

BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Blairstown, New Jersey 07825

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SUPERINTENDENT'S AGENDA **Friday, November 3, 2023 Special Meeting** **5:30PM**



A. CALL TO ORDER

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL by Donna Williams, Business Administrator

Mrs. Erinn Allison

Mr. Jeremy Cook

Mr. Kevin Doell

Mrs. Sotie Hambos

Mrs. Kathryn Hawkswell

Ms. Karen Klein

Mrs. Jennifer McElroy

Mrs. Shanna Sikkes

Mr. Bradford Van Valkenburg

D. NOTICE OF MEETING

This is a special 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. 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. 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.

F. PERSONNEL

Personnel Resolutions 1 will be moved in one roll call vote.

1. Approve Superintendent Contract

WHEREAS, the Blairstown Board of Education (the “Board”) and Dr. Patrick Ketch entered into an Employment Agreement for Dr. Ketch to serve as Superintendent for the term commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2024 (the “Present Employment Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Board and Dr. Ketch desire to rescind the Present Employment Agreement prior to its conclusion, and enter into a new Employment Agreement for a term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring June 30, 2028 (the “Succeeding Employment Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, this Succeeding Employment Agreement has been submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent, according to standards adopted by the Commissioner of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7-8(j);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby rescinds the Present Employment Agreement of Dr. Patrick Ketch effective July 1, 2023; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board hereby appoints Dr. Ketch as the Superintendent of Schools for the Blairstown Board of Education for the period beginning on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028, in accordance with the terms of the Succeeding Employment Agreement annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the attached Succeeding Employment Agreement with Dr. Patrick Ketch for the position of Superintendent of Schools for the foregoing period of appointment; and

BE IT FURTHER RE SOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the Board President and School Business Administrator to execute the Succeeding Employment Agreement on behalf of the Board.

Motion by _____, second by _____

Roll Call: by Donna Williams, School Business Administrator

Board Member	Vote	Board Member	Vote
Mrs. Allison		Ms. Klein	
Mr. Cook		Mrs. McElroy	
Mr. Doell		Mrs. Sikkes	

Mrs. Hambos		Mr. Van Valkenburg	
Mrs. Hawkswell			

G. 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, state 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 finish 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.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Voice Vote:

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