

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2008 IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BUTLER, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Lakawicz, President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 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: Lee, Luciani, Marion, O'Shea, Puglise, Roche, Sokoloff, and Lakawicz

Members absent: Knapp, Devadan (Bloomingdale Rep.)

Others present: Mario Cardinale, Debra Naley-Minenna, Virginia Scala, Greg Somjen and Joe Pjura (Board Architects), 3 staff members, and Steve Janoski of the Suburban Trends

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Scala, Aaron Decker School Principal, reviewed the state-required preschool program expansion plan, (i.e. at-risk preschool), and all-day general education preschool class. There is a 15 maximum in class, including an estimated 5 preschool disabled, and 5 income eligible targeted students. It is estimated the District will receive \$12,000 in state aid for each of the 5 program-eligible students.

Mr. Cardinale commended Mrs. Scala for the work she did on the presentation. He also thanked Mrs. Minenna and Dr. Gordon for their input on the project.

Mr. Greg Somjen, Architect, presented the final drawings of the athletic complex renovation as authorized in the September 30 Referendum. He shared details of the

project. This was followed by a question and answer period. There are three outstanding issues: restrooms (12 month – or seasonal), blacktop area, outer fence. Options were discussed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Cardinale reported on the Referendum and stated that the 6:30 meeting with user groups went well. There is a second meeting with coaches on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. He presented volunteer coach (substitute teacher certificate) and volunteer para-professional job descriptions. If a criminal history background check and fingerprinting are required, the District must bear the \$26 expense.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. O’Shea, it was **moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2008 Workshop Meeting, the November 20, 2008 Private Session, the November 24, 2008 Regular Meeting, and the November 24, 2008 Private Session** and dispense with the reading of same since each member had received a copy.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

FINANCE/PURCHASING

On motion of Mrs. Luciani and seconded by Mr. Lee, 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 **December, 2008** in the amount of **\$1,919,215.46**.

*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>(State Contract Bid or Quote)</u> <u>Type</u>
Blue Gauntlet Fencing Gear	fencing supplies	\$3,088.00	Quote
Sports Time	bowling shirts	560.00	Quote
Neff	athletic award letters	1,722.24	Quote
Effinger Sporting Goods	boys’ basketball poles	168.00	Quote
Electro Systems, Inc.	floor scrubber batteries	563.34	Quote

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve a boundary and topography surveying contract with **DMC Associates, Inc.** in the amount of \$10,480 for the Memorial and Hempsted Athletic Field area.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve a change order with Northeast Roof Maintenance, Inc. for the FY08 emergent roof project at Butler HS in a deduct amount of (\$1,661.40), reducing the total contract from \$246,730 to \$245,068.60.

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>
NDP Sports	basketball sweats	\$1,200.00	Quote

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 8-0.

TECHNOLOGY

On motion of Mr. Puglise and seconded by Mrs. O’Shea, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved 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>
Xerox Corp.	staples	\$172.00	NJA51145

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 8-0.

PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

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

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

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| Mark Ambrose | Beth M. Polick | Judith R. Theiller |
| School Nurses -- | Kristal Barile | Kathleen Laterza |

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the appointment of **Susan Vnenchak, High School Mathematics teacher**, pending certification and criminal history review, Step 9 – BA -- \$60,230 (prorated) for 2008-2009 school year, per salary guides in the 2008-2011 negotiated contract, effective December 10, 2008, allowing for one day transitional overlap.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the following student teacher at Butler High School in the area of Physical Education/Health January 21, 2009 through May 7, 2009:

Joseph Calandra -- William Paterson University

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the appointment of **Athletic Coach(s) for the 2008-2009 school year**, as per salary guides in the 2008-2011 negotiated contract as listed:

Joe Duchensky	Bowling Coach	\$3,650.00
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*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the following employees as **athletic event worker(s) for the 2008-2009 school year**, with remuneration set as follows: Ticket takers - \$35.00/event; Ticket sales - \$45.00/event; Clock/Varsity - \$45.00/event; Clock/JV/Freshman - \$40.00/event; Clock/RBS - \$40.00/event; Announcer - \$45.00/event; Crowd Control - \$40.00/event; Chain Crew - \$40.00/event:

Ryan Groeger

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

Ashley N. Barber

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve an extended contract with **Karen Freeman**, maternity replacement at Butler High School as follows:

From January 23, 2009 to January 24, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the professional days(s) for the 2008-2009 school year as per attached list.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the adjustment of hours for the following District Aide(s) for the 2008-2009 school year: (effective 12-17-08)

Holly McCarthy from: 3.00 hours per day to: 5.5 hours per day

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve job descriptions for Volunteer Coaches and Volunteer Paraprofessional Coaching Aides, as per attached.

EDUCATION & SPECIAL SERVICES

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

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the following service provider for the 2008-2009 school year to provide psychiatric evaluations at a fee of \$450.00 per evaluation:

Dr. Lee Suckno
170 East Main Street, Rockaway, NJ

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve **home instruction/bedside hours for the 2008-2009 school year** as per Guidance Department, Student's physician, or Court Order:

ID#/District	Grade	Effective Date	Hrs/Week	End Date
R128/Blmg	10	12-01-2008	5 hrs/week	01-30-2009
91960/Butler	12	12-03-2008	10 hrs/week	02-01-2009
9362/Blmg	12	12-03-2008	10 hrs/week	02-01-2009
R132/Butler	7	12/08/2008	5 hrs/week	02-02-2009

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve **renewal of home instruction/bedside hours for the 2008-2009 school year** as per Guidance Department, Student's physician, or Court Order:

ID#/District	Grade	Effective Date	Hrs/Week	End Date
24180/Butler	12	12/22/2008	10 hrs/week	02-20-2009
19360/Butler	12	12/21/2008	10 hrs/week	02-19-2009
R132/Blmg	12	12/30/2008	5 hrs/week	02-28-2009
91760/Butler	12	01/03/2009	10 hrs/week	03-04-2009
11095/Blmg	10	01/03/2009	10 hrs/week	03-04-2009
R125/Blmg	10	01/04/2009	5 hrs/week	03-05-2009

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve a contract in the amount of \$2,640.00 (\$240.00/hour) for an independent Behavior Intervention Plan evaluation by Dr. Michael Asher of Behavior Therapy Associates for student ID#77070/Butler. Evaluation time is estimated to be 11 hours and includes travel time, staff meeting, observation, parent meeting, record review, telephone conference to discuss plan, and submission of evaluation report.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve a before school indoor "Jog/Walk" program at ADS. Program to run 7:30-8:15 a.m. for 52 sessions. Certified staff to be paid \$23.00 per session.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the **out of district school year private program** for the 2008-2009 school year as follows:

<u>ID#/District</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Start date</u>
77200/Butler	David Gregory	Paramus	\$74,327.40 (prorated) Includes extraordinary services	11-03-2008

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 8-0.

Mr. Marion asked to separate the following motion from the above.

On motion of Mrs. Roche and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the submittal of the required Five-Year Pre-School Program Plan.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 7-1.
Mr. Marion voted no.

Mrs. Roche reported on the Education Committee meeting. She said it was very informative.

GENERAL/ACTIVITIES/TRANSPORTATION

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

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the following **high school trip(s) for the 2008-2009 school year:**

12-04-2008	Practice Center, NJ Nets Interview Mr. Gallagher / Mr. Luciani	English/Athletics
02-06 thru 02-08 2009	Youth Peer Leadership Conference Long Branch, NJ / Mrs .Nussbaum/Hoeflinger	Peer 10-11-12
03-18 or 25 -2009	Broadway, NYC Guys & Dolls Mrs. Bocchino	Choir Grade 9-12
05-22 & 23-2009	Baltimore, Maryland Mrs. Hoeflinger	AP American Hist. Grade 10 & 11

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to authorize Bloomingdale 8th graders to participate in scheduled tryouts and preseason workouts during winter 2008-2009 and spring 2009, effective immediately, for cheerleading, soccer, football, field hockey, gymnastics and cross country, with the Butler Board of Education assuming liability of said pupils during involvement in the activities, upon receipt of signed parental participation permission slip.

*At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to accept with appreciation donation of approximately 30 flat screen monitors, 100 tablet chairs, 18 white boards, 6 pair computer speakers, 1 podium, 1 planter, 2 easels and wall clocks from Intercall of Wayne, NJ, acknowledging this generous donation offered through an Aaron Decker School parent, Mr. Edison Moya.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 8-0.

*On motion of Mrs. O'Shea and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to reject all bids opened on December 4, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. for transportation of students on coach buses for school related activities and authorize a rebid for service.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 8-0.

Mrs. O'Shea reported on the General Activities Committee meeting.

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS

Mr. Puglise reported on the Buildings & Grounds Committee meeting.

REFERENDUM PROJECT DISCUSSION CONTINUED:

The Board decided to keep the fence and make the restrooms all season accessible. There will be access to water for future or current field hockey field. The basketball courts will be relocated as there is a need to grass over the existing court for track events.

The Board also discussed the relocation of the playground and access to the complex.

At this point, the Board took a break.

POLICY

On motion of Mrs. Sokoloff and seconded by Mr. Lee, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the following policies and regulations on a second reading:

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mrs. Buntzen questioned the effect of the construction on the Richard Butler School parking lot.

Mrs. Lakawicz commented on having a representative from the Student Council to attend Board meetings to earn volunteer hours for college. Mrs. Sokoloff volunteered to work with the group.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,
Board Secretary

*Indicates Bloomingdale votes on motion.