

Board Minutes
Zoom Video Conference Meeting,
May 20, 2020
Board Office – 7:00 p.m.

1. Board President, Ms. Gonzalez called the Conference Meeting of North Brunswick Township Board of Education to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting was held at the Board Office through a Zoom Video Conferencing format.
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. On a Roll call the following members were present: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, and Ms. Gonzalez
Absent: Mr. Duran Harris and Ms. Rubin
Present: Superintendent, Dr. Zychowski; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Petela; Assistant to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Hock and Board Attorney, Mr. Busch
4. Board President's Statement

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure 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 Open Public Meetings Law, the public notice of this meeting, which included the time, date and location was distributed by 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 in the following manner:

- A. Posted on the Bulletin Board reserved for announcements in the Board Office, Old Georges Road, North Brunswick.
- B. Mailed to the Home News Tribune, Sentinel, and the Clerk of the Township of North Brunswick.
- C. Delivered to the nine (9) duly elected board members.

PRESENTATION:

- a. Governor School Teacher Recognition for 2019-2020 “Teacher of the Year” by Mr. Petela, who then introduced their Principal who spoke about each teacher. Congratulations to all of our teachers!

| Name | School |
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| Donna Saieva | NBTECC |
| Angela Mosbrucker | John Adams |
| Joanna Campana | Judd |
| Kelly Muller | Livingston Park |
| Lisa Rudolph | Parsons |
| Evelyn Genzano | Linwood |
| Majorie Federico | NBTHS |

5. A motion was made by Mr. Brockman and seconded by Mr. Liguori to approve the professional development contact between Linwood Middle School and Bootstrap World: Data Science, not to exceed \$7,000 (Grant Funded Title IA Reallocated)

The results of the motion were:

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Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, and Ms. Gonzalez
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None

6. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Ms. Keefe to approve the submission of the North Brunswick Township Schools Health-Related School Closure Plan to the New Jersey Department of Education

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, and Ms. Gonzalez
 Nay: None
 Abstain: None

7. A motion was made by Ms. Keefe and seconded by Mr. Liguori to approve the revised school calendar for 2019-2020:

| <u>REVISED 2019-2020 School Calendar</u> | | |
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| | | <u>School Days</u> |
| <u>September</u> | | |
| Monday, September 2 | Labor Day (Schools Closed) | 18 |
| Tuesday September 3 | Staff Orientation | |
| Wednesday, September 4 | Schools Open-4 Hour Session for All Schools** | |
| Monday, September 30 | Rosh Hashanah (Schools Closed) | |
| <u>October</u> | | |
| Wednesday, October 9 | Yom Kippur (Schools Closed) | 22 |
| <u>November</u> | | |
| Monday, November 4 | (Schools Closed) –In-Service/Flex Day for Staff | 14 |
| Tuesday, November 5 | Election Day – (Schools Closed) | |
| Wednesday, November 6 | (Schools Closed)- In –Service Day/Flex for Staff | |
| Thursday & Friday, Nov. 7, 8 | N.J.E.A. Convention (Schools Closed) | |
| Wednesday, November 27 | 4-Hour Session for All Schools | |
| Thursday & Friday, Nov. 28, 29 | Thanksgiving (Schools Closed) | |
| <u>December</u> | | |
| Thursday, December 5 | 4-Hour Session for All Schools** | 16 |
| Monday, December 23 | 4-Hour Session for All Schools | |
| Tuesday, Dec. 24 -Tuesday, Dec. 31 | Winter Recess (Schools Closed) | |
| <u>January</u> | | |
| Wednesday, January 1 | Winter Recess (Schools Closed) | 21 |
| Thursday, January 2 | Schools Re-Open | |
| Monday, January 20 | Martin L. King's Birthday (Schools Closed) | |
| <u>February</u> | | |
| Thursday, February 6 | 4-Hour Session for All Schools** | 19 |
| Friday, February 14 | 4-Hour Session for All Schools | |
| Monday, February 17 | Presidents Day (Schools Closed) | |
| <u>March</u> | | |
| Thursday, March 12 | School Closed** | 21 |
| <u>April</u> | | |
| Thursday, April 9 | 4-Hour Session for All Schools | 16 |
| Friday, April 10- Friday, April 17 | Spring Recess (Schools Closed) | |
| Monday, April 20 | Schools Re-Open | |
| <u>May</u> | | |
| Thursday, May 7 | 4-Hour Session for All Schools** | 20 |

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Friday, May 22
Monday, May 25

4-Hour Session for All Schools
Memorial Day (Schools Closed)

June

Wednesday, June 17

Last Day for Students/Staff

13

Wednesday, June 17

High School Graduation -VIRTUAL

Thursday, June 18

Make-up Flex Day for Staff

Student Days:

180

Staff Days:

185

**Designated as half-day in-service day for staff

The last day of school for ALL students will be June 17, 2020. This calendar allows for 3 emergency closing days. If schools are closed for more than 3 days for any reason, the following are possible make-up days: January 20; February 17; April 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 2020.

In the event that less than 3 emergency days occur, any additional days off will be granted. Use of personal days will not be approved for any planned vacations during these holiday periods.

Adopted: 2/27/19

REVISED: May 20, 2020

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None

Abstain: None

8. A motion was made by Mr. Liguori and seconded by Ms. Keefe to approve a resolution recognizing, endorsing, supporting, and authorizing participation in the consortium of Middlesex "County School Districts in renegotiation transportation services contracts:

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Executive Order No. 103 declaring that a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency exist in the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Executive Order No. 104 requiring that "all public, private, and parochial preschool program premises, and elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, shall be closed to students"; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 104 further states that the aforementioned premises shall remain closed as long as the Order remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Executive Order No. 119 extending the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed Executive Order No. 138 further extending the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency, which continues to this date; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy announced that schools throughout New Jersey will remain closed through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2020, Governor Philip D. Murphy signed into law P.L. 2020, Chapter 27 requiring, among other things, that:

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1. If the schools of a school district are subject to a health-related closure for a period longer than three consecutive school days, which is the result of a declared state of emergency, declared public health emergency, or a directive by the appropriate health agency or officer, then the school district shall continue to make payments of benefits, compensation, and emoluments pursuant to the terms of a contract with a contracted service provider in effect on the date of the closure as if the services for such benefits, compensation, and emoluments had been provided, and as if the school facilities had remained open;
2. Payments received by a contracted service provider pursuant to this paragraph shall be used to meet the payroll and fixed costs obligations of the contracted service provider;
3. A school district shall make all reasonable efforts to renegotiate a contract in good faith subject to this paragraph and may direct contracted service providers, who are a party to a contract and receive payments from the school district under this paragraph, to provide services on behalf of the school district which may reasonably be provided and are within the general expertise or service provision of the original contract;
4. Negotiations shall not include indirect costs such as fuel or tolls; and

WHEREAS, in response to P.L. 2020, c. 27, fourteen school districts directly contracting with transportation services providers formed a Consortium of Middlesex County School Districts (the Consortium) in an effort to engage in a unified and fair renegotiation of transportation services contracts; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium consists of the Carteret Public Schools, the East Brunswick Public Schools, the Edison Township Public Schools, the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey, the Highland Park School District, the Middlesex County Vocational Technical Schools, the North Brunswick Township Schools, the Old Bridge Township Public Schools, the Perth Amboy Public Schools, the Piscataway Township Schools, the South Brunswick School District, the South Plainfield School District, the South River Public Schools, and the Woodbridge Township School District.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION that it recognizes the Consortium and fully endorses, supports, and authorizes the District's participation in the Consortium and its efforts toward the unified and fair renegotiation of transportation services contracts pursuant to P.L. 2020, c. 27; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall be provided to transportation services providers.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu,
and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None

Abstain: None

9. **OPEN SESSION:**

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- a) Old Business : None
- b) New Business: None
- c) Committee Reports: None
- d) Administrative Reports – Dr. Zychowski:
 - Discussed Mental Health Awareness Week. Please visit our website and check out our links.
 - Adjustment on the District Calendar. Gave back 2 snow days. Last day of school is June 17, 2020.
 - Linwood Virtual Promotion will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2020
 - NBTHS Virtual Graduation will take place on Wednesday, June 17, 2020
- e) Review of Agenda for Regular Public Meeting of May 27, 2020

10. **PUBLIC SESSION:**

11. A motion was made by Mr. Brooks and seconded by Mr. Brockman to close the public portion of the meeting.

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None

Abstain: None

12. **MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231 PL.1975 permits the Exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presented exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Brunswick Township Board of Education that the public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.

The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Legal Matters – Board Vacancy

It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made Public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

A motion was made by Ms. Keefe at 8:21 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Liguori to go into closed session .

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None

Abstain: None

13. **OPEN SESSION:**

14. A motion was made by Mr. Brockman at 9:48 p.m. and seconded by Ms. Keefe that the meeting be returned to open session

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The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None

Abstain: None

15. A motion was made by Ms. Keefe and seconded by Mr. Brockman to approve the successful ratification of the contract agreement between the North Brunswick Township Board of Education and the North Brunswick Township administrative Education Association Contract Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year (Attachment #1)

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori, Mr. Liu, and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None

Abstain: None

16. **ADJOURNMENT:**

17. A motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez at 9:51 p.m. and seconded by Mr. Brockman that the meeting be adjourned

The results of the motion were:

Aye: Mr. Brockman, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Duran Harris, Ms. Keefe, Mr. Liguori and Ms. Gonzalez

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Rosa Hock, Board Secretary