

BRIELLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Action Meeting Minutes
Brielle, New Jersey
July 22, 2020
Meeting held remotely called to order at 7 p.m.

1. **Announcement** – There has been adequate notice of this meeting provided by the Board of Education January 16, 2020 notice in the *Coast Star* setting forth the date, time and place for this meeting. Similar notice has been posted in the Town Hall, the Brielle School Web Site, and the Borough Clerk has been notified. Revised notices were issued on May 12, 2020 updating the place of the meeting.
2. **Roll Call**
Mr. Becker, Mr. Colon, Dr. D’Ambrosio, Mrs. Dettlinger, Mr. Ingoglia, Mrs. Jones, Dr. LaValva, Mr. Milancewich, Mr. Vitale
Also Present: Mrs. Carlson, Ms. Trainor and 110 members of the public
3. **Flag Salute**
4. **Approval of Minutes – Consent**
Move that the Board of Education accept the minutes of the June 24, 2020 Regular Public Meeting.
Motion by Mrs. Dettlinger, seconded by Mrs. Jones carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0
5. **Presentations – N/A**
6. **Visitor’s Business** – Visitors are permitted to comment on agenda items only at this time.-None
7. **Correspondence -None**
8. **Committee Reports-**
Finance – Mr. Vitale-meeting will be scheduled for early August to review year end surplus
Representative to Manasquan- Mr. Ingoglia-Attended meeting, items discussed included re-opening plan and equity in education
Curriculum and Programs- Mr. Becker-None
Buildings and Grounds- Mr. Milancewich-None

Personnel- Mrs. Dettlinger-Items on agenda this evening include retirements and new hires and have been reviewed with Mrs. Carlson

Negotiations- Mr. Milancewich-None

Policy and Wellness- Mrs. Jones-meeting will be scheduled to discuss policy updates relative to re-opening

Community Relations/Board Liaison- Mr. Colon-Has received many questions from the community and has replied that the re-opening is a work in progress

9. Administrative Report

Mrs. Carlson reported the following:

- Retired librarian Barbara Mason passed away from cancer. She was a beloved teacher in the district and will be missed. A moment of silence was held.
- The 3 teachers who have submitted their retirements will be honored at the August Board meeting
- Virtual Graduation was held after 62 days of remote learning.
- During the remote learning weekly meetings were held with the staff, Mrs. Carlson also attended weekly meeting with the Monmouth County Superintendents and the Manasquan sending district superintendents
- The proposed Re-Opening Plan
 - Mrs. Carlson thanked the Board, Administrators, staff, and parents for their many hours of help in developing the plan
 - The survey results were 47% of parents would like to return full time, the next highest percentage called for a hybrid model that combines in-person instruction with virtual instruction. 18% were in favor of full virtual learning
 - 80% of Monmouth County has opted for a hybrid model
 - Brielle is proposing using a model that splits the student population into 2 groups, a Blue & a Gold group. Each group will attend in-person 2 days a week and virtually 3 days a week. The school day will end at 1 p.m. and meals will not be served. A snack time will be built into the schedule

Dr. D'Ambrosio expressed his opinion that he did not agree with the proposed plan and was in favor of all students returning to school full time.

Mrs. Jones and Mr. Colon also expressed concern.

10. Action Items

A. Curriculum and Programs

Roll Call

- A.1** Motion that the Board of Education approves OT LLC, to provide occupational therapy services for the 2020 Extended School Year (ESY) at a rate of \$100.00 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours per week.
- A.2** Motion that the Board of Education approves the following tuition paid student for the 2020 Extended School Year (ESY).

Student	Effective	Tuition	Related Services
1 Student (from Spring Lake Heights)	7/1/2020-8/4/2020	TBA	OT: TBA Speech: TBA

- A.3** Motion that the Board of Education approves Summit Speech to provide Itinerant Teacher services for the 2020-2021 school year, at a rate of \$165.00 per hour, not to exceed 8 hours, for one Brielle resident student attending Manasquan High School.
- A.4** Motion that the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 Speech Services contract for Meranda Schwarz to provide speech services at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year for up to 10 hours per week for a total of 35 weeks, not to exceed \$26,250.00.
- A.5** Motion that the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 Speech Services contract for Phyllis Penkethman to provide speech services at a rate of \$75.00 per hour for the 2020-2021 school year for up to 35 hours per week for 36 weeks not to exceed \$94,500.00.

Motion on A.1 through A.5 by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Dettlinger carried by roll call vote as follows:

- A.1, A.3-A.5 Ayes: Mr. Becker, Mr. Colon, Dr. D’Ambrosio, Mrs. Dettlinger, Mr. Ingoglia, Mrs. Jones, Dr. LaValva, Mr. Milancewich, Mr. Vitale**
- A.2 Ayes: Mr. Becker, Mr. Colon, Dr. D’Ambrosio, Mrs. Dettlinger, Mr. Ingoglia, Mrs. Jones, Dr. LaValva, Mr. Vitale**
- A.2 Nays: Mr. Milancewich**
- Motions A.1-A.5 Carried**

- A.6** Motion that the Board of Education approves the 2020-2021 Brielle School preliminary District Re-Entry Plan as attached.

Motion on A.6 by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mr. Vitale carried by roll call vote as follows:

- Ayes: Mr. Becker, Mr. Colon, Mrs. Dettlinger, Mr. Ingoglia, Dr. LaValva, Mr. Milancewich, Mr. Vitale**
- A.2 Nays: Dr. D’Ambrosio**
- Abstain: Mrs. Jone**
- Motions A.5 Carried 7-1-1**

A.7 Motion that the Board of Education approves the revised Brielle School District’s 2020-2021 preliminary school calendar* as attached.

*Previously Board approved on 1/29/2020.

Motion on A.6 by Mr. Becker, seconded by Mrs. Dettlinger carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Becker, Mr. Colon, Mrs. Dettlinger, Mr. Ingoglia, Dr. LaValva, Mr. Milancewich, Mr. Vitale

A.2 Nays: Dr. D’Ambrosio

Abstain: Mrs. Jone

Motions A.5 Carried 7-1-1

B. Finance

Roll Call

B.1 BE IT RESOLVED that the financial reports of the Secretary to the Board of Education and Treasurer of School Monies for June 30, 2020 which are in agreement be accepted as submitted and attached to and made part of the minutes of this meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23.2.11 (c)4 we certify that as of June 30, 2020 which after review of the secretary’s monthly financial report and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

B.2 Motion that the Board of Education approves the budget transfers effective June 30, 2020.

Motion on B.1 through B.2 by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Dr. LaValva carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0

C. Buildings and Grounds

Roll Call

D. Policy

Roll Call

E. Personnel

Roll Call

All items below are upon the recommendation of the Superintendent

- E.1** Motion that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Darlene Finkenauer for the purpose of retirement effective September 1, 2020.
- E.2** Motion that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Susan Grady for the purpose of retirement effective September 1, 2020.
- E.3** Motion that the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Karen Semple for the purpose of retirement effective September 1, 2020.
- E.4** Motion that the Board of Education approves Meghan Pringle as Middle School Math Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at Step 1-MA, pending the completion of criminal history review.
- E.5** Motion that the Board of Education approves Carrie Siano as Elementary Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at Step 1-BA, pending the completion of criminal history review.
- E.6** Motion that the Board of Education approves the following teacher aides for the 2020-2021 school year at the hourly rates indicated:

Name	Salary
Shirley Carhart	\$16.18 per hr./7 hrs. per day/185 days per yr.
Susan Crowder	\$14.65 per hr./7 hrs. per day/185 days per yr.
Melinda Garrison	\$15.40 per hr./7 hrs. per day/185 days per yr.
Elizabeth Johnson	\$15.02 per hr./7 hrs. per day/185 days per yr.
Jami Menture	\$16.18 per hr./7 hrs. per day/185 days per yr.
John Morris	\$14.65 per hr./7 hrs. per day/185 days per yr.
Pamela Phillips	\$15.79 per hr./7 hrs. per day/185 days per yr.
Sheila Sarnasi	\$15.02 per hr./7 hrs. per day/185 days per yr.

- E.7** Motion that the Board of Education approves the following staff to work the 2020 Extended School Year (ESY) program at the following hourly rate:

Name	Position	Hours Per Day	Rate
Stephen Labrecque	Instructional Assistant	3 hours	\$13.00 p/h *

*Previously Board approved on 5/20/2020 for \$12.00 p/h

Motion by Mrs. Dettlinger, seconded by Mr. Vitale carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0

11. Visitor’s Business – Visitors are permitted to comment on agenda and non- agenda items at this time.

12. Discussion

Questions and comments from the public were typed into the chat box, read by Mrs. Dettlinger and responded to by Mrs. Dettlinger and Mrs. Carlson. The questions and comments are attached.

13. Payment of Bills

Motion that the Board authorizes payment of the following June 2020 bills list and the July 2020 that the Secretary is authorized to draw warrants of the Treasurer in the the amount of \$562,639.86 for July 2020.

Motion by Mr. Vitale, seconded by Mr. Colon carried by unanimous roll call vote 9-0

14. Executive Session

BE IT RESOLVED that in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (Act) the Brielle Board of Education shall conduct a closed executive session pursuant to the Personnel and Legal exceptions(s) prescribed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussing :

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minutes of the executive session will be released when the need for confidentiality in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-2 no longer applies. There is not an Executive Session planned

15. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. D’Ambrosio and seconded by Mrs. Dettlinger Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM. Motion was carried by a unanimous vote of 9-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Deborah Trainor
Board Secretary**

19:39:52 From Theresa Porcello : Theresa Porcello: Will there be an option for full virtual attendance for parents who wish their children not to return physically at this time.

19:41:56 From Sean Wohltman : would like to respond when possible, thank you

19:43:54 From Colleen Stratton : I'd like to offer to help in any way possible. I have a Masters in Public Health, with a focus on Epidemiology, and professional experience in infectious diseases and their treatments including vaccine development and clinical drug studies . Given my experience I believe I can help develop a plan to prioritize safety while maximizing in-person learning.

19:44:50 From Katie Oehme : Will siblings have same color (blue/gold)?

19:53:39 From Heidi Shalloo : Heidi and Dan Shalloo

19:54:12 From Heidi Shalloo : What will virtual learning in the classroom look like? Have cameras in the classroom been considered so that children can watch the instruction live?

19:55:21 From Theresa Porcello : Theresa Porcello: After the plan is approved, when will the plan be re-evaluated to ensure it is effective or not?

19:55:42 From Jessica McCusker : I'm wondering why a Wednesday %100 virtual day when we are a sending district to Manasquan HS which is doing a every other day.

19:56:12 From Megan : Will the Blue students be expected to attend virtual classes on a Gold in school day?

19:56:45 From Luke Dowd : Good question, Manasquan is doing a five day rotation

19:57:02 From Katie Oehme : Thank you for answering my first question. On virtual days, will there be a bell to bell schedule?

19:57:09 From Lori Cohen : If a student is blue, what will they be doing on gold days? Virtual learning?

19:58:30 From Tina Cadott : How come the other sending districts are bringing the kids back fulltime and Brielle cannot? Do they have less children than Brielle?

19:59:26 From Ryan Basaman : is there any safety and security benefit to a half day? the kids may be home unsupervised rather than being in the building learning, particularly given the fact that they will still be every other day.

19:59:55 From Suzy Evans : Agreed, do not understand the value of having every Wednesday as a virtual day for the entire school?

20:00:08 From Chandra Hertel : As I understand it Manasquan elementary is returning full time - as is Spring Lake - is there a way we can coordinate with them

in order to come up with a plan to allow our students to return full time or at least more days per week.

20:01:07 From Chandra Hertel : At the end of last year out of my sons classes only two teachers conducted zoom learning. Will that be different in September?

20:01:56 From Luke Dowd : as far as i know manasquan elementary has a far higher amount of kids compared to brielle

20:02:28 From Lori Cohen : Will teachers require students to attend virtual learning in order to maintain some consistency?

20:10:00 From Colleen Stratton : Will this 2 days in-person, 3 days virtual be implemented for pre-K -3rd graders or just for 4th - 8th?

20:12:53 From Kaitlyn Thomasey : I would like to ask a question.

20:13:05 From Morgan Cassella : Repeating Colleen's question- Will this 2 days in-person, 3 days virtual be implemented for pre-K -3rd graders or just for 4th - 8th?

20:13:28 From Kaitlyn Thomasey : Will there be before and aftercare?

20:16:32 From Luke Dowd : Agree with Sean's comments on virtual learning

20:19:14 From Morgan Cassella : i believe all of us would like the information on the air filtration system. Please send that out to all parents.

20:21:21 From Heidi Shalloo : Heidi Shalloo: Have we considered cameras in the classroom so the kids can watch instruction live if they are home?

20:21:38 From Luke Dowd : Will there be virtual learning structures in place for parents who work?

20:24:28 From Christy Matthews : What are you doing in regards to children with IEP's? Will they still be getting the extra help they need in person, or will things like speech still be kept virtual?

20:24:40 From Jessica McCusker : Are the kids going to have a days worth of work/ instruction on the virtual days? I don't want to see only a hour or 2 worth of work for my 8th grader on a virtual day. I've used homeschooling programs and they are full days worth of lessons

20:26:43 From Charlotte/Kristy/ DeCresce : governor Murphy has not said masks are required. just suggested

20:27:03 From Matthew p Leible : if lack of monitors for lunch is a concern that drives the shorter day ending at 1pm why not extend a longer lunch period and ask for parent volunteers from the community to help on a rolling basis.

20:28:02 From Matthew p Leible : Manasquan is not mandating masks while kids are sat at their desks. please consider this

20:29:33 From Susan Thomas : What happens on the days where you are not in class and not virtual? For example - Blue goes into school on Mon/Thurs. What are they doing on Tues/Fri?

20:29:39 From Kaitlyn Thomasey : heights is 5 full days

- 20:30:08** From Mishelle Whiting : If a child grade k-3 receives special services, are they bound to the resource room for the entire day?
- 20:32:03** From kristin blackman : I think that ELA and Math need to be the primary (and perhaps sole) focus of the education on the days our children are in school. PE, Art, Music should be reserved for “virtual” days. Also, as a parent of an incoming Kindergartner who is very shy and has a very hard time with virtual zoom like technologies, I hope that you will consider an alternate plan for the younger children who will suffer more during these times than older children.
- 20:34:34** From Lisa Kenny : The child’s IEP will drive the placement...Resource Room or general ed classroom with support.
- 20:38:24** From Morgan Cassella : If younger students are expected to login, daily, can you send resources before school starts so that parents can prepare and practice with them ahead of time? We will have 2 working parents who will not be home and family members who will not be able to assist with the technology end of things.
- 20:39:57** From Julie Robinson : Are blue/gold days 2 consecutive days in a row for the same color separated by virtual day? For example, blue goes M-Tue, Wed virtual, Th-Fri gold.
- 20:41:43** From Kaitlyn Thomasey : Will we have a firm and final plan by August 10th? Childcare issues will need to be addressed.
- 20:41:59** From Chandra Hertel : Please consider the offers of help from parents in this meeting to enable Brielle to allow full time attendance. Not receiving the same educational opportunities as the other schools in the sending district feels like a disadvantage for our students.
- 20:42:15** From Julie Robinson : Wouldn't consecutive days help with continuity of learning?
- 20:42:35** From Katie Oehme : Is there an option to send kids everyday just half days for a reduced class size? (Blue 8-11) (gold 12-3)
- 20:42:35** From Suzanne Donlan : Did the parents of new students receive the survey?
- 20:43:31** From Julie Robinson : No we did not
- 20:43:36** From Kaitlyn Thomasey : No we did not
- 20:43:38** From Luke Dowd : I believe you really need to revisit K-3, going full week, they are far less independent than the older grades
- 20:44:28** From Laura Myers : Thank you to Chris and Colin and the team, and the board of ed for all your hard work on this.
- 20:44:37** From Theresa Porcello : Will this video recording be posted after the meeting
- 20:44:43** From Courtney Gilmartin : this is from Amber Fernicola- for single working mothers is there going to be resources available for us?

- 20:44:54** From Chris Campbell : thank you to all our board, administrators, teachers and all staff!
- 20:46:32** From Erin North : Will this recording be posted?
- 20:47:11** From Eliot Arlo Colon : I think its great that there are so many questions!
- 20:47:49** From Matthew p Leible : thank you for the access on zoom - very helpful (consider for future mtgs which will allow for more parent participation)
- 20:48:08** From Susan Thomas : Suggestion - for those parents who work F/T and are going to be challenged to manage while children are home, could you set up a channel for parents to collaborate and perhaps set up micro-learning for small groups of kids within the same grade? I think we have a better chance getting through this if we are able to work together and help each other out.
- 20:48:19** From Jo Ann McWilliams : Thank you to the administration and committee for keeping the safety of both the teachers and students in mind. Please reach out to any teacher to understand the impact on us as well. Good night and Thank you!
- 20:48:27** From Brooke Jablonski : Can we possibly look at giving families the option to choose. If they want to stay virtual, they can and those that choose to send their children full time, would also have that option. For two full time working parents, this is a very difficult situation.
- 20:48:29** From Katie Oehme : Thank you
- 20:48:44** From amandalindsay : Thank you for everyone working so hard to figure this out!
- 20:48:51** From Lisa Kenny to Christine Carlson(Privately) : Great job Chris!
- 20:49:01** From Luke Dowd : Thanks to everyone involved
- 20:54:34** From Adrienne Mahon : Thank you for sharing that..it should make us all proud of their involvement!
- 20:54:36** From susan pedersen : Thank you all for all the work you all put into this meeting, I am one of the minority and would rather have all virtual learning. If we are putting all the restrictions of wearing a mask, keeping distance, and having plexus glass, does anyone think of the learning environment for those children, and not to mention what the teachers have to deal with. It sounds to me it is not an ideal environment for neither student or teacher. Please consider all virtual learning until this all gets under control. This is our new normal and it is not normal by any means. But for the safety of our community please consider this.
- 20:54:50** From Susan Thomas : Will parents of minority children be included in the discussions about changes in the curriculum?
- 21:00:12** From Mishelle Whiting : Thank you everyone, stay safe.

- 21:01:12 From Lisa Kenny : Stay well Brielle family!**
- 21:01:19 From Lori Cohen : Thank you everyone for your time. You are ALL appreciated. Stay well!**
- 21:07:07 From Colin Sabia : its the chromebook**
- 21:07:25 From Colin Sabia : we can ask the parents to say yes to a phone list**
- 21:07:50 From Colin Sabia : and it is pouring outside**