

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2008 IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BUTLER, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Lakawicz, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Lakawicz, President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mrs. Lakawicz made the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Butler Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall, communicated to THE SUBURBAN TRENDS and THE DAILY RECORD, and filed with the Borough Clerk on May 2, 2008.

Chapter 8, P.L. 1995 provides for the representation of sending school district board of education members on the receiving school district board of education.

The Bloomingdale Board of Education representative has voting privileges on matters as outlined in Board Policy No. 0141.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Luciani, Marion, Roche, Sokoloff, Devadan (Bloomingdale Rep.), and Lakawicz

Members absent: Knapp, Lee, O'Shea, Puglise

Others present: Ms. Elaine Baldwin, Ms. Debra Naley-Minenna, 3 staff members, 3 residents and a reporter from the Suburban Trends

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mrs. Roche and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved to approve the minutes of the **July 8, 2008 Special Meeting, July 8, 2008 Private Session, July 16, 2008 Special Meeting, July 16, 2008 Private Session, July 24, 2008 Workshop Meeting, July 24, 2008 Private Session, July 28, 2008 Regular Meeting, July 28, 2008 Private Session, August 7, 2008 Special Meeting, and August 7, 2008 Private Session**, and dispense with the reading of same since each member had received a copy.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Thank you from Mabel Murphy to Mr. Robert Hudson and the maintenance staff for the upkeep of the Decker grounds
- Thank you from the Walek Family for donations they received on the passing of Stacy Walek

REFERENDUM PROGRESS REPORT

Elaine Baldwin, Interim Superintendent, presented the PowerPoint presentation, which explains details of the September 30 referendum. She also announced there would be an open house forum for resident voters on September 15. Representatives from the architect's office, bond counsel, and district staff will be among those available to answer questions.

PUBLIC

Roger Hedges questioned the plan of the referendum.

Discussion ensued.

There was an update on H & S Referendum. The roofing project has been completed, and the business office is awaiting final closeout paperwork on that project.

FINANCE/PURCHASING

*On motion of Mrs. Luciani and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved to approve the following motions:

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the payment of claims and payroll for the month of **August, 2008** in the amount of **\$1,102,357.23**.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the following **high school /district** purchases, per bids/quotes received or State Contract FY09:

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Cost</u> | <u>Type</u> |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Haig Service Corporation | fire alarm Inspection/test. | \$10,067.83 | Quote |
| Colonial Appliance | dryer | 299.75 | Quote |
| PIP Printing | BEA/BOE agreement | 313.50 | Quote |

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve a tuition contract with Morris County Vocational School District for the 2008-2009 school year for students enrolled full and part-time. Estimated contract based on current enrollment is \$300,424 per the following:

7 Regular Ed Part-time at \$4,214 per
 4 Special Ed Part-time at \$4,544 per
 30 Full-time (Butler only) at \$8,425 per

This contract includes the following **out-of-district** placements for the 2008-2009 school year, as recommended by the Child Study Team: (*) denotes Bloomingdale Student:

| Student ID # | District | Student ID # | District |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 10076 | Bloomingtondale | 9116 | Butler |
| 9056 | Bloomingtondale | 9126 | Butler |
| 8184 | Bloomingtondale | 10056 | Butler |
| 2223 | Bloomingtondale | | |

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the renewal contract for benefits for the 2008-2009 school year at the annual premiums listed:

| DENTAL, as revised | | PRESCRIPTION, as revised | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | \$1,500 Benefit | \$2,000 Benefit | |
| Single | 628.32 | 660.72 | Single \$1,881.60 |
| Two Party | 1,015.08 | 1,067.52 | Two Adults 4,336.68 |
| 3+/Family | 1,661.28 | 1,747.08 | Family 4,336.68 |
| | | | Parent/Child 2,758.56 |

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

On motion of Mrs. Luciani and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved to approve the following motions:

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve **transfers** for the month of **June, 2008**, as presented.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve report of the secretary and treasurer for the period ending **June 30, 2008**. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13, and 6:20-2A.10(d) and (e), and as certified by the Board Secretary, the Board certifies that no budgetary line account has been over expended or has obligations or payments which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Board of Education, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the following **elementary/grant*/student activities** purchases, per bids/quotes received or State Contract FY09:

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Cost</u> | (State Contract Bid or Quote) <u>Type</u> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Ben Shaffer & Associates | playground items | \$ 130.12 | NJA59054 |
| Educational Furniture Group | student desk combos | \$3,042.25 | NJA67813 |
| M. Tucker Co., Inc. | cafeteria refrigerator | \$3,154.00 | Quote |

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to appoint Phoenix Advisors as investment advisor for the September 30, 2008 referendum at an all inclusive flat fee of \$9,500 for Bond Issuance and a fee of \$.025 per \$1,000 of note issuance (if necessary).

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

*On motion of Mrs. Luciani and seconded by Mrs. Roche, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the following **high school /district** purchases, per bids/quotes received or State Contract FY09:

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Cost</u> | (State Contract Bid or Quote) <u>Type</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Colonial Appliance | washing machine | \$ 389.00 | Quote |
| Cascio Interstate Music | marching band supplies | 617.18 | Quote |
| The Music Shop | band supplies | 1,310.10 | Quote |
| Grandview Printing | newsletter | 335.00 | Quote |

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

TECHNOLOGY

*On motion of Mrs. Sokoloff and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the following **high school /district technology** purchases, per bids/quotes received or State Contract FY09:

| <u>Company</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Cost</u> | (State Contract Bid or Quote) <u>Type</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| DELL | MoBos | \$2,063.40 | NJA81247 WSCA/NASPO 70256#N326AAH |

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, it was moved to approve the following motions:

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the following **elementary/middle school salary level adjustment(s)** per Board policy, effective September 1, 2008, per salary guides in the 2008-2011 negotiated contract:

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| <u>Kathleen Ditzig</u> | <u>Mathematics Teacher</u> | <u>Richard Butler School</u> |
| From: BA+30 (MA) Step 13 | \$76,250 + 3,500 Longevity = | \$79,750.00 |
| To: MA+30 Step 13 | \$79,725 + 3,500 Longevity = | \$83,225.00 |

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Arlene Walk</u> | <u>Computer Teacher</u> | <u>Richard Butler School</u> |
| From: MA+16 Step 13 | \$77,925 + 4,600 Longevity = | \$82,525.00 |
| To: MA+30 Step 13 | \$79,725 + 4,600 Longevity = | \$84,325.00 |

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| <u>Kevin Reagan</u> | <u>Social Studies Teacher</u> | <u>Richard Butler School</u> |
| From: MA+45 Step 5 | \$59,765.00 | |
| To: MA+60 Step 5 | \$61,450.00 | |

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| <u>Catherine Gelino</u> | <u>Resource Room</u> | <u>Richard Butler School</u> |
| From: BA+20 Step 8 | \$59,260.00 | |
| To: MA Step 8 | \$61,325.00 | |

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| <u>Kelly Pardus</u> | <u>Grade 1 Teacher</u> | <u>Aaron Decker School</u> |
| From: MA Step 6 | \$56,635.00 | |
| To: MA+16 Step 6 | \$58,310.00 | |

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| <u>Lori Staup</u> | <u>Grade 3 Teacher</u> | <u>Aaron Decker School</u> |
| From: MA Step 7 | \$58,880.00 | |
| To: MA+16 Step 7 | \$60,555.00 | |

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the appointment of **Ronald Wilson, Music Teacher at Richard Butler School, pending certification and criminal history review, MA Step 5, .49 position at \$54,615. prorated (\$26,761.)** for the 2008-2009 school year.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to accept the resignation of District Aide **Stephanie Kuzbyt**, effective immediately.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the appointment of the following district aide(s) for the 2008-2009 school year, pending criminal history review process:

| | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Anna Sorrentino | 2.0 hrs/per day – 5 days per week | \$ 9.50/hr |
| Holly McCarthy | 3.0 hrs/per day – 5 days per week | 10.25/hr |

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to rescind the appointment of Elizabeth Tiernan, as full time Preschool General Ed teacher.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to appoint Elizabeth Tiernan, Preschool General Ed Teacher at .49 BA+20 Step 2 - \$49,550 (prorated).

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

*On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Roche, it was moved to approve the following motions:

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the re-appointment of the following **substitute certified staff** for the 2008-2009 school year, pending certification and criminal history review process:

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| Lisa Bergstrom | Robert Biehler | William Boon |
| Daniel Clark | Florence Composto | Geraldine Cook |
| Jay Dean | Kathleen Dilts | Louis Ferrari |
| Craig Fox | Tara Fritsch | Alyssa Grosso |
| Patricia Grosso | Daniel Hoeflinger | John T. Mayurnik |
| Shannon Miller | Kristen Persampire | Frank S. Picciotto |
| Anna R. Proxenos | Bernadette Pruden | Heather Reardon |
| Regina Reardon | Claire E. Simpson | James Sisco |
| Joanne Stagg | Rachel Tintle | Viktoria Tsygutkin |
| Joseph Voza | Brian Wenzel | Jennifer Napoli |
| Daryl DeBonte | | |

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to recognize the payment to Liz Benne as the Northern Hills Conference field hockey referee assignor in the amount of \$200 as a payroll obligation per IRS regulation.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to revise the stipend for Wendy Gorecki, Web Coordinator from \$700.00 to \$740.00 (FY09 stipend).

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Roche, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the following **high school salary level adjustment(s)** per Board policy, effective September 1, 2008, per salary guides in the 2008-2011 negotiated contract:

| <u>James Matsakis</u> | <u>Mathematics Teacher</u> | <u>High School</u> |
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| From: MA | Step 13 | \$76,250.00 |
| To: MA+16 | Step 13 | \$77,925.00 |

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| Jason Luciani | Phys. Ed. / Health Teacher | High School |
| From: BA | Step 8 | \$57,585.00 |
| To: BA+20 | Step 8 | \$59,260.00 |

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| Robert Lomoriello | Mathematics Teacher | High School |
| From: BA | Step 4 | \$49,875.00 |
| To: BA+20 | Step 4 | \$51,550.00 |

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| David Strong | Phys. Ed. / Health Teacher | High School |
| From: BA | Step 5 | \$50,875.00 |
| To: BA+20 | Step 5 | \$52,550.00 |

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| Lori Ference | Phys. Ed. / Health Teacher | High School |
| From: MA+16 | Step 13 | \$77,925 + 2,300. Longevity = \$80,225.00 |
| To: MA+30 | Step 13 | \$79,725 + 2,300. Longevity = \$82,025.00 |

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0-1.
Mrs. Luciani abstained.

*On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, it was moved to approve the following motions:

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to appoint **Bryan Gallagher, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach**, for the 2008-2009 school year, at \$2,866.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to appoint **Sylvia Abdelsalam, Spring Musical advisor**, for the 2008-2009 school year, at \$1,925.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to appoint **Spenser Grasso, Band Percussion**, for the 2008-2009 school year, \$1,535.

*Move to approve an amendment to the contract for Elaine Baldwin, Interim Superintendent; extending the contract to on or about November 1, 2008 and the amount of days per week to a maximum of 5.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the re-appointment of the following home instructors for the 2008-2009 school year, at \$36.50 per hour:

Carmela Hollenbach Claire Geveke Thomas Larkin

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the re-appointment of the following custodial substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year, at \$10.00 per hour:

Katie Crum
Michael Maxon

Gary Roger Elliott
Karen Mendel

Robert Krill
Aida Xhani

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

EDUCATION & SPECIAL SERVICES

*On motion of Mrs. Roche and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the **out-of-district placement for the 2008-2009 school year**, as recommended by the Child Study Team, Administration and/or Guidance Department as follows:

| ID#/Dist. | School Attending | Town | Tuition Yr. | Start Date |
|------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 12190/Blmg. | Lakeview Learning Ctr. | Wayne | \$42,501. | 09-01-2008 |
| 11049/Butler | Academy High School | Wanaque | \$19,000/ 180 days | 09-04-2008 |

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*On motion of Mrs. Roche and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve a contract for the 2008-2009 school year with Morris County School of Technology to house the Academy program at a tuition fee of **\$453,863.** to be paid to the Butler Board of Education.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

GENERAL/ACTIVITIES/TRANSPORTATION

*On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to the following **high school trip(s) for the 2008-2009 school year:**

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| 12-13-2008 | Richard Rogers Theatre, NYC Mrs. Abdelsalam | Drama Grade 9-12 |
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On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve a joint transportation agreement with the Kinnelon School District to transport one Butler student on Rt. CH-INST-08 to the 2008 extended school year program at the Children’s Institute in Verona at a fee of \$792.39.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-0.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

*On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the following application(s) for use of building for the 2008-2009 school year:

| Date | Group | Event | Place |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 2008-2009 SY | | | |
| As scheduled | Butler Recreation | youth basketball | RBS Gym |
| As scheduled | Butler Recreation | men's basketball | RBS Gym |
| As scheduled | Butler Recreation | Volleyball, yoga Pilates | ADS Gym & Rm. 37 |
| Oct. 13, 15, 16 | Butler Police | police training | HS classrooms |

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the following application(s) for use of facilities for the 2008-2009 school year:

Use of Building(s)

| Date | Group | Event | Place |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| As scheduled | Butler Recreation Blue Collar Workers | Men's Basketball | ADS Gym |

Use of Field(s)

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| 9-13 & 14-08 | Route 23 Auto Mall | Off-site parking For car show | RBS parking lot |
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On a roll call vote, the motion carried 6-0.

*On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the following application(s) for use of facilities for the 2008-2009 school year:

Use of Field(s)

| | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 9-7 thru 12-31-08 Sundays | Atlantic Coast Football League | Adult flag football | Memorial |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------|

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-1.
Mr. Marion voted no.

POLICY

Discussion of Buildings & Grounds Committee developing a policy on field use

LIAISON - TOWN COUNCIL & BLOOMINGDALE

Mrs. Roche reported that there will be a meeting on September 9.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

There will be a meeting on August 26 at 7:00 p.m.

LIAISON – PTA

Mrs. Luciani reported that there will be an ice cream social at Aaron Decker School.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. Sokoloff and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved to **adjourn the meeting to the call of the chair.** Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,
Board Secretary

*Indicates Bloomingdale votes on motion.