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On the above date, the Bloomingdale Board of Education held a regular meeting in the Walter T. Bergen School Library. Mrs. Grecco called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Bross, Mr. Dellaripa, Mrs. Grecco, Mrs. Gurbisz, Mr. Kroncke, Mr. Moeller, Mr. Pituch, and Mrs. Rickelmann

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Samuel

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Superintendent, Dr. Terrance Brennan, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary George Hagl, Principal Frank Verducci, Jeff Merlino, Board Attorney, parents, students, staff and members of the press.

Mrs. Grecco led those present in a salute to the flag.

Mrs. Grecco read the following announcement of this meeting:

A written notice was sent from the Office of the Board at 2:17 P.M. on March 23, 2012. Said notice was sent to the following, announcing the time and place thereof: The Clerk of the Borough of Bloomingdale for posting on the Borough Hall bulletin board; the editors of the Suburban Trends; all board members. This notice was also posted in the administration offices of the Board of Education, and all district schools.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Rickelmann moved, seconded by Mr. Pituch, it is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the minutes of April 2 and May 7, 2012.

Appr Minutes
4/2/12
5/7/12

ROLL CALL VOTE: All voted yes; with the exception of Mr. Bross who abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

- April 20, 2012, E-mail to Suburban Trends and Star Ledger, Legal Ad advertising custodial bid specifications.
- May 10, 2012, E-mail to Suburban Trends and Star Ledger, Legal Ad advertising the selected demolition and asbestos removal at the Samuel R. Donald.
- May 15, 2012, E-mail to Suburban Trends and Star Ledger, Legal Ad advertising site drainage upgrades and parking lot repaving at Samuel R. Donald and parking lot repaving and sewer line installation at the Walter T. Bergen.
- May 15, 2012, E-Mail from Jon Dunleavy, Bloomingdale Borough Mayor regarding possible shared services landscape agreement.
- May 16, 2012, E-mail to Suburban Trends and Star Ledger, Legal Ad for the partial roof replacement at Samuel R. Donald.

Mrs. Grecco and Mr. Dellaripa discussed the shared services proposal from the Borough for landscaping services.

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PUBLIC DISCUSSION

(Discussion limited to thirty (30) minutes on agenda items only.)

Mr. Pituch moved, seconded by Mr. Dellaripa, that the Board opens its meeting for public discussion.

Open Public Discussion

VOICE VOTE: All voted yes

Hearing no public discussion, Mr. Pituch moved, seconded by Mrs. Gurbisz, that the Board closes its meeting for public discussion.

Close Public Discussion

VOICE VOTE: All voted yes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Mrs. Grecco reported on the following district programs:

- MBD School – Artist in Residence Program
- Congratulated Ms. Chung and Mrs. Lehman for a wonderful concert performance
- WTB School Career Day scheduled for June 6, 2012

Additionally, Mrs. Grecco presented Mr. DeLucca with a “Make-A-Difference” award for performing the Heimlich Maneuver on a choking student.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

The following monthly reports were enclosed in all Board packets:

- Security Drills
- Enrollments
- Walter T. Bergen School
- Martha B. Day School
- Samuel R. Donald School
- Special Services

Dr. Brennan reported that since his last HIB report, there were two new reported cases. Both were found to be HIB cases. Disciplinary actions were taken.

Dr. Brennan stated that he met with Mr. Cardinal, Butler Superintendent, for the purpose of enhancing the Opportunity Plus Program.

Dr. Brennan introduced Mr. Verducci and Ms. Morris who present 48 awards to students.

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Hagl reported that the NJSBA Delegate Assembly Handbook is on file in the Board Office for anyone wishing to review it.

Additionally, Mr. Hagl read the following results of the Custodial Bid opening held on May 16, 2012, at 10:00 A.M. in the Board Office:

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Delta Building Services

FY 2012-2013 \$377,923.90

FY 2013-2014 \$389,261.64

CSS Building Services

FY 2012-2013 \$386,256.00

FY 2013-2014 \$401,688.00

TEMCO Building Maintenance, Inc.

FY 2012-2013 \$408,444.00

FY 2013-2014 \$453,912.00

United Service, Inc.

FY 2012-2013 \$482,957.27

FY 2013-2014 \$482,957.27

The bid openings for the following projects will be held in the Board Offices at the indicated times:

- A. Selected Demolition and Asbestos Removal at Samuel R. Donald
Bid Opening May 30, 2012, 2 PM
- B. Site Drainage Upgrades at Samuel R. Donald.
State Project # 0420-030-10-1003,
Bid Opening June 14, 2012, 12 PM
- C. Parking Lot Repaving at Samuel R. Donald.
State Project # 0420-030-10-1004,
Bid Opening June 14, 2012, 12 PM
- D. Parking Lot Repaving and Sewer Line Installation at Walter T. Bergen.
State Project # 0420-050-10-1006,
Bid Opening June 14, 2012, 12 PM
- E. Partial Roof Replacement at Samuel R. Donald
State Project # 0420-030-12-2000
Bid Opening June 14, 2012, 11 AM

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON BLOOMINGDALE AND BUTLER BOARDS OF EDUCATION

Mr. Bross reported that the Butler Board of Education is also conducting their Board meeting this evening. Additionally, Mr. Bross stated that he attended a Butler curriculum meeting and suggested exploring a shared-service curriculum coordinator.

COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY

Mrs. Gurbisz moved, seconded by Mr. Pituch, that the Board blocks the following motions:

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s recommendations on the bullying cases presented at the May 7, 2012 board meeting.

Accept Rec
On Bullying
Cases

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Shared Services Technology Support Agreement between Manchester Regional High School District and the Bloomingdale Board of Education for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost of \$27,950.

Appr 12-13
Manchester
Agreement
Tech Support

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the following middle school textbook for Grade 6 Social Studies for purchase and use during the 2012-2013 school year:

Appr Gr 6
S.S. Text
For 12-13

- Discovering Our Past: A History of the World (2013), McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., ISBN 9780078927133

ROLL CALL VOTE: All voted yes

Mrs. Gurbisz moved, seconded by Mr. Pituch, that the Board blocks the following motions:

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following social studies textbooks:

Appr Disposal
S.S.
Textbooks

- Geography: the World and Its People, (copyright 1996), Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, ISBN 0028232704.
24 copies total

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following field trip at no cost to the Board:

Appr Field
Trip - Band

Grade	Date/Times	Location	Teachers/Chaperones	Cost
WTB Band Picnic	June 13, 2012	Glenwild Lakes Bloomingdale	C. Lehman C. Morris T. Bohn Leslie Snyder Cathy Dipierro Jodie Bross Darlene Warga	No cost due to fundraising

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			Timothy Geipel Carol Schlotterbeck Mrs. S. Bross Jen Shoemaker	
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It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the National Junior Honor Society Annual Spring Olympics fundraiser at the Walter T. Bergen School June 5, 2012 (rain date June 7, 2012). A \$5.00 entry fee will be charged and proceeds donated to St. Jude's Research Hospital.

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Addendum to the Opportunity Plus Program Agreement between the Butler Board of Education and the Bloomingdale Board of Education.

Appr NJHS
Fundraiser
For 6/5/12

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve Home Instruction for a middle school student from five to ten hours per week. Increase in hours is due to student status change to classified. All instruction will take place at the Walter T. Bergen as follows:

Appr Opp Plus
Addendum

- G. Hanke 2 hours per week
- J. Engelhardt 4 hours per week
- S. Hyland 2 hours per week
- M. Rooney 2 hours per week

Appr Home
Inst Hrs
Increase

ROLL CALL VOTE: All voted yes

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, PHYSICAL PLANT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Mr. Dellaripa moved, seconded by Mr. Pituch, It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$459,118.17.

Appr Bill
Payment

ROLL CALL VOTE: All voted yes

Mr. Dellaripa moved, seconded by Mr. Pituch, that the Board blocks the following motions:

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the attached list of line item transfers effective April 2012.

Appr Line
Item Trans
4/2012

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the Board Secretary's Report (A-148) for the month of April 2012.

Appr Bd Sec
Rpt A148
for 4/2012

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education certify that for a period from July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012 after a review of the Secretary's Monthly (A-148) report appropriations section, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(a), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Cert Sec Rpt
A148 4/2012
Suff Funds for
FY

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the

Appr Treas
Sch Monies

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Treasurer of School Monies report (A-149) for the month April 2012.

Rpt A149 for 4/2012

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education certify for the period from July 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012, after review of the Treasurer's Monthly report (A-149), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23.2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Cert Treas Rpt A149 4/2012 Suff Funds for FY

ROLL CALL VOTE: All voted yes

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve an Interlocal Services Agreement for mechanical and maintenance services between the West Milford Township Board of Education and the Bloomingdale Board of Education for the 2012-2013 school year.

Aprr 12-13 WM BOE Agreement Maint/Mech

That the Board approve the following lunch prices for the 2012-2013 school year:

Aprr 12-13 Lunch Prices

DESCRIPTION	2011-2012 RATES	2012-2013 RATES	2011-2012 STATE MAXIMUM RATES	2012-2013 STATE MAXIMUM RATES
Type "A" Lunch-Elementary	\$2.60	\$2.75	\$3.50	\$3.75
Type "A" Lunch-Middle	\$2.75	\$2.90	\$3.75	\$4.00
Reduced Price Lunch	\$.40	\$.40	\$.40	\$.40
Faculty Complete Lunch	\$4.50	\$4.50	N/A	N/A
Milk	\$.55	\$.55	N/A	N/A

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following transportation contract with the Passaic County Educational Services Commission as follows:

Aprr Trans w/PCESC Rte #WINBL

RT.	SCHOOL	CO.	#/STU.	COST	DATES
WINBL	Windsor School Pompton Lakes	Jordan Trans.	1	\$2,065.44 + \$82.62	5-14-2012 To 6-2012

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve a resolution concerning Chapter 78 – Section 125 Flexible Spending Account and Premium Only Plans.

Aprr FSA w/Ameriflex 12-13

Pursuant to the requirements of N.J.P.L. 2011 Chapter 78, the Bloomingdale Board of Education hereby resolves to continue a Section 125 Flexible Spending Account (FSA) program for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, as follows:

1. The Board accepts the recommendation of its group insurance broker, Brown & Brown Benefit

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Advisors, Inc. to designate Ameriflex as the Board's FSA administrator.

2. The Board of Education appoints Brown & Brown Benefits Advisors, Inc. as its FSA and POP broker-of-record.
3. The Board of Education hereby establishes an annual maximum employee contribution of \$2,500.
4. All appropriate Board of Education staff are authorized to take such action and affect such documentation as necessary to implement these changes.

It is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPOINTING A BROKER OF RECORD TO
REPRESENT THE BLOOMINGDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION IN MATTERS RELATED
TO HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS**

Appr Broker
Of Record
B&B Adv.
2012-2013
Oxford - Med
Bollinger - RX
Horizon – Den

WHEREAS, the BLOOMINGDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION ("Board") desires to appoint a broker of record to represent the Board in matters relating to employee health, prescription and dental benefits and;

WHEREAS, Brown and Brown Benefit Advisors ("Consultant") has offered to provide broker of record services relating to employee health and dental benefits and;

WHEREAS, the Consultant has requested competitive quotes from various insurance underwriters for our district's medical, prescription, and dental plans, and;

WHEREAS, the Consultant has negotiated employee medical benefits with Oxford Health Plans that provides equal or improved as those previously existing under the same program and;

WHEREAS, the Consultant has negotiated employee prescription benefits with Bollinger Insurance Company that provides equal or improved as previously existing under the same program and;

WHEREAS, the Consultant has negotiated employee dental benefits with Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey that provides equal or improved as those previously existing under the same program and;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to maintain its employee medical benefits coverage with Oxford Health Plans for the period commencing July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (at a 5.6 percent premium increase) and;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to change its prescription drug coverage with Bollinger Insurance Company for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (at a 1.4 percent premium decrease) and;

WHEREAS, the Board desired to maintain its dental benefits with Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 (at a 4.0 percent premium increase) and continue coverage for the period of July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 (at a 0% percent premium increase),

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board appoint Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, as the Board's broker of record for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 for matters relating to employee medical, prescription and dental benefits.

Mrs. Gurbisz requested that the Board table motion number 11 relating to the appointment of our districts health insurance broker of record and acceptance of health insurance proposals, due to ongoing negotiations.

Mr. Merlino stated that all present health insurances must remain in effect until a successor agreement is ratified.

Mr. Dellaripa stated that future year(s) benefits could still be revised during negotiations.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All voted yes

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL, POLICY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

All staff motions have been recommended by the Superintendent of Schools, subject to approval by the NJ Department of Education, Chapter 116, PL186 Provisional Employment - pending criminal history check.

Mr. Kroncke moved, seconded by Mr. Pituch, it is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve Alyssa Zisa, a William Paterson University student, as a student teacher from September 5 through December 13, 2012 with Mrs. DeKeukelaere at the Walter T. Bergen School.

Appr A Zisa
Student Teach
At WTB w/C
DeKeukelaere
9/5-12/13/12

Mr. Kroncke wished Ms. Zisa a pleasant classroom experience.

ROLL CALL VOTE: All voted yes

REPRESENTATIVE/LIAISON

Legislative Liaison – D. DiLorenzo

- No Report

Butler Board – S. Bross

- No Report

Mayor and Council – R. Dellaripa

- Mr. Dellaripa stated that the Mayor and Council will be meeting tomorrow evening.
- Mr. Pituch offered Mr. Dellaripa his information from the Facilities Review Committee.

New Jersey School Boards – J. Pituch, L. Grecco (Alternate)

- No Report

Office of Emergency Management – G. Hagl

- No Report

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Passaic County School Boards – J. Pituch

- No Report

Planning Board – J. Pituch

- No Report

PTA – L. Grecco

- Mrs. Grecco informed those present that the PTA will be conducting Family Activities on Sunday June 3, 2012, at the Walter T. Bergen School between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Recreation – R. Dellaripa

- No Report

Senior Citizens – M. Rickelmann

- No Report

Drug Alliance – L. Grecco

- Mrs. Grecco reported on the “Kids Who Care” program held on May 11, 2012. Additionally, she reported on the “Mothers Against Drunk Driving”.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kroncke reported that he received his cookbook.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Pituch moved, seconded by Mrs. Rickelmann, that the Board opens its meeting for public discussion.

VOICE VOTE: All were in favor

Open
Public
Discussion

Mrs. Schlotterbeck commented on the eighth grade students attending the BHS Marching Band and the “Music in the Park” program held in Hershey, PA. She complimented Mrs. Lehman and Mr. Bychek for their hard work with these students. Their heart and passion are for the students in their districts. Additionally, she complimented the Art Show. Mrs. Schlotterbeck questioned why the WTB Principal did not attend the “Music in the Park” program in Hershey, PA over the weekend.

Mr. Schalago questioned the Board why the district is pursuing a part-time Superintendent.

Mr. Grecco stated that every Board member would like to see a full-time Superintendent in our district; however, State Administrator Cost Limits are preventing the Board from hiring a full-time Superintendent.

Mr. Merlino and Mr. Hagl explained Administrative cost limits.

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Additionally, Mr. Schalago questioned the screening process of candidates.

Mrs. Grecco stated that candidates are interviewed and reference checks are conducted.

Mr. Merlino also stated that criminal history background checks are also performed.

Mr. Schalago questioned Dr. Vitta's legal settlement in West Essex.

Dr. Brennan stated that no truth was found in the allegations.

Mrs. Gnecco questioned why the Board cannot reply to inquiries regarding the hiring of a Superintendent.

Mr. Merlino stated that legally the Board cannot conduct a dialog on personnel.

Ms. Chung questioned if a background check was conducted on the current building administrator in the WTB.

Mrs. Grecco stated that Dr. Rosenberg conducted a reference check.

Additionally, Ms. Chung discussed the absence of a Nurse on a recent field trip and questioned the Principal's role.

Mr. Merlino reminded Ms. Chung that personnel matters cannot be discussed in open public session.

Mrs. Grecco stated that everyone had a great time on the Ellis Island field trip.

Mrs. Rooney questioned Dr. Brennan if he recommended the WTB School Principal for rehiring.

Dr. Brennan stated yes.

Mrs. Gnecco asked Dr. Brennan if he recommended the renewal of the Middle School Principal's contract.

Dr. Brennan responded yes.

Mrs. Breaker stated that her son will be attending the fifth grade this fall, and questioned whether the fifth grade class will be self-contained or travel between classes during the day.

Dr. Brennan stated they will be assigned classrooms in the fifth grade section.

Ms. Chung stated, in light of a recent vote, why is the Board not re-considering the rehiring this man.

Mr. Merlino stated that this is not appropriate for public discussion.

Mrs. Rooney questioned the situation with the WTB School Nurse.

Dr. Brennan stated that she will not be certified by September.

Mr. Locke, NJEA Representative, discussed teacher certification requirements.

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Mrs. Jacobs commented that students are constantly in the nurse's office.

Mrs. Pellegrino stated that she is a former aide who has worked in the elementary and middle schools. In her observations, the nurse's office is like a train station.

Mr. Dellaripa commented that the school nurse will not be teaching a full-load of health classes.

Mrs. Conboy stated the nurse teaching health classes will affect the physical education classes.

Ms. Chung commented on the lack of leadership.

Mr. Schalago requested a clarification on a nursing certification and questioned whether teachers were cut.

Dr. Brennan provided an explanation.

Mrs. Conboy stated that first year health is not being taught by physical education teachers.

Mrs. Verrico stated that her son has asthma, and that it is comforting to know that a nurse is available full-time at the SRD School.

Mr. Schalago questioned if the Board considered the special needs of the students when deciding on the nurse.

Mrs. Federeci stated that change is good; if it is good change. Why do we need to change things that work? Additionally, she requested the Board listen to the teachers and parents.

Mrs. Grecco stated that she is not comfortable not having a nurse in the office all day.

Mrs. Specchio commented on an emergency on the school field where the nurse responded quickly.

Mr. Pituch moved, seconded by Mrs. Rickelmann, that the Board closes its meeting for public discussion.

VOICE VOTE: All were in favor

Close
Public
Discussion

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dellaripa moved, seconded by Mr. Pituch, it is recommended by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education goes into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and legal matters. The results of the meeting will be released when the reason for nondisclosure no longer exists. Action will not be taken during the closed session.

Exec
Session

VOICE VOTE: All were in favor

The closed Executive Session commenced at 8:13 P.M.

Mr. Pituch moved, seconded by Mrs. Rickelmann, that the Board returns to public session at 10:12 P.M.

VOICE VOTE: All were in favor

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Mr. Dellaripa moved, seconded by Mr. Pituch, that the Board approve a shared services proposal with the Borough of Bloomingdale for the purpose of landscaping of our schools, pending contract approval.

Appr Shared
Serv w/Boro
Bloomingdale
Landscaping

ROLL CALL VOTE: All voted yes

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pituch moved, seconded by Mr. Dellaripa, that the Board adjourns its meeting at 10:14 P.M.

VOICE VOTE: All voted yes

Mtg
Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

George Hagl
Business Administrator/Board Secretary