

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF  
THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD  
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008 IN THE  
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BUTLER, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Kovats, President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mr. Kovats, President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mr. Kovats 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 April 26, 2007.

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: Knapp, Lakawicz, Lee, Luciani, Marion, O'Shea, Puglise, Roche, and Kovats

Members Absent: Soules (Bloomingdale Rep.)

Others Present: Dr. René T. Rovtar, Ms. Debra Naley-Minenna, Ms. Evelyn Horner, 6 members of the public

Evelyn Horner, Supervisor of Technology, presented a technology update.

**PUBLIC**

Bob Norman commented on information regarding synthetic turf material composition and possible health impact.

Dr. Rovtar suggested an expert on field turf come to a meeting to speak to the issue.

Discussion ensued.

Karen Smith commented that as a medical researcher, there are two views on health impact of turf field.

Kevin Smith spoke regarding need for facilities proposed in referendum.

**PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

\*On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. Roche, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the professional day(s) for the 2007-2008 school year as per attached listing.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 9-0.

\*On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. Roche, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to authorize Bloomingdale 8<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in scheduled tryouts and preseason workouts during winter 2007-2008 and spring 2008, effective immediately, for cheerleading, soccer, football, field hockey 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.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 9-0.

**FINANCE/PURCHASING**

On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mr. Marion, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve report of the secretary and treasurer for the period ending **December 31, 2007**. 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.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 9-0.

\*On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to adopt a tentative budget for the 2008-2009 school year, in the following amount, and authorize submission of this budget to the Morris County Superintendent of Schools for approval:

Operating Budget	\$19,248,785
Grants/Entitlements	325,397
Repayment of Debt	<u>328,266</u>
Total	\$19,902,448

And to request approval from the Commissioner of Education for the following tax levy growth waivers:

Special Education waiver	\$ 105,245
Tuition waiver	24,140
Extraordinary cost waiver for PERS	<u>168,666</u>
Total waivers	\$ 298,051

The Board hereby acknowledges that the 2008-2009 budget, as described above, result in an Operating Budget tax levy of \$12,144,587, and a Debt Service tax levy of \$323,759, for a total tax levy of \$12,468,346. The adopted tentative budget includes a maximum expenditure of \$65,351 for travel and expense reimbursement in the 2008-2009 school year, under school district Policy 6471.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 5-4.  
Mr. Knapp, Mr. Marion, Mr. Puglise and Mr. Kovats voted no.

\*On motion of Mr. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to request permission from the County Superintendent of Schools to repair the High School roofs in the FY08 budget as an emergent project in the estimated amount of \$327,000, utilizing an unbudgeted withdrawal from the capital reserve fund in the amount of \$95,000, and \$45,000 of additional unbudgeted revenues, with the \$187,000 remainder of the project funds coming from unencumbered funds in the FY08 budget as indicated:

11-000-230-339-00-200	\$ 28,000
11-000-100-566-00-000	125,000
11-000-240-103-10-000	34,000

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 9-0.

At this point, Mr. Lee left the meeting.

Discussion of Agenda

#### **LIAISON – TOWN COUNCIL & BLOOMINGDALE**

There will be a joint meeting with the Board of Education and Borough Council on Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Minenna announced that there are three open seats for the School Board Election.

#### **PRIVATE SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, it was moved **at 9:02 p.m. to approve the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subject to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231; it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in executive session by the Board and administrative staff at the conclusion of the public segment of this meeting and information pertinent there to will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

On motion of Mrs. O'Shea and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved to **return to Public Session at 9:09 p.m.**

On a voice vote the motion carried.

***The Board has been in executive session for the past 7 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel. The matters that were discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.***

\*On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to **accept the resignation of Wendel Kralovich**, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction/Testing Coordinator effective June 30, 2008 and approve the Separation of Service Agreement and General Release as presented.

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

## Discussion of Referendum

The Board discussed the option of proposing two questions to the public, (1) for all grass upgrades on three fields, and (2) to replace Memorial Field grass upgrade with turf.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,  
Board Secretary