

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	PRESIDENT:	Suzanne Taranto
	VICE PRESIDENT:	John Brus
	MEMBERS:	Jacob Burlas Kristen MacLean Brian O'Neil William Ott

ADMINISTRATION & STAFF PRESENT:

CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:	Robert Magnuson
SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:	Nancy DeRiso
DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES:	Renee Hart

Mrs. Taranto called meeting to order at 7:05 PM. She then read the following notice:

SUNSHINE NOTICE & RECORDING STATEMENT

Notice of time, date, location and agenda of this meeting, to the extent then known was provided at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of this meeting in the following manner pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 231 of the law of 1975 "the Open Public Meetings Act:"

- Emailing to the Express Times and the Warren Reporter
- Posting on the District Website and the Main Bulletin Board in the District Office
- Filing with the Oxford Township Clerk

Mrs. Taranto then lead all assembled in the pledge of allegiance.

Ms. DeRiso called roll.

Mr. Brus read the following.

THE OXFORD LEARNING COMMUNITY MISSION STATEMENT

Students are:

- 🐾 Inspired to believe and achieve
- 🐾 Challenged in a caring and character building environment
- 🐾 Enabled to make positive contributions to their community

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mrs. Taranto announced the Pre-School Expansion Grant is \$349,000.00. She introduced Chief Jones and Detective Lieutenant Walter Koch who will be attending meeting and is part of the SRO Program.

INTERVIEW PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE: Shawn Fojut introduced himself and Mrs. Taranto answered his questions

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a) Legislative – no report
- b) NJSBA Warren County –no report. Next meeting September 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

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- c) Town Council – Mr. Magnuson reported on the footbridge closure. Mr. Norton reported on leasing town owned property and road work.
- d) Warren Hills Regional High School – Mrs. MacLean reported next meeting is September 13, 2022. October 8, 2022 is Community Day, dress code violations, block schedule update.
- e) Kathy Helewa reviewed NJSBA process for hiring Superintendent. She also reviewed timeline for interviews and October 6, 2022 meeting with staff and community to solicit input.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Chief School Administrator – Robert Magnuson
 - 1) Opening of School- Mr. Magnuson reported first 7 days went well, we have several cases of Covid.
 - 2) Health and PE Standards-Discussed standards vs. what we teach and opt outs. Parent meeting September 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Mrs. MacLean asked if standardized testing will touch on these standards. Mr. Magnuson said no. Mr. Ott thanked Mr. Magnuson for taking this approach. It is a perfect example of what type of leadership we need in our next CSA.
 - 3) Regionalization Feasibility Study- still need to meet
 - 4) Announcements – District Goals on September 22, 2022 agenda.
 - 5) September 8, 2022 fire drill at 10:00 AM
- b) School Business Administrator – Ms. DeRiso reported the following:
 - 1) Next Board Meeting – September 22, 2022 7:00 PM
 - 2) Correspondence
 - a. Resignation letter from Ms. DeRiso, School Business Administrator.

Motion by Mr. Brus, seconded by Mrs. MacLean, to approve the following resolution(s):

To appoint Shaun Fojut as a board member to fill the vacant seat until December 31, 2022.

Burlas_Y__ MacLean_Y__ O'Neil_Y__ Ott_Y__ Brus_Y__ Taranto_Y__

Mrs. Taranto read the following PUBLIC COMMENT – Policy No. 1120 “Board of Education Meetings”
Public participation shall be governed by Policy No. 1120 “Board of Education Meetings”. **Public comments are invited on matters pertaining only to actionable items on the agenda at this time.** All participants shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening.

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Kristen Cutro asked if the feasibility study is available to the public. Mr. Magnuson replied it is available after the September 22, 2022 meeting.

1) BUDGET & FINANCE

John Brus Chairperson

- a) Discussion items:
 - 1) Discussed tuition rates and priorities to get HS students the best education. We need community input.
 - 2) Mrs. Taranto discussed WHRHS tuition is \$1,633,500.00 and WH is not meeting with us.

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- 3) Mrs. Maclean asked what are MD & LLD programs. Mr. Magnuson replied multiple disabled & Language Learning Disability.
- b) Action items:
- Motion by Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Brus, to approve the following resolution(s):
- 1) Approve a contract with NJ School Boards Association to conduct a Chief School Administrator search at a cost of \$12,500.00 during the 2022-2023 school year.
 - 2) Approve the attached contract with Sussex County Educational Services commission to provide physical therapy services as required by student IEP's for the 2022-2023 school year at the hourly rate of \$100.00 per hour plus a 3% administrative fee. Approve additional services listed on the attached hourly rate for services document if needed during the school year with applicable administrative fees as noted.
 - 3) Approve the following tuition contracts with the Warren Hills Regional School District for the 2022-2023 school year:
 - a. 79 regular education students at the rate of \$17,000.00 each for a total of \$1,343,000.00
 - b. 7 students with access to the Resource Room at the rate of \$19,500.00 each for a total of \$136,500.00 (student ID's 5800436386,07786887123,04731372428,4976877489, 2600443158, 9730373140, 7376108685)
 - c. 2 students in the LLD Program at the rate of \$21,500.00 per student for a total cost of \$43,000.000 (Student ID's 3981209908, 6368760231).
 - d. 3 students in the MD Program at the rate of \$30,000.00 per student for a total cost of \$90,000.00 (Student ID's 1621577524, 2933034296, 9553159645).
 - e. 1 student (ID# 5514949714) in the ERIC Program at the rate of \$21,000.00.
 - 4) Approve a tuition contract with the Warren County Technical School for 26 students to attend for the 2022-2023 school year at a tuition rate of \$3,000.00 each plus \$1,827.00 transportation fee per student for a total cost for the year of \$125,502.00.
 - 5) Approve a contract with Garden State AAC Specialists, LLC to provide AAC (augmentive and alternative communication) training to teachers and paras on October 11, 2022 at the cost of \$450.00 for a two hour session.
 - 6) Approve a shared services agreement with the Mansfield Township Board of Education for Mansfield to provide a substitute nurse on an as needed basis to Oxford at the daily rate of \$545.39 per day, or \$68.17 per hour during the 2022-2023 school year.
 - 7) WHEREAS the Oxford Township Board of Education is required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12 to adopt policy and approve travel expenditures by district employees and board members using local, State, or Federal funds to ensure that travel is educationally necessary and fiscally prudent; and
WHEREAS the board of education has determined that the training and/or informational programs set forth below are directly related to and within the scope of employee and board members' duties; and
WHEREAS, the board of education has determined that the school district travel expenditures for the following programs are in compliance with State travel guidelines as established by the Department of the Treasury and within the guidelines established by the federal Office of Management and Budget; except as superseded by conflicting provision of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes; and
WHEREAS the board of education finds that a mileage reimbursement rate equal to that of the NJ OMB circular guide reimbursement rate of .47 per mile is a reasonable rate; and
WHEREAS, the board of education has determined that participation in the listed training and informational programs are in compliance with the district policy on travel; therefore be it
RESOLVED that the board of education hereby approves the attendance of the listed employees or school board members at the listed training or informational programs, and the costs of attendance including all registration fees, and statutorily authorized travel expenditures, provided that such expenditures are within the annual maximum travel expenditure amount; and be it further
RESOLVED that the Oxford Township Board of Education authorizes in advance, as required

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by statute, attendance at the following training programs and informational events:
(SEE ATTACHED LIST OF TRAVEL DATES & LOCATIONS)

Burlas __Y__ MacLean __Y__ O'Neil __Y__ Ott __Y__ Brus __Y__ Taranto __Y__

2) NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE Suzanne Taranto Chairperson

a) Discussion Items

1) None

b) Action items:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following resolution(s):

1) None

Burlas __ __ MacLean __ __ O'Neil __ __ Ott __ __ Brus __ __ Taranto __ __

3) BUILDINGS & GROUNDS John Brus Chairperson

a) Discussion Items

1) Summary memo from Parette Somjen Architects regarding exterior masonry, lintels and support beams.

b) Action items:

Motion by Mr. Ott, seconded by Mr. Brus, to approve the following resolution(s):

1) Approve the attached facility use forms.

Burlas __Y__ MacLean __Y__ O'Neil __Y__ Ott __Y__ Brus __Y__ Taranto __Y__

4) CURRICULUM Jacob Burlas Chairperson

a) Discussion Items

1) Update on Preschool Expansion Grant-awarded one time grant \$349,000.00. The following year

b) Action items:

Motion by Mrs. MacLean, seconded by Mr. Burlas, to approve the following resolution(s):

1) Approve the attached virtual/remote instruction plan for the 2022-2023 school year.

Burlas __Y__ MacLean __Y__ O'Neil __Y__ Ott __Y__ Brus __Y__ Taranto __Y__

5) PERSONNEL

a) Discussion Items

1) None

b) Action items:

Motion by Mr. Brus, seconded by Mrs. MacLean, to approve the following resolution(s):

1) Approve Holly Burdge, Nicole Connelly, Sharon Voorhees, and Shaun Laden as cafeteria monitors for up to approximately three hours per day at the rate of \$13.00 an hour until January 1, 2022 when this rate will increase to \$14.00 per hour for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

2) Accept the resignation with regrets of Nancy DeRiso, school business administrator/board secretary effective October 14, 2022.

3) Approve Carol Keiper as after-care program manager at the rate of \$17.00 per hour effective August 29, 2022 for three hours each school day during the 2022-2023 school year for an approximate annual cost of \$9,231.00.

4) Approve the payment for paraprofessionals Eileen Ruskan and Carol Keiper to be paid from Title I funds to the extent possible during the 2022-2023 school year.

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- 5) Approve hiring Dr. Jane Petrozzino, Ph.D. as an LDTC for one day per week for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year at the contracted rate of \$475.00 per day, including two sick days per year.
- 6) Approve David Gross as a substitute teacher pending receipt of certification in Oxford and acceptable criminal background check. *Background check was received.*

Burlas __Y__ MacLean __Y__ O'Neil __Y__ Ott __Y__ Brus __Y__ Taranto __Y__

6) TRANSPORTATION & CAFETERIA John Brus Chairperson

- a. Discussion Items
 - 1) Cafeteria update given by Ms. DeRiso and Mr. Magnuson.
- b. Action items:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following resolution(s):

 - 1) None

Burlas __ MacLean __ O'Neil __ Ott __ Brus __ Taranto __

7) POLICY

- a. Discussion Items
 - 1) None
- b. Action items:

Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following resolution(s):

 - 1) None

Burlas __ MacLean __ O'Neil __ Ott __ Brus __ Taranto __

OLD BUSINESS

POS system- Ott asked if we are on track for October. Ms. DeRiso responded she is not sure and Mr. Magnuson responded we are working on it. Mrs. Maclean commented on cost of lunches vs. A.S. and options.
Mr. O'Neil- thank you for respecting communities wishes. The wording is still on the website? RM has modifications.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ott asked if Mrs. Firling is having music lessons. Mr. Magnuson said yes.
Mrs. MacLean asked if the STEM Lab is open. Mr. Magnuson said they are waiting for equipment. OCS Lab Rat Program.
Mr. Brus asked about Building and Ground meeting for next week.

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Kristina Sadel asked about holiday program? Mr. Magnuson said yes. She wants kids to stay at W.H. due to relationships of students at a very young age.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (If Necessary)

Motion by Mr. Brus, seconded by Mr. Ott, to enter into Executive Session at approximately 9:38 pm.

Burlas __Y__ MacLean __Y__ O'Neil __Y__ Ott __Y__ Brus __Y__ Taranto __Y__

Resolved by the Board of Education of Oxford Township as per Chapter 231, P.L. 1975:

- a) That it is hereby determined that it may be necessary to meet in Executive Session to discuss: **Personnel**.
- b) The matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.
- c) The length of the Executive Session is thought to be approximately **30** minutes. Action may be taken upon return to open session.

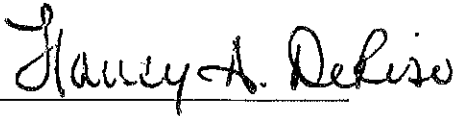
The Board returned to public session at 10:00 pm.

ADJOURN

Motion by Burlas, seconded by MacLean, to adjourn the meeting of the Oxford Township Board of Education at approximately 10:00 pm.

Unanimous voice vote of aye.

Respectfully submitted: _____



Nancy A. DeRiso, SFO, CPA