

Bloomfield, New Jersey
Tuesday, August 5, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Conference Room of the School Administration Building on Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Petrillo.

The following meeting notice was read:

The date, location and time of this regular meeting were mailed to *THE INDEPENDENT PRESS*, *BLOOMFIELD LIFE*, the *STAR LEDGER* and the *HERALD & NEWS*, posted on the Bloomfield School District website and delivered to the Township Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield on May 1, 2007.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Laura Curcio
 Mr. Joseph Lopez
 Mr. Anthony Petrillo
 Dr. Nicholas Rizzitello
 Mr. Angelo Salgado
 Mr. Louis Venezia
 Ms. Susan Wolf
 Mr. Edmund Zilinski

Board Members Absent: Ms. Rachel Park

Staff Members Present: Mr. Frank Digesere
 Dr. Marie Cirasella
 Mr. Michael Derderian
 Stephen Edelstein, Esq., Board Attorney

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Mr. Petrillo.

RESOLUTION TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon the motion of Mrs. Curcio, seconded by Mr. Venezia, the following resolution was introduced:

Res. 196 “BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant of N.J.S. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that the Bloomfield Board of Education hold a closed session on August 5, 2008 at 7:08 PM regarding student and personnel matters.”

Executive session ended at 8:15 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

- High School Representative – *Stephanie Zilinski (not present)*
- Certificate of Appreciation – *Tony Petrillo*
 - ✓ *Mr. Petrillo gave a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Nick Immediato for serving as a camera operator for two years.*
- Year-End Financial Report – *Michael Derderian*
 - ✓ *Mr. Derderian gave an overview of the district finances.*
- Registration Enforcement – *Michael Derderian*
 - ✓ *Mr. Derderian gave an overview of the registration program.*

REPORTS - None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - None

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Petrillo thanked the public for their prayers during his surgery and Mrs. Curcio for filling in during his sickness.

DISCUSSION - None

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- Ms. Smith inquired about the results of the audit and inquired about the status of the Superintendent's contract. She also inquired if members of the public could be on the Superintendent's negotiating committee.
- A resident came before the Board about the YMCA "Before-Care" Program. Mr. Digesere responded.
- A resident requested that the YMCA should come in tonight. She said she has to get a program going now.
- A resident inquired if the "After-Care" Program could be extended until 6:30 PM.
- A resident inquired about the YMCA program. Mr. Digesere indicated a presentation will be made at the next Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon the motion of Mr. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Curcio, the following resolutions were introduced:

Recommending the approval of the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008.

Recommending the approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session of the Board held on Tuesday, July 15, 2008.

Recommendation carried (5-0-3) with Dr. Rizzitello, Mr. Salgado, and Mr. Petrillo abstaining.

RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL & MANAGEMENT

Upon the motion of Dr. Rizzitello, seconded by Mr. Venezia, the following resolutions were introduced:

Res. 197 "RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resignations as listed:"

Michael Walty

Guidance Counselor
High School
Eff. 6/30/08
For another position

Res. 198 "RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Rescind Appointment as listed:"

Juana Benitez

Teacher - .6 Art
Fairview

Res. 199 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Adjustments as listed:”

| | From | To |
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| Robert MacNett | Head Coach Girls Soccer | Assistant Coach Girls Soccer |
| Debra D’Andrea Media Specialist | BA Step 1 | BA Step 4 |

Res. 200 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Terminations as listed:”

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| Ken Noland | Instructional Aide Demarest Eff. 8/6/08 |
| Jacqueline Helfich | Instructional Aide Watsessing Eff. 8/6/08 |

Carried unanimously (8-0)

Upon the motion of Dr. Rizzitello, seconded by Mrs. Curcio, the following resolution was introduced:

Res. 201 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Appointments as listed:”

Certified:

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| Kelechi Ibeh | Teacher – Physical Education High School BA Step 1 \$43,000.00 Eff. 9/1/08 Re. Anthony Lambo |
| Giselle Castillo | Teacher – English Middle School MA Step 3 \$47,000.00 Eff. 9/1/08-1/30/09 Rt. Suzanne Johnson |
| Christine Pecoraro | Teacher – Special Education High School BA Step 4 \$44,500.00 Eff. 9/1/08 Re. Amy Supino |
| Laura Francis | Teacher – Social Studies Middle School BA Step 1 \$43,000.00 Pending Certification Eff. 9/1/08-10/24/08 Rt. Erin Marmara |
| Gregory Murray | Teacher – Technology Fairview/Watsessing BA Step 1 \$43,000.00 Eff. 9/1/08 Re. Karen Ritacco |

Non Certified:

Charlene Schrom

Lunch Aide
Demarest
Step 1 \$3,100.00
Eff. 9/3/08
Re. Lisa Watson

Recommendation carried (7-0-1) with Dr. Rizzitello abstaining.

Upon the motion of Dr. Rizzitello, seconded by Mrs. Curcio, the following resolutions were introduced:

Res. 202 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Transfers as listed:”

| | From | To |
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| Andrew Martinez | Assistant Custodian Fairview School | General Maintenance Sutton Service Center Eff. 8/6/08 Re. William Dreier |
| Susan Servidio | Instructional Aide Middle School | Instructional Aide High School Eff. 9/1/08 |
| Rita DeSimone | Instructional Aide Demarest | Instructional Aide Franklin Eff. 9/1/08 Re. Lauren Wester |
| Milagros Martinez | Instructional Aide Franklin | Instructional Aide Fairview Eff. 9/1/08 Re. Angela Macaluso |
| Joseph Sambataro | Instructional Aide Out-of-District | Instructional Aide High School Eff. 9/1/08 Re. Scott Sommerkamp |

Res. 203 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Leave of Absence as listed:”

Tammy Martini

Teacher – 2nd Grade
Franklin
Disability LOA
Eff. 11/24/08-2/2/09
FMLA
Eff. 2/3/09-5/7/09
Maternity LOA
Eff. 5/8/09-6/30/09
Returning 9/1/09

Res. 204 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Degree Change as listed:”

| | From | To |
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| Emily Roche | BA | MA |

Res. 205 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Substitutes as listed:”

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| Ricardo Mauricio-Jimenez | County | Teacher |
| Chriscia Robinson | County | Teacher |
| Maria Vicente | County | Teacher |
| Kevin Dunphy | CEAS | Teacher |
| Laura Franci | County | Teacher |
| Catherine Laney | County | Teacher |
| Faithann Brown | County | Teacher |
| Lauren Williams | County | Teacher |

Res. 206 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Extra Compensation as listed:”

NAME: Toni Setteducato
PROGRAM: Environmental Club
COMMENT: Cat. I \$522.00
11.401.100.110.40.46

LOCATION: MS
2008/2009 School yr.

NAME: Carina D’Alessio
PROGRAM: School Photographer
COMMENT: Cat. III \$968.00
11.401.100.110.40.46

LOCATION: MS
2008/2009 School yr.

NAME: Robert Lowy
PROGRAM: Curriculum Writing
COMMENT: 5/hrs. @ \$29.00 = \$145.00
20.234.100.101.59.99 Grant funded

LOCATION: Admin. Bldg.
DATE(S): 8/7/08-8/31/08

NAME: Virginia Ferruzola
PROGRAM: ESY Sub
COMMENT: Hrs. TBD @ \$12.00
11.000.219.104.59.32

LOCATION: OV
DATE(S): 6/30/08-8/12/08

NAME: Pamela Verbisky
PROGRAM: Color Guard Advisor
COMMENT: 50/hrs. @ \$29.00 = \$1,450.00
11.401.100.110.14.25

LOCATION: Camp Cayuga
DATE(S): 8/25/08-8/29/08

NAME: Robert Nelson
PROGRAM: Assistant Marching Band Director
COMMENT: 50/hrs. @ \$29.00 = \$1,450.00
11.401.100.110.14.25

LOCATION: Camp Cayuga
DATE(S): 8/25/08-8/29/08

NAME: Brendan Hughes
PROGRAM: Marching Band Director
COMMENT: 65/hrs. @ \$29.00 = \$1,885.00
11.401.100.110.14.25

LOCATION: Camp Cayuga
DATE(S): 8/25/08-8/29/08

NAME: Rosanne Bornstein
PROGRAM: Curriculum Writing
COMMENT: 5/hrs. @ \$29.00 = \$145.00
20.233.100.101.59.99 Grant funded

LOCATION: Admin. Bldg.
DATE(S): 8/6/08

Res. 207 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the creation of the following positions:

1:1 Aide at Berkeley
1:1 Aide at Fairview
(2) - 1:1 Aides OOD

Res. 208 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following job description:

Manager of Residency/Community Relations

Carried unanimously (8-0)

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Upon the motion of Mrs. Curcio, seconded by Mr. Venezia, the following resolutions were introduced:

Approval of Modifications & Transfers

Res. 209 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Modifications and Transfers of funds in accordance with NJSA 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2 with the adopted 2008/2009 budget dated July 31, 2008.”

Donation of Goods & Services

Res. 210 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, graciously accepts the donation of new planters at Carteret School designed and constructed by Bloomfield Troop #23.”

Purchase of Textbooks

Res. 211 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the purchase of the following textbooks as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(s):

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| Pearson Prentice Hall Lebanon, IN 46052 | \$ 40,000 |
| McMillan/McGraw-Hill Desoto, TX 75115 | \$243,470 |

Approval of Grant Application – NCLB

Res. 212 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the submission of the NCLB 2008/2009 application for the period 9/1/08-8/31/09.”

Approval of Grant Application – IDEIA

Res. 213 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the submission of the IDEIA 2008/2009 application for the period 9/1/08 – 8/31/09.”

Carried unanimously (8-0)

Upon the motion of Mrs. Curcio, seconded by Mr. Venezia, the following resolution was introduced:

Acceptance of Grant

Res. 214 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the Essex County Workforce Investment Act Youth Program for the period 7/1/08-6/30/09 in the amount of \$12,834.”

Recommendation carried (7-0-1) with Mr. Petrillo abstaining.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Upon the motion of Mr. Salgado, seconded by Mr. Zilinski, the following resolutions were introduced:

Approval of Professional Days

Res. 215 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes certified staff to attend the following conferences. Each conference is directly associated and within the scope of the duties as identified in 18A:11-15(b) and Chapter 53/A5:”

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Destination</u> | <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Account #</u> |
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| Bonnie Gaspar | Somerset, NJ | Art Educators of NJ Conference | \$120.00 | 11.000.223.580.51.40 |

Approval of Contractual Services

Res. 216 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following contractual services for the Extended and Regular 2008-2009 School Year:”

| <u>Agency</u> | <u>Contractual Service</u> | <u>Cost</u> |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center (Dr. Patel) 703 Main Street Paterson, NJ 07503 | Neurological & Psychological Evaluations | \$350/Eval. |
| Essex Regional Ed. Services Commission 369 Passaic Avenue Fairfield, NJ 07004 | CST Evaluations Home Instruction | \$300-\$310/Eval. \$40/hr. |
| Hackensack University MC Department of Audiology and Auditory Processing 30 Prospect Avenue Hackensack, NJ 07601 | Audiological Evaluations | \$450-\$854/Eval. |
| School Based Therapy Services 435 Manchester Drive Nutley, NJ 07110 | OT/PT Speech | \$120/hr. |
| Union County Ed. Services Commission 45 Cardinal Drive Westfield, NJ 07090 | Bedside Instruction | \$51/\$55/hr. |
| Progressive Steps, LLC 26 Bridge Street Hackensack, NJ 07601 | Developmental Intervention OT/PT/Speech | \$75/hr. \$110/hr. |
| Bergen County Special Services 216 Route 17N. 4 th Floor Rochelle Park, NJ 07662 | AT Evaluations CST Evaluations | \$125/hr. \$795/Eval. |

Approval of Overnight Field Trip

Res. 217 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following overnight field trip:

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| Group: | Wilderness Adventure Program |
| Destination: | Appalachian Trail, Northern, NJ |
| Dates: | October 23-25, 2008 |
| Purpose of Trip: | A socialization experience for a group of diverse seniors promoting problem solving skills, and building self-confidence. |
| No. of Students: | 12 |
| Transportation: | BHS bus |
| Chaperones: | Kenneth Card, Lenore Imhof, and Sean Dugan |

Carried unanimously (8-0)

FACILITIES UPDATE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mrs. Curcio requested an update on the Middle School reorganization.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Wolf inquired about kindergarten population policy.
- Mr. Lopez asked if the YMCA answered all of the questions. How fast can we start?
- Mr. Venezia inquired about expanding the High School AP Program, and Mr. Digesere stated that he would look into it and get back with the information.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- Mr. Zilinski congratulated Mr. Digesere on his daughter's marriage.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon the motion of Mr. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Curcio, this meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Derderian
Board Secretary/Board Administrator