

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	PRESIDENT:	Suzanne Taranto
	VICE PRESIDENT:	John Brus
	MEMBERS:	Jacob Burlas (arrived at 7:23 PM) Shawn Fojut Kristen MacLean Brian O'Neil (arrived at 7:30 PM) William Ott

ADMINISTRATION & STAFF PRESENT:		
	CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR:	Robert Magnuson
	SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:	Nancy DeRiso
	DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL SERVICES:	Renee Hart (absent)

Mrs. Taranto called meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Then she 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

Congratulation to student council Board newly elected. Mr. Magnuson received the NJ Association of Student Council Administrator of the year.

PRESENTATION

NJ Association of School Administrators – Mrs. Diane Mandry to present Mr. Magnuson with Warren County Superintendent of the Year award. Mrs. Mandry discussed the positive accolades from Warren County Superintendents for Mr. Magnuson.

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Mrs. Taranto welcomed Shawn Fojut and he read the Oath of Office.

COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- a) Legislative –Mr. Burlas discussed IDEA updates, 52477 pre-school bill, and compostable food waste.
- b) NJSBA Warren County -none
- c) Town Council –Mr. Magnuson stated the next meeting is October 19, 2022. Senator Oroho contacted about money for the footbridge. If needed and requested the school will send a letter of support to replace the bridge.
- d) Warren Hills Regional High School -none

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- a) Chief School Administrator – Robert Magnuson
 - a. Week of Respect – 5 days of activities planned as required by law.
 - b. Start Strong
 - c. October 10 in-Service
 - d. Preschool update – 13 students enrolled, 9 gen ed & 4 special ed, bathroom is being spec'd.
 - e. Mrs. Kantz Eagleton Institute Grant – Received funds for 6th grade student trip to Trenton.
 - f. Memorandum of Agreement with Law Enforcement – annual meeting statutory 8/22
 - g. NJSLA spring event – discussed power point slides. Mr. Ott asked how we have high performing scores. Mr. Magnuson replied scores and comparison are to state average. Mr. Ott asked if there is a benchmark against the cluster. Mr. Magnuson replied we don't have that yet. Mr. Brus asked about PD. Mr. Magnuson replied yes there is supplemental material work now. There are higher scores for kids who use it. Mrs. Maclean was concerned about math scores. Is more homework needed? Mr. Ott asked if Chromebook should be used more. Mr. O'Neil reviewed the scores.
 - h. Mr. Magnuson covered steps the district can take now to help positively impact scores.
 - i. Power point is on the website.
- b) School Business Administrator – Ms. DeRiso
 - 1) Next Board Meeting – October 27, 2022 7:00 PM – Mrs. Doyle is trained to get it done, the board packet is partially complete.
 - 2) Correspondence
 - a. Resignation letter from Matthew Penner.
 - b. Exit interview with Jennifer Saxton to be discussed in Executive Session.
 - 3) Enrollment Numbers for September 2022– YTD ADE is 247.6 and ADA is 93.4%

Enrollment:	June 2022	September 2022
Oxford Central School (PreK – 8)	265	248
<i><17> + 4 preschool in October</i>		
Warren Hills Regional High School	84	83
Warren County Vo-Tech	27	26

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Hunterdon Prep (HS)	2	2
Lopatcong Public School (MS)	1	0
Morris Union Jointure (HS)	0	1
Non-Public Schools	4	1
Other School Choice Districts	2	2
Ridge & Valley Charter School	0	0
Total District Enrollment	386	363

HS = high school student MS = middle school student

- c) Director of Special Services – Mrs. Renee Hart
 1) Special Education Update - none

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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Mrs. Sadel asked can the schedule change to allow more math time. Mr. Magnuson replied yes and no. It cannot happen this year but could for 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Ott asked what resources their student received to supplement instruction. Mr. Magnuson replied by attending parent teacher conferences.

1) BUDGET & FINANCE

John Brus Chairperson

a) Discussion items:

- 1) School business administrator services through WCSSSD – Mr. Magnuson discussed.
- 2) New York Life guaranteed issue life insurance program – Mr. Magnuson discussed.

b) Action items:

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

- 1) Approve the attached professional services contract with Applied Behavioral Consulting (ABC), LLC to provide Behavior Analytical service at the rate of \$115 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.
- 2) Approve the following contracts with Warren Hills Regional High School for the following students:
 - a. Student ID# 1621577524 –one (1) part-time personal paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 school year \$28,977.00
 - b. Student ID# 9553159645 – part-time shared personal paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 school year \$14,172.00
- 3) Approve and accept the recommendation of Chief School Administrator to designate New York Life as a voluntary provider for Oxford Board of Education. All plans will be offered at no cost to the school district through payroll deduction.
- 4) Approve the attached shared services agreement with Warren County Special Services School District for school business administrator services at the cost of \$75.00 per hour up to four full

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days per week for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

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

3) BUILDINGS & GROUNDS John Brus Chairperson

a) Discussion Items

1) None

b) Action items:

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

1) Approve the attached facility use forms. - Mrs. Maclean asked if the activity was done before. Mr. Magnuson replied yes.

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

4) CURRICULUM Jacob Burlas Chairperson

a) Discussion Items

1) District goals - Mr. Magnuson said we will move forward.

b) Action items:

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

1) Approve the attached preschool bathroom in the classroom waiver for the 2022-2023 school year.

2) Approve the attached field trips.

3) Approve the attached district goals for the school year 2022-2023.

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

5) PERSONNEL

a) Discussion Items

1) Science teacher replacement - The job was posted and there was one applicant. Mr. Magnuson talked to Centenary and William Patterson for December graduates. K-8 teachers will take on a period on their prep period. An emergency plan to fill approved by the county.

b) Action items:

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

1) Accept Matthew Penner's letter of resignation with regret.

2) Approve Pat Carr to provide home instruction for students needing it due to being out of school at the contracted rate of \$45.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.

3) Approve hiring Catherine Cucciniello as a substitute teacher with a certificate that expires on 9/8/2027.

4) Approve Olena Kushper and Shaun Laden, cafeteria monitors, to also work as substitute custodians on an as needed basis at \$15.00 per hour pending satisfactory criminal background checks. When they work in the pre-school rooms this time may be charged to the Pre-School Expansion Grant as appropriate.

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- 5) Approve the following staff members to teach one period of science beginning October 17, 2022 during their prep periods for as long as needed during the 2022-2023 school year at the following rates:
- a. Alex Fernandez– daily science period for \$45.95
 - b. Stacy Drechsel – daily science period for \$62.54
 - c. Elena Kantz – daily science period for \$54.72
 - d. Kim Newell – daily science period for \$61.65

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

6) TRANSPORTATION & CAFETERIA John Brus Chairperson

- a. Discussion Items
 - 1) None
- b. Action items:
Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to approve the following resolution(s):
 - 1) None

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. MacLean asked about the STEM Lab. Mr. Magnuson replied it is good because more materials are arriving. A Sharp 70" smart board is to be ordered.

Mrs. Taranto said the Warren Hills meeting with the BOE is October 4, 2022. Update study 7-12 (Mr. Brus too)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ott asked if concerts are back. Mr. Magnuson replied yes.

Mr. O'Neil asked about the regionalization timeframe. Mr. Brus replied there is a communication breakdown so it is TBD.

Mr. Brus asked if OCS is creating an app for communication like calling kids out. Mr. Magnuson replied not now. Genesis has some capabilities.

Mrs. Maclean asked about Titan. Mr. Magnuson said we are working on it.

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Mr. Norton informed of new development consisting of 80-100 units. 2/3 bedroom townhouses bringing approximately 30-40 new students.

Mr. Sadel commented that an app is more convenient. Blackboard which is what Warren Hills uses is \$20K/year. Are there 2 preschool classes next year? Mr. Magnuson replied it depends on the number of registrations. Registrations will start after the New Year.

Mr. Laden commented the Belvidere Ave. is ripped up. When will it be fixed? Mr. Magnuson replied he will find out at the next town meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (If Necessary)

Motion by Mr. Brus, seconded by Mr. Ott, to enter into Executive Session at approximately 9:13 pm.

Burlas _Y_ Fojut _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.

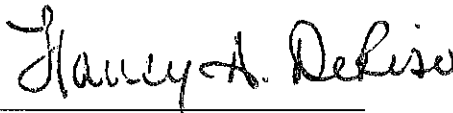
The Board returned to public session at 9:29 pm.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Brus, seconded by Mr. Burlas, to adjourn the meeting of the Oxford Township Board of Education at approximately 9:30 pm.

Unanimous voice vote aye.

Respectfully submitted: _____



Nancy A. DeRiso, SFO, CPA