

**BEDMINSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE BUSINESS OF ORGANIZATION
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- (1) Call Meeting to Order Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 • Ms. Gillis called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm.

- (2) Open Public Meetings Act Statements Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 • Ms. Gillis read the following:

In compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Act of the State of New Jersey" adequate notice of this meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Bedminster was provided in the following manner: On December 22, 2021 adequate written notice of this meeting was posted at the bulletin board in the Township Clerk's Office at the Bedminster Township Municipal Building and the Main Office of the Bedminster Township School, mailed to The Courier News, The Bernardsville News, and to all subscribers, and filed with the Township Clerk.

- (3) Pledge of Allegiance Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 • Ms. Gillis led the Pledge of Allegiance

- (4) Appoint Board Secretary Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 as Temporary Chair

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education appoint Eulalia Gillis, Interim Board Secretary, as the temporary chair of the 2022 Reorganization Meeting.

- (5) Election Results 2021

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education certified the results of the Annual School Board Election held on November 2, 2021, including absentee ballots, for membership to the Board of Education of three (3) persons for three (3) year terms as follows:

- Ms. Gillis read the following election results:

3-Three Year Terms

Jeffrey Reaves	2,069 Votes Cast
Christy Biedron	26 Votes Cast (Write In)
Gabriel Wickizer	19 Votes Cast (Write In)

- (6) Oath of Office to New Board Members Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
 • Ms. Gillis administered the Oath to Ms. Biedron and Mr. Wickizer

- (7) Roll Call Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis

Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Mr. Wickizer

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Yes	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Absent	Mr. Wolkow
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- (8) Election of Board President Interim Board Secretary E. Gillis
- (a) Motion to Open the Nominations by Board moved by Ms. Stevinson, seconded by Mr. Calulo
- (b) Nominations for President
- Mr. Calulo nominates Ms. Stevinson
- (c) Motion to Close the Nominations moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Ms. Lamiera
- (d) Roll Call Vote

Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Ms. Stevinson
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Absent	Mr. Wolkow

Ms. Stevinson elected President by majority. Ms. Stevinson accepted the nomination.

- (9) Election of Board Vice President 2022 Board President
- (a) Motion to Open the Nominations by Board moved by Ms. Stevinson, seconded by Ms. Lamiera
- (b) Nominations for Vice President
- Ms. Lamiera nominates Mr. Reaves
 - Ms. Stevinson nominates Ms. Calulo
- (c) Motion to Close the Nominations moved by Ms. Stevinson, seconded by Ms. Nathans
- (d) Roll Call Vote

voted for:

Abstain	Ms. Biedron	Mr. Calulo	Ms. Lamiera	Mr. Calulo	Ms. Stevinson
Mr. Calulo	Mr. Calulo	Mr. Calulo	Ms. Nathans	Abstain	Mr. Wickizer
Mr. Reaves	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Absent	Mr. Wolkow

Mr. Calulo elected Vice-President by majority. Mr. Calulo accepted the nomination.

- (10) Public Comments 2022 Board President
- Members of the Public - Welcome everyone
Limited to 3 Minutes

- (11) BOE Comments

- (12) Action Items

Policies

- (a) Move to continue in effect all present regulations, bylaws and policies of the Bedminster Township Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.

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Code of Ethics

(b) Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education adopt the Code of Ethics as it appears per N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.

- I will uphold and enforce all laws and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, or social standing.
- I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if I disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- I will vote to appoint the best-qualified personnel available at the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

agenda items 12(a) through 12(b):

Motion to approve **Item 12.** moved by Ms. Lamiera, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

Motion carried as follows: Yes: (7); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Absent	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

(13) Public Questions/Comments

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(14) Approval of Minutes

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- December 16, 2021 Executive Session Minutes
- December 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve **Item 14**, moved by Ms. Johansson, seconded by Ms. Nathans

Motion carried as follows: Yes: (5); No: (0); Abstain: (2)

Abstain	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Abstain	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Absent	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

(15) BUSINESS

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

Waiver of Requirements Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program

(a) the following resolution:

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in the Special Education Medicare Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2022-2023 school year, and

WHEREAS, the Bedminster Township Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects having fewer than (40) Medicaid eligible classified students.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Township Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to submit to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in the County of Somerset an appropriate waiver of the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3 for the 2022-2023 school year.

School Board Recognition Month

(b) the following resolution:

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WHEREAS, the New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2022 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, the Bedminster Board of Education is one of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, the Bedminster Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for schools; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2022 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Bedminster Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staffs' toward the advancement of our children's education.

- (c) wellness days will be designated on random calendar days throughout the school year and asthma and allergy awareness will be recognized in the month of May of 2022.

- (15) agenda items 15(a) through 15(c):

Motion to approve **Item 15**. moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Ms. Stevinson
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Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Absent	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

(16) **FINANCE**

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

2021-2022 Invoices-General Agency Account

- (a) invoices presented for payment totaling \$978,647.13 from the General Agency Account from December 17, 2021 through January 4, 2022.

Fund	Amount
(10) General Fund	\$952,160.39
(12) Capital Outlay	\$0
(20) Special Revenue	\$26,486.74
Total	\$978,647.13

2021-2022 Invoices-Student Activities Account

- (b) invoices presented for payment totaling \$465.00 from the Student Activities Account from December 12, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

2021-2022 Invoices-Food Service Account

- (c) invoices presented for payment totaling \$14,239.83 from the Food Service Account from December 12, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

- (16) agenda items 16(a) through 16(c):

Motion to approve **Item 16.** moved by Ms. Stevinson, seconded by Ms. Lamiera

Motion carried as follows: Yes: (7); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	Yes	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Absent	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

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(17) **PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS**

Move that the Bedminster Township Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve:

Paraprofessional SOA

- (a) the Statement of Assurance (SOA) regarding the use of the Paraprofessional Staff for the 2010-2022 school year.

HIB Grade

- (b) the SSDS/HIB Grade ITP submission for reporting period 1 data collection dates of incidents, training, and programs for July 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Bilingual/ESL Program Plan

- (c) the Bilingual/ESL Three Year Program plan for school years 2020 through 2023.

Substitute(s)

- (d) the following as a Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, per the substitute salary guide and pursuant to a successful clearance of P.L. 2018, c.5 and criminal history:
Danielle Conti

Workshops

- (e) the following staff for the workshop listed:

Name	DATE	TITLE	COST
Corby Swan	1/5/2022	Managing Emotional Wellness in Your School; virtual	\$75.00 Registration
Lauren Zugale	2/2/2022	Linking Special Education and Response to Intervention: How Special Education Fits into RTI; New Providence, NJ	\$100.00 Registration
Elizabeth Omega	3/21/2022- 3/25/2022	2022 NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Conference; Atlantic City, NJ	\$320 Registration; \$89.60 Mileage

Home Instruction

- (f) The Learning Center at Four Winds Hospital to provide instruction for student #251153 effective on or about December 10, 2021, at the rate of \$60.00 per hour for 10 hours per week for approximately 3 weeks.

2021-2022 Stipends

- (g) the following stipends being offered for the 2021-2022 school year are part of the negotiated contract between the Bedminster BoE and the Bedminster BEA in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023.

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BEDMINSTER SCHOOL 2021-2022 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES		
Activity Title	Name of Staff Member	Individual Stipend Amount
Story Time Club - Kindergarten	Schoch	\$284.00
Story Time Club - Grade 1	Schoch	\$284.00
Computer Club - Grade 3	Puglia	\$416.00
Computer Club - Grades 4-8	Puglia	\$416.00
Grade 8 Trip Chaperone	Schoch, Puglia	\$552.00 per person

Course Approval

- (h) tuition reimbursement for the following staff per the terms and conditions of the Bedminster Education Association contract in effect from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2023:

Name	Course	Credits	School	Term	Estimated Amount
Kaitlyn Baccarini	Special Education Law	3	Monmouth University	Spring 2022	\$3,840.00
	Research Issues and Trends in Special Education	3	Monmouth University	Spring 2022	\$3,840.00

Payment Unused Days

- (i) Kathleen Godfrey to receive \$35,542.50 for payment of unused sick days upon her retirement on or after December 31, 2021 per the terms and conditions of the applicable employment contract.
- (17) agenda items 17(a) through 17(i)

Motion to approve **Item 17**. moved by Ms. Lamiera, seconded by Ms. Stevinson
Motion carried as follows: Yes: (7); No: (0); Abstain: (0)

Yes	Ms. Biedron	Yes	Ms. Lamiera	yes, all but Abstain 17c	Mr. Wickizer
Yes	Mr. Calulo	Yes	Ms. Nathans	Absent	Mr. Wolkow
Yes	Mr. Casey	Absent	Mr. Reaves	Yes	Ms. Stevinson

- Jennifer Giordano - Superintendent
 - Happy New Year, enrollment
 - School closed 1/17, MP2 ends 1/28, Report cards - 2/9
 - Wellness Committee student mtg 1/4 - spirit days/board ideas, Green Team meets 1/5
 - Sustainability meeting 1/4 technology, data specialist, board office - Sustainable Jersey for Schools silver certification

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- Thanks Scouts Pack 1749 community cleanup day 12/20 at BTS
- Thanks families donating 2,500+ food items - Somerset County food pantry
- Thanks for keeping your children home when not feeling well, we hope that in the next month positive cases begin to wind down.
- Thanks custodial - deep cleanings & for staff staying home when unwell
- In constant communication with local health officials regarding positive cases
- Parents of PreSchoolers flu vaccine reminder
- SHSD/BTS Meeting: school calendar
- Congratulations President Stevinson & VP Calulo. Welcome, Ms. Biedron & Mr. Wickizer.
- January is Board of Education recognition month, thank you for your time & service

(18) Public Questions/Comments

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- None

(19) Adjournment: Special Meeting For The Business of Organization/ Board of Education Meeting

Motion to adjourn the Public Session at 7:40 p.m. moved by Ms. Nathans, seconded by Mr. Wickizer

Voice vote: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain

NEXT MEETING(S) SCHEDULED FOR:

**February 17, 2022
EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 PM
OPEN PUBLIC MEETING 7:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Eulalia Gillis
Interim Board Secretary

