save any other questions or comments that you may have for the “Other Public Comments” portion of the meeting. During both portions of the meeting, the Board requests that the following procedures be observed:

1. Any person who wishes to speak must wait until they have been recognized by the presiding Board Officer;
2. Before beginning, each speaker must state their name and address and, if speaking on behalf of an organization, the name of that organization;
3. Each speaker is limited to one (1) opportunity to speak during each of the two (2) portions that have been set aside;
4. Each speaker is limited to five (5) minutes in length so that other members of the public who wish to speak may have an opportunity to do so.
5. The presiding Board Officer will advise each speaker when the five (5) minute period has expired;
6. Out of respect for other members of the public that may wish to speak, the Board requests that each speaker cede the floor to the next member of the public as soon as they finished making their respective comment(s) and/or when their allotted time has expired; and
7. If your questions or comments pertain to litigation, student or personnel matters, the Board asks that you see the Superintendent after the meeting since the Board does not, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, discuss or respond to these items in public.

R. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

S. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Blairstown Township Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The Minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Voice Vote:

Motion by _____, second by _____ to go into executive session at _____ PM

T. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Voice Vote:

Motion by _____, second by _____ to leave executive session at _____ PM

U. ADJOURNMENT

Voice Vote:

Motion by _____, second by _____ to leave the meeting at _____ PM