

Bloomington Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
Walter T. Bergen School Library  
225 Glenwild Avenue  
Bloomington, New Jersey 07403  
September 24, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

On September 24, 2019, the Board President, Lauren Grecco, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The Board President read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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 the Act, the Bloomington Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting by having the date, time and place thereof provided to the following: The Clerk of the Borough of Bloomington for posting on the Borough Hall bulletin board; the Suburban Trends and Star Ledger; all board members. This notice was also posted in the administration offices of the Board of Education, and all district schools.

Copies of agendas are available prior to said meetings in the Board of Education office and are posted on the Bloomington School District website – [www.bloomingtonschools.org](http://www.bloomingtonschools.org)

Present: Mr. Bloodgood, Mr. Caraballo, Mrs. Grecco, Mr. Kroncke, Mrs. Marcus and Mr. Schalago

Present at 7:26 P.M.: Mr. Ermilio

Absent: Mr. Jacobs and Mr. Moeller

Also present: Mr. Ernie Turner, Summit Management Solutions, Mr. Frank Verducci, WTB Principal, Mr. Jeff Merlino, Esq., Board Attorney, Mr. Bert Arifaj and staff.

The Board President led those present in a salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in Favor

**ADOPTION OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board hereby approves the minutes of the following meeting dates:

- Regular Minutes of June 25, 2019
- Executive Minutes of June 25, 2019

Moved by Mr. Bloodgood and seconded by Mr. Kroncke.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

No Correspondence

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Grecco opened the meeting for public discussion.  
 Hearing no public discussion, Mrs. Grecco closed public discussion.

**BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - None**

**SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**COMMITTEE ON BLOOMINGDALE AND BUTLER BOARDS OF EDUCATION  
 (M. Moeller and L. Grecco)**

**COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY  
 (J. Jacobs, Chairperson, C. Marcus, L. Grecco and J. Schalago)**

B1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, the following field trips:

School / Grade	Date	Destination	Time	Approximate Cost per student
WTB / 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	10/18/19	Band Night Out BHS Varsity Football Game	5:00pm – 9:00pm	No cost
WTB / Symphonic Band	12/17/19	Bloomingtondale Senior Center	9:45am – 11:15am	\$151.54
WTB / 6 <sup>th</sup>	10/25/19	Liberty Science Center	9:00am – 3:15pm	\$982.00
MBD / Kindergarten	10/25/19	Farmstead Estates	8:15am – 1:00pm	\$348.11
MBD / Kindergarten	10/15, 10/17, 10/22/19	Bloomingtondale Library / Police Station	8:15am – 9:15am	\$58.85 / hr (+ 3% surcharge) + 1 additional hr

B2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7 and Board Policy #6471, reimbursement for travel and related expenses where such travel and related expenses have been previously reviewed by the building principal/supervisor, and the chief school administrator has determined that such travel and related expenses promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district and is fiscally prudent as per the following:

Name	Workshop	Date	Expenses
Sarah Ann Franke	NJ Science Convention	10/22/19	\$180.00

	Mileage Total Cost		\$44.42 \$224.42
Dara DeNye	37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Autism Conference	10/17/19, 10/18/19	\$600.00
	Mileage Total Cost		\$98.00 \$698.00
Karen Husser	504 Certification	10/23/19	\$150.00
	Mileage Total Cost		\$27.09 \$177.09
Karen Husser	Affirmative Action Certification	1/15/19, 1/21/19	\$450.00
	Mileage Total Cost		\$81.28 \$531.28
Rachel Millward	The Role of the School Climate Team	10/3/19	\$0
	Mileage Total Cost		\$28.83 \$28.83
Rachel Millward	Suicide & Self-harm: Stopping the pain	11/18/19	\$219.99
	Mileage Total Cost		\$12.67 \$232.66
Rachel Millward	Teachable and proven behavior-changing techniques	11/12/19	\$219.99
	Mileage Total Cost		\$0 \$219.99
Rachel Millward	Self-regulation interventions for children & adolescents	11/4/19	\$219.99
	Mileage Total Cost		\$8.33 \$228.32
Rachel Millward	Trauma treatment for children & adolescents	N/A (Online Course)	\$199.99
	Mileage Total Cost		\$0 \$199.99
Amanda Phillippe	NNJOSA	9/14, 10/19, 11/16/19, 1/25, 3/7, 4/18/20	\$120.00
	Mileage Total Cost		\$33.85 \$153.85

Krista Barile	Healthy Children, Healthy Futures	10/17/19	\$105.00
	Mileage Total Cost		\$29.54 \$134.54
Drinda Casper	NJ Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference	10/18, 10/19/19	\$265.00
	Mileage Total Cost		\$65.80 \$330.80
Melissa Conboy	GMCJSCA Scheduling Meeting	10/2/19	\$0
	Mileage Total Cost		\$17.36 \$17.36
Cassandra Harvey Henderson	Rutgers Literacy Conference	10/25/19	\$180.00
	Mileage Total Cost		\$29.00 \$209.00
Charles Caraballo	NJSBA 2019 Workshop	10/22, 10/23/19	Registration Fee

- B3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, an agreement with Northern Region Educational Service Commission for the 2019-2020 Regular and Extended School Year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
#A1402	Skylands Program	\$108,200.00
#B1182	Skylands Program	\$108,200.00
#M1242	Skylands Program	\$108,200.00
#M1243	Skylands Program	\$108,200.00

- B4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, the following students to receive nursing services, provided by Bayada Home Health Care, for the 2019-2020 Regular and Extended School Year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
#2000187	In-school Nursing	\$70,560.00
#1200039	In-school Nursing	\$72,325.00
#1200038	In-school Nursing	\$72,325.00
#2600047	In-school Nursing	\$75,240.00

- B5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, an agreement with the Pompton Lakes Board of Education for the 2019-2020 Regular and Extended School Year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
#2800988	Regular School Year Tuition	\$51,400.00
	Aide – Regular School Year	\$36,549.00
	2019-2020 ESY – The Children’s Place – Autistic Tuition	\$8,427.00
	2019-2020 ESY Aide	\$4,584.00
	Grand Total	\$100,960.00
#1600001	Regular School Year Tuition	\$51,400.00
	2019-2020 ESY Tuition PLHS Life Skills Autistic Tuition	\$8,427.00
	Grand Total	\$59,827.00

B6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, an agreement with Garden Academy for the 2019-2020 Regular and Extended School Year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
#2100034	Regular School Year Tuition	\$107,820.00
	2019-2020 ESY Tuition	\$17,970.00
	Grand Total	\$125,790.00
#2100035	Regular School Year Tuition	\$107,820.00
	2019-2020 Extended School Year Tuition	\$17,970.00
	Grand Total	\$125,790.00

B7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, an agreement with The Windsor School for the 2019-2020 Regular and Extended School Year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
#94902	Regular School Year Tuition	\$66,600.00
	2019-2020 ESY Tuition	\$11,100.00
	Grand Total	\$77,700.00
#95515	Regular School Year Tuition	\$66,600.00

	2019-2020 Extended School Year Tuition	\$11,100.00
	Grand Total	\$77,700.00
#2800870	Beginning September 16, 2019 including ESY	\$55,040.00

- B8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, an agreement with Shepard Preparatory High School for the 2019-2020 Regular and Extended School Year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
#2200310	Regular School Year Tuition	\$54,658.44
	2019-2020 ESY Tuition	\$8,960.40
	Grand Total	\$63,618.84

- B9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, an agreement with Roxbury Township Board of Education for the 2019-2020 Regular and Extended School Year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
#94897	2019-2020 ESY Tuition	\$3,573.00
	2019-2020 ESY 1:1 Aide	\$5,250.00
	Grand Total	\$8,823.00

- B10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, an agreement with Morris County Vocational School D. for the 2019-2020 school year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
23 Student	Regular Full Time Tuition	\$299,000.00

- B11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, an agreement with Passaic County Technical Institute for the 2019-2020 school year.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
50 Student	2019-2020 Projected Student Count	\$580,700.00

- B12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of

Education approve, tutoring services with EI US, LLC (LearnWell Education) beginning September 5, 2019 – September 13, 2019.

Student(s)	Description	Total Cost
#2300523	\$50 per hour	\$350.00

- B13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approve, reimbursement in the amount of \$1,500 to the PTA for assembly programs for the 2019-2020 school year.
- B14. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, motion to approve, a professional contract with MDC Consulting for educational consulting, not to exceed \$1450.00 per month, for the remainder of the 2019 – 2020 school year.

Motion B1 – B14 moved by Mrs. Marcus and seconded by Mr. Caraballo.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, PHYSICAL PLANT AND TRANSPORTATION**  
**(M. Moeller, Chairperson, R. Bloodgood, K. Ermilio and L. Grecco)**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 requires the Board Secretary and the Bloomingdale Board of Education to certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District’s financial obligation, and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10 further requires the Bloomingdale Board of Education receive and accept the monthly financial statements, the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for the month ending July 31, 2019, are presented for the Board to accept and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, the Bloomingdale Board of Education acknowledges receipt of and accepts the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s Reports for the month ending July 31, 2019.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board Secretary and the Bloomingdale Board of Education certifies that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet the District’s financial obligation.

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 18A:19, Expenditure of Funds; Audit and Payment of Claims, provides Board of Educations to make payments on claims for goods received and services rendered payable to the order of the person entitled to receive the amount after approval by the board; or in accordance with payrolls duly certified; or debt service or when provided by resolution approval by a person designated by the board; and

**WHEREAS**, a list of bills dated between August 27, 2019 and September 23, 2019 the bill list dated September 24, 2019 is being presented to the board with the recommendation that they be ratified and paid retrospectively; and

**WHEREAS**, each claim or demand has been fully itemized, verified and audited as required by law in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:19-2.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the list of bills for payment in the grand sum of \$797,551.66

<b>Payroll Account 8/15, 8/30</b>	\$143,375.17
<b>Food Service Account</b>	\$ 0
<b>General Account</b>	\$604,916.66
<b>General Account Ratification</b>	\$49,259.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$797,551.66</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the list of bills are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Bloomingdale Board of Education authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to pay bills if it is determined that a need arises prior to the next board meeting, having said bills ratified at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10-(c)1 states that a report shall be presented to the Board showing all transfers between line item accounts for each line item account shown on the budget prepared in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8; and

**WHEREAS**, Board Policy 6422 designates the Superintendent of Schools to approve transfers as necessary between meetings of the Board and be reported to the Board, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent Board meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, transfers in the reports “Transfers Before/After” for the month were necessary to maintain the needs of the district and are on file in the Office of the School Business Administrator;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, upon the recommendation of the superintendent, that the Bloomingdale Board of Education ratifies and approves the transfers in the reports “Transfers Before/After” for the period of July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019, as approved by the Superintendent, so that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds would be available to meet the district’s financial obligations, as requested by various district administrators; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, this resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Bloomingdale Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent, Board President and School Business Administrator to sign any documents on behalf of the Bloomingdale Board of Education with regards to exercising the intent of this resolution.

- C4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, the disposal of the following damaged / obsolete items:

School	Item
WTB	HP Scanjet G3010 Scanner
WTB	HP Office Jet Pro6830 Printer



WTB	Canon BJC240 Printer
WTB	Canon Pixma MP500 printer
WTB	Canon K10321 Printer

- C5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, the following transportation contracts with Northern Region Educational Services Commission for the 2019-2020 school year at the estimated cost as itemized:

Route #	School(s)	Contractor	# of Students	Estimated Cost per Route (Incl. Surcharge)	Dates
061813FT	Bloomingtondale Schools	Jordan Transportation	54 Passenger	\$25,000.00 + 4% surcharge	July 2019- June 2020
NRATHL	Bloomingtondale Schools	Trans-Ed, Inc	54 Passenger	\$25,000.00 + 4% surcharge	July 2019 – June 2020
LAKFL19	Lakeland Regional HS	Jets Transportation	1	\$19,530.00 + \$585.90	September 5, 2019 – December 20, 2019
SAMFL19	Sage Day School	Jets Transportation	1	\$15,840.00 + \$475.20	September 5, 2019 – December 20, 2019

- C6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, Sonya Otero to provide Google Training to the Martha B. Day and Samuel R. Donald staff on October 11, 2019, at a cost of \$400.00. This training is funded through the ESEA Grant Title II.

Motion C1 – C6 moved by Mr. Bloodgood and seconded by Mr. Caraballo.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

**COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL, POLICY, AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS**  
**(R. Bloodgood Chairperson, Open Seat, C. Caraballo, L. Grecco)**

- D1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, Bloomingtondale Board of Education policies and regulations (second reading): Policy 2440 Summer Session Regulation R5200 Attendance.
- D2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, **retroactively**, Krista Barilla as nurse for the 2018-2019 Tuesday – Friday afterschool enrichment classes at Martha B. Day School from September 23, 2019 until November 1, 2019, not to exceed twenty (20) hours.
- D3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, **retroactively**, Nicole Vogt as nurse for the 2019-2020 school year, Tuesday – Friday afterschool enrichment

classes at Samuel R. Donald School from September 23, 2019 until November 1, 2019, not to exceed twenty (20) hours.

- D4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, **retroactively**, Erika Talerico as home instructor for student # 2800870 from September 5, 2019- September 13, 2019 at contracted \$42.00 per hour, not to exceed \$588.
- D5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, Michelle Slonski-Ricks to provide Home Instruction for student #2400454 for a maximum 10 hours per week beginning September 9, 2019 until June 22, 2019. Mrs. Slonski-Ricks will be paid the home instruction rate of \$44 per hour in accordance with the Bloomingdale Education Association contract. Gabriella Ciccone will serve as alternate Home Instruction at the same rate of \$44 per hour in accordance with the Bloomingdale Education Association contract.
- D6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, Jennifer Voli as one-to-one aide for student #2800877 for the 2019- 2020 Thursday afterschool enrichment classes at Martha B. Day School from September 23, 2019 until November 1, 2019, not to exceed 5 hours.
- D7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, the following certified staff members for the 2019-2020 school year will be funded through ESEA grant at the following percentages:

Last Name	First Name	Title	Location	FTE	Guide	Step	19-20 Salary
Martini	Anne	ESL	MBD / SRD / WTB	1.0	MA	18	\$91,965* \$16,733 funded under ESEA

- D9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, home instruction for student #2801067 beginning October 16, 2019 through December 16, 2019. Two hours a day and no more than 10 hours a week, at contracted \$44.00 per hour for a total not to exceed \$3,960. Teacher TBD.
- D10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, Jolene Marut as cafeteria aide for the Samuel R Donald 2019-2020 school year for 2.25 hours per day at the rate of \$15.13 per hour starting October 7, 2019.
- D11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, Dawn Kopec as certified classroom aide for the Samuel R Donald 2019-2020 school year for 29.6 hours per week at the rate of \$16.53 per hour starting October 7, 2019 to comply with IEPs and 504 plans.
- D12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, Suzanne Osborne as certified classroom aide for the Martha B. Day 2019-2020 school year for three (3) hours a day, five (5) days a week at the rate of \$16.53 per hour beginning October 1, 2019.
- D13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, motion to approve, Yocelyn Verrico, two (2) hours for attending the Martha B. Day School Back to School night \$24.71 per hour, not to exceed \$49.52.

Motion D1 – 13 moved by Mr. Bloodgood and seconded by Mr. Caraballo.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

D14. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, motion to approve, the agreement with Employee ID# 49956. The Board has received the backup documentation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

D15. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, motion to approve, Frank Verducci to be Acting superintendent, subject to Commissioner approval as per N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-13.1, not to exceed 90 days.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Yes: Caraballo, Ermilio, Marcus, Kroncke, Bloodgood, Grecco  
No: Schalago

D16. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, motion to approve, in lieu of formally filling the position of SCIA, the following administrative differentials for the 2019 – 2020 school year, subject to agreement on a Side Bar with the Bloomingdale Administrators Association (BAA), consistent with the BAA proposal dated September 3, 2019:

Karen Husser	\$10,000.00
Kerridyn Trusheim	\$10,000.00
Frank Verducci	\$10,000.00

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

D17. Upon the recommendation of the Committee, motion to approve, the expansion of two (2) part-time custodian positions to full-time position, to include deliveries.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** All in favor

**REPRESENTATIVE/LIAISON**

Legislative Liaison – D. DiLorenzo

Butler Board – M. Moeller

Mayor and Council – M. Moeller

New Jersey School Boards - L. Grecco

Office of Emergency Management –

Passaic County School Boards – C. Caraballo, Open

Planning Board – R. Bloodgood

PTA – L. Grecco

Recreation – J. Schalago

Senior Citizens – Open

Drug Alliance – L. Grecco

**OLD BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**Presiding Officer Opens the Hearing of Citizens:**

Opening this portion of the meeting to public comments on school related issues. State your name and address for the record. Each person wishing to speak will have three (3) minutes each to do so.

**Presiding Officer Closes the Hearing of Citizens:**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:40 P.M., Mr. Bloodgood motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts, and was seconded by Mr. Caraballo. The Board expects to return to the business portion of the meeting in approximately sixty (60) minutes. Formal action may be taken after executive session is finished.

**VOICE VOTE:** All were in favor

The Board reconvened the regular portion of the meeting at 6:19 P.M. Mr. Bloodgood motioned and was seconded by Mr. Ermilio.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 9:10 P.M., Mr. Bloodgood motioned to go into executive session to discuss contracts and negotiations as well as transportation (from Paramus Catholic Vocational Technical School), and was seconded by Mr. Kroncke. The Board expects to return to the business portion of the meeting in approximately sixty (6) minutes. Formal action may be taken after executive session is finished.

**VOICE VOTE:** All were in favor

The board reconvened the regular portion of the meeting at 9:34 P.M.

**FINAL MATTERS TO DISCUSS OR ACT UPON**

**CLOSING STATEMENT**

The Bloomingdale Board of Education will have its next regularly scheduled meeting on October 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. here at the Walter T. Bergen School Library.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motioned by Mr. Bloodgood and seconded by Mr. Caraballo

**VOICE VOTE:** All were in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Bert Arifaj  
School Business Administrator / Board Secretary