

BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Blairstown, New Jersey 07825

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July 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER The Blairstown Township Board of Education held this meeting in the School Library on Thursday, July 16, 2015.

Mr. Herrmann, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:43PM.

FLAG SALUTE Everyone present was requested to rise and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUNSHINE LAW Mr. Herrmann read the Notice of Meeting and Mission Statement

MISSION STATEMENT

ROLL CALL The following board members were present: Mr. Cook, Mrs. Glory, Mrs. Hadden, Mr. Herrmann, Mr. Karolchyk, Mrs. McLain, Mrs. Mantegna, and Mrs. Wood-Rosso
Absent: Mrs. Reuben

Also Present: Mr. Saalfield, Superintendent; Mrs. Petty, SBA/Board Secretary; and Mr. Leal, Principal

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION – None.

PAYMENT OF BILLS – A motion was made by Mrs. McLain, seconded by Mrs. Mantegna, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the June 30th Bills & Claims list in the amount of \$647,126.85, the July 16th General Fund Bills & Claims List in the amount of \$339,824.85, and the Food Service Check #1064 in the amount of \$6,359.80 for Maschio's June invoice.

DRAINAGE/PAVEMENT PROJECT – Mrs. Petty noted that bids were due by 10AM on July 16, 2015 and they were faxed to the attorney for his review prior to this meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Wood-Rosso, seconded by Mr. Herrmann, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to accept the attached list of bids and to award the contract for drainage/paving the back parking lot to D&S Land Development in the amount of \$96,863.75 for the base bid and \$57,800 for the paving, for a total of \$154,663.75.

LIBRARY AC CHANGE-ORDER – Mrs. Petty informed the Board that Mr. Amalfitano will be able to do any needed duct work after the installation if it is needed. There will be no extra cost to the Board.

HIRE READING SPECIALIST – A motion was made by Mrs. Glory, seconded by Mr. Herrmann, and carried by roll call vote (7-yes; 1-no <Mr. Karolchyk>) to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to hire Joan Ricker as a full-time Reading Specialist on MA+30 credit, Step 18 (\$76,990) of the BEA Salary Guide for the 2015-16 School Year.

REQUEST FOR BANKED SICK DAYS – After a thorough discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Herrmann, seconded by Mrs. Wood-Rosso, and failed by roll-call vote (2-yes; 4-no <Mrs. Glory, Mr. Karolchyk, Mrs. Mantegna, and Mrs. McLain> ; 2-abstentions <Mrs. Hadden and Mrs. Wood-Rosso>) to offer a contract to J. Ricker with 50 days in a sick day bank (25 in the first year and 25 in the second year), not to be reimbursed upon retirement or resignation.

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HIRE TEACHER – A motion was made by Mrs. Wood-Rosso, seconded by Mrs. Mantegna, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to hire Erika Velez as a full-time Teacher on Bachelor’s + 15 Credits, Step 1 (\$50,520) of the BEA Salary Guide. (World Languages Teacher)

HIRE TEACHER – A motion was made by Mrs. Wood-Rosso, seconded by Mrs. Hadden, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to hire Cindy Groseibl as a part-time Teacher on Bachelor’s Step 4, pro-rated to \$41,870 @ .79 contract, for the 2015-16 School Year. (Basic Skills)

HIRE TEACHER – A motion was made by Mrs. Wood-Rosso, seconded by Mr. Herrmann, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to hire Brittany Schweiger as a part-time Teacher on Bachelor’s Step 2, pro-rated to \$40,290 @ .79 contract, for the 2015-16 School Year. (Special Education)

ACCEPT MRS. RUDOLPH’S RETIREMENT – A motion was made by Mr. Herrmann, seconded by Mrs. Wood-Rosso, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to accept, with deepest regret, Mrs. Rudolph’s retirement (Supervisor of Special Education Services), effective July 31, 2015.

APPOINT INTERIM SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES – A motion was made by Mrs. McLain, seconded by Mrs. Hadden, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation to appoint Marianne Chletsos as the Interim Supervisor of Special Services at the hourly rate of \$125, effective immediately.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – A motion was made by Mrs. Wood-Rosso, seconded by Mrs. Mantegna, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to convene to Executive Session at 8:54PM to discuss the results of the Superintendent’s evaluation and his next employment contract. Results of this session will be released to the public once the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – The meeting returned to Open Session at 10:14PM.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Mantegna, seconded by Mr. Herrmann, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Petty
School Business Administrator