

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

**MINUTES**

**December 11, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**1. MEETING OPENING**

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order

**Meeting called to order at 6:00 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. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr. James Gentile, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

Procedural: 1.4 Flag Salute

**2. MINUTES**

Action, Minutes: 2.1 November 13, 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Approve Minutes Items #2.1

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Mrs. Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr. James Gentile, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M Carmen

Abstain: Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs. Belinda Chester, Dr. Sherri Parmenter

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Information: 3.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting

None

**4. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Information: 4.1 Letter of Appreciation from Shirley Mae Breast Cancer Assistance Fund

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

Procedural: 5.1 Introduction of Student Council Representative  
Mr. Moran gave update on recent Student Council activities

Presentations: 5.2 Congratulations to the ACUA's 2023 Recycled Arts Contest Winners  
Presentations: 5.3 Board Members Recognition

## **6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Presentations, Reports: 6.1 Attorney's Report

Reports: 6.2 Student Enrollment Report  
Reports: 6.3 Out-of-District Suspension Report  
Reports: 6.4 Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report

Information: 6.5 NO VOTE NEEDED - Informational Items Only

## **7. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

Action: 7.1 Field Trips  
Action: 7.2 Fieldwork

Approve Curriculum & Instruction Items #7.1 through #7.2

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr. James Gentile, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

## **8. FINANCE & FACILITIES**

Information, Reports: 8.1 Finance and Facilities Committee Update  
Chairperson Dase gave committee report update.

Action, Information, Reports: 8.2 Food Service Reports

Action: 8.3 Investment Report(s) for October 31, 2023  
Action: 8.4 Board Secretary's Monthly Certification  
Action: 8.5 Financial Report of the Board Secretary  
Action: 8.6 Board Report of Receipts & Expenditures  
Action: 8.7 Transfers for Ratification  
Action: 8.8 Bills for Payment  
Action: 8.9 2024-2025 Budget Calendar  
Action: 8.10 Professional Services Contract(s)  
Action: 8.11 Accept Gifts, Grants & Donations  
Action: 8.12 Home Instruction  
Action: 8.13 Transportation Agreement(s)  
Action: 8.14 Professional Development  
Action: 8.15 Tuition Payable for McKinney Vento Students  
Action: 8.16 Tuition Receivable for DCP&P Students  
Action: 8.17 Tuition Payable for Special Education Students

Action: 8.18 Tuition Receivable for Special Education Students  
Action, Information: 8.19 Community Use of School Facilities

Approve Finance & Facilities Items #8.2 through #8.19  
Mr. Dase abstained from Item 8.8 PO 405087

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr. James Gentile, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

**9. PERSONNEL**

Action: 9.1 Resignation(s)  
Action: 9.2 Transfer(s)  
Action: 9.3 Appointment(s)  
Action: 9.4 Leave(s) of Absence  
Action: 9.5 Adjustment(s)

Approve Personnel Items #9.1 through #9.5

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Sherri Parmenter.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr. James Gentile, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

Information: 9.7 Introduce and Welcome New Hires

**10. POLICY**

Information, Reports: 10.1 Committee Report  
Chairperson Dr. Parmenter gave committee report update.

Action: 10.2 Policy 2110 Philosophy of Education District Mission Statement  
Action: 10.3 Policy 2200 Curriculum Content  
Action: 10.4 Policy 2210 Curriculum Development  
Action: 10.5 Policy 2220 Adoption of Courses  
Action: 10.6 Policy 2230 Course Guides  
Action: 10.7 Policy 2260 Affirmative Action Program for School and Classroom Practices  
Action: 10.8 Policy 5751 Sexual Harassment of Students  
Action: 10.9 Policy 5752 Marital Status and Pregnancy  
Action: 10.10 Policy 5755 Equity in Educational Programs and Services  
Action: 10.11 Policy 5756 Transgender Students

Approve Policy Items #10.2 through #10.11

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr. James Gentile, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

Action: 10.13 Policy 9120 Public Relations Program  
Action: 10.14 Policy 9140 Citizens Advisory Committees  
Action: 10.15 Policy 9270 Homeschooling and Equivalent Education Outside the Schools  
Action: 10.16 Policy 9320 Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies  
Action: 10.17 Policy 9560 Administration of School Surveys  
Action: 10.18 Policy 9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups

Approve Policy Items #10.13 through #10.18

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Mrs. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr. James Gentile, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

Abstain: Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu

## **11. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Information: 11.1 Board Calendar

Information: 11.2 Special Events

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

Action: 12.1 Affirm HIB Determination Reports

Approve Old Business Item #12.1

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Mrs. Madeline Avery.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: Mrs. Madeline Avery, Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr. Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs. Belinda Chester, Mrs. Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr. James Gentile, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mr. Richard Dase, Mrs. Suzette M. Carmen

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

Action: 13.1 Polling Places

Mr. Santilli commented on resolution for Board members and public.

Action: 13.2 Approve New Business Item #13.1

Mr. Santilli commented on resolution for Board members and public.

Approve New Business Item #13.1

Mr. Dase commented that he hopes the Township approves this change for safety reasons.

Mrs. Chester commented that even though the district is closed on Election Day, it is still a safety issue. Also, the disruption in education for the week is a concern.

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Alexa Beshara-Blauth.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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## **14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Information: 14.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting

Mr. Paul Mohrhoff, former Galloway student, commented that when he attended GTMS he had two teachers that encouraged students to attend polling locations to learn about elections. He hopes that teachers still recommend this to students.

Discussion: 14.2 Board Members Comments

Mrs. Chester would like to have two board meetings a month on some months. Congratulated students recognized tonight.

Mr. Gentile gave Youth Advocacy Committee meeting update.

Dr. Beshara-Blauth congratulated students recognized. Happy Holidays to everyone and welcome to new staff.

Dr. Parmenter encouraged board members to attend local NJSBA meetings. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Mr. Dase would also like more meetings, if needed. Welcome to Ryder of the Student Council.

Thanked Mrs. Coll-Guedes and Dr. Bilewu for their service. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Mrs. Coll-Guedes thanked everyone and shared it was a pleasure to serve on the Board.

Dr. Bilewu thanked God for the privilege to serve on the Board. He shared that everyone on the Board is the best including, Mr. Santilli. The students are the future of our country. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Mrs. Carmen thanked Mrs. Coll-Guedes and Dr. Bilewu for their commitment and time.

## **15. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38pm**

**Motion by Mr. James Gentile, second by Dr. Sherri Parmenter.**

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Respectfully Submitted,

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