

**Galloway Township Board of Education Agenda
Office of the Board Secretary
101 South Reeds Road
Galloway, NJ 08205**

MINUTES

October 9, 2023

REGULAR MEETING

1. MEETING OPENING

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM

Procedural: 1.2 Open Public Meeting Statement

In accordance with Public Law 231, both adequate and electronic notice of this meeting was provided to: The Press, the Galloway Township Municipal Building and the District Website on January 13, 2023.

Procedural: 1.3 Roll Call

Members present

Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mr. James Gentile, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

Absent: Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Mrs. Chester, Mrs. Coll-Guedes and Dr. Parmenter

Also Present: Mr. Stephen P. Santilli/Superintendent, Mrs. Joy N. Nixon/School Board Administrator/Board Secretary, and Mrs. Amy Houck-Elco/Board Solicitor

Procedural: 1.4 Flag Salute

2. MINUTES

Action, Minutes: 2.1 September 11, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Approve Minutes Item #2.1

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mr. James Gentile, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

Absent: Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Mrs. Chester, Mrs. Coll-Guedes and Dr. Parmenter

3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Information: 3.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting
None

4. PRESENTATIONS

Presentations, Information: 4.1 2022-2023 Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report Period 2 & School Self-Assessment for Determining HIB Grades

SSDS Report Period 2 (1/1/23-6/30/23) 2022-2023 School Year & Presentation of School Self-Assessment for Determining HIB Grades Under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (ABR) for the 2022-2023 School Year

Presented by:

Mrs. Christine Burgess, Director of Student Services: General Education
Mr. Stephen P. Santilli, Superintendent of Schools

Presentations: 4.2 NJ Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) and NJ Dynamic Learning Maps (NJDLDM) District Test Reports

NJSLA and DLM District Test Report - Spring 2023 Results

Presented by:

Dr. Jennifer R. Baldwin, Director of Student Services: Special Education
Dr. Suzanne Guidry, Director of Curriculum
Mrs. Betty Napoli, Director of Curriculum and District Test Coordinator
Mr. Stephen P. Santilli, Superintendent of Schools

President Carmen shared her frustrations with the low-test scores year after year. She appreciates the Directors' initiatives and understands it is frustrating for them as well.

Presentations: 4.3 Introduction of Student Council Representative
Student Council President, Mr. Patel gave an update on recent student council activities.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentations, Reports: 5.1 Attorney's Report

Information, Reports: 5.2 Student Enrollment Report

Reports: 5.3 Out-of-District Suspension Report

Reports: 5.4 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

Action: 5.5 Submission of the Galloway Township Public Schools Self-Assessment for Determining HIB Grades

Approve Superintendent's Report Item #5.5

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Action: 6.1 Field Trips

Action: 6.2 Rowan University Affiliation Agreement

Approve Curriculum & Instruction Items #6.1 through #6.2

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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7. FINANCE & FACILITIES

Information, Reports: 7.1 Finance and Facilities Committee Update

Action, Information, Reports: 7.2 Food Service Reports

Action: 7.3 Investment Report(s) for August 31, 2023

Action: 7.4 Board Secretary's Monthly Certification

Action: 7.5 Financial Report of the Board Secretary

Action: 7.6 Board Report of Receipts & Expenditures

Action: 7.7 Transfers for Ratification

Action: 7.8 Bills for Payment

Action: 7.9 Professional Services Contract(s)

Action: 7.10 Approve On-Tech Consulting, Inc. for the 2024-2025 School Year

Action: 7.11 Accept Gifts, Grants & Donations

Action: 7.12 Submission of the Amended IDEA Federal Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2024

Action: 7.13 Submission of the Amended ESEA Federal Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2024

Action: 7.14 Home Instruction

Action: 7.15 Transportation Agreement(s)

Action: 7.16 Professional Development

Action: 7.17 Tuition Receivable for McKinney Vento Students

Action: 7.18 Tuition Payable for McKinney Vento Students

Action: 7.19 Tuition Receivable for DCP&P Students

Action: 7.20 Tuition Payable for Special Education Students

Action: 7.21 Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawal

Action, Information: 7.22 Community Use of School Facilities

Approve Finance & Facilities Items #7.2 through #7.22

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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8. PERSONNEL

Action: 8.1 Retirement(s)

Approve Agenda Item #8.1

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Action: 8.3 Transfer(s)

Action: 8.4 Appointment(s)

Action: 8.5 Mentor(s)
Action: 8.6 Leave(s) of Absence
Action: 8.7 Adjustment(s)
Action: 8.8 Job Description

Approve Personnel Items #8.3 through #8.8

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Information: 8.10 Introduce and Welcome New Hires

9. POLICY

Information, Reports: 9.1 Policy Committee Report
Mr. Santilli gave update.

Action: 9.2 Policy 1140 Affirmative Action Program
Action: 9.3 Policy 1220 Employment of Chief School Administrator
Action: 9.4 Policy 1230 Superintendent's Duties
Action: 9.5 Policy 1240 Evaluation of Superintendent
Action: 9.6 Policy 1330 Evaluation of School Business Administrator
Action: 9.7 Policy 1400 Job Descriptions
Action: 9.8 Policy 1510 Americans with Disabilities Act
Action: 9.9 Policy 1511 Board of Education Website Accessibility
Action: 9.10 Policy 1523 Comprehensive Equity Plan
Action: 9.11 Policy 1530 Equal Employment Opportunities
Action: 9.12 Policy 1550 Equal Employment Anti-Discrimination Practices
Action: 9.13 Policy 1570 Internal Controls
Action: 9.14 Policy 1581 Domestic Violence
Action: 9.15 Policy 1613 Disclosure and Review of Applicant's Employment History
Action: 9.16 Policy 1642.01 Sick Leave

Approve Policy Items #9.2 through #9.16

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

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10. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Information: 10.1 Board Calendar
Information: 10.2 Special Events

Information: NO VOTE Needed - Informational Items Only

11. NEW BUSINESS

Action: 11.1 2023-2024 Nursing Services Plan
Action: 11.2 NJ4S Acenda Integrated Health Student Wellness Initiative

Approve New Business Items #11.1 through #11.2

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Information: 12.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting

1. Jenna Smith, 7th grade teacher and new GTEA President introduced herself to the Board and shared her enthusiasm to work with the Board, Administration and staff.

Discussion: 12.2 Board Members Comments:

Mrs. Avery commented on the success of the two recent Galloway Township Education Foundation events and that teacher grants will be announced next week.

Mr. Gentile commented that he is pleased to see students getting involved with the community. He also commended Mr. Santilli and others for advancing the goals of the Youth Advocacy Committee with tonight's approval of the agreement with Acenda.

Mr. Dase welcomed the new staff and recommends everyone attend the Meet the Candidates night hosted by the GTFSA.

Mrs. Carmen and Mr. Santilli highlighted the district receiving the Trees for Schools Grant as accepted tonight.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - OCTOBER 9, 2023

Action: 13.1 Recess to Executive Session at 7:03 PM

RESOLVED, that the Galloway Township board of Education shall meet in executive session on October 9, 2023 immediately, for the purpose of discussing Attorney Client Communication.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the discussion of each subject matter in executive session will be disclosed to the public when the matter has been settled, unless such is otherwise prohibited by law.

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Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Discussion: 13.2 Attorney Client Communication

Approve Reconvene Open Public Meeting at 7:16 PM

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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14. ACTION MAY BE TAKEN AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Action: 14.1 Resolution to accept the contractual agreement fee of \$3,500 as discussed in closed session

Approve Executive Session Item #14.1

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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15. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 15.1 Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy N. Nixon, CPA, MBA
School Board Administrator/Board Secretary