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

# MINUTES

# August 14, 2023

# **REGULAR MEETING**

### **1. MEETING OPENING**

Procedural: 1.1 Call to Order Meeting called to order at 6:07 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 Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

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: 2.1 July 10, 2023 - Executive Meeting Minutes Action, Minutes: 2.2 July 10. 2023 - Regular Meeting Minutes

Action: Approve Minutes Items #2.1 through #2.2

## 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 Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

### 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, Reports: 4.1 Atlantic Community Charter School, Galloway, NJ Annual Report of June 2023

## 5. PRESENTATIONS

Information: 5.1 Access for ELLs Test Results for 2022-2023 as Presented by Betty Napoli, Director of Curriculum & District Testing Coordinator

### 6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentations, Reports: 6.1 Attorney's Report

Information, Reports: 6.2 Student Enrollment Report

Action: 6.3 Approve Submission of the 2023-2024 Virtual/Remote Plan to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools

Action: Approve Superintendent's Report Item #6.3

#### 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 Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen

## 7. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Action: 7.1 2023-2024 District Curriculum Program Action: 7.2 Fieldwork Action: 7.3 Field Trips Action: 7.4 Fall 2023 Southern New Jersey Consortium Program Dates Action: 7.5 GTMS Fall 2023 Sports Schedules

Action: Approve Curriculum & Instruction Items #7.1 through #7.5

### Motion by Dr Alexa Beshara-Blauth, second by Dr Sherri Parmenter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Mrs Madeline Avery, Dr Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

### 8. FINANCE & FACILITIES

Information, Reports: 8.1 Finance and Facilities Committee Update

Action, Information, Reports: 8.2 Food Service Reports Action: 8.3 Investment Report(s) for June 30, 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 Bills for Payment - Supplemental

Action: 8.10 Professional Services Contract(s)

Action: 8.11 Intent to collaborate with Gloucester County Special Services SD - McKinney-Vento

Action: 8.12 Accept Gifts, Grants & Donations

Action: 8.13 Transportation Agreement(s)

Action: 8.14 Professional Development

Action: 8.15 Tuition Receivable for McKinney Vento Students

Action: 8.16 Tuition Receivable for DCP&P Students

Action: 8.17 Annual Facility Approval Forms

Action: 8.18 Maintenance Reserve Account Withdrawal

Action: 8.19 Fixed Asset Disposal List

Action, Information: 8.20 Community Use of School Facilities

Action: Approve Finance & Facilities Items #8.2 through #8.20 Mrs. Avery asked if mentors are paid. Mrs. Nixon responded.

### 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 Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

### 9. PERSONNEL

Action: 9.1 Retirement(s)

Action: Approve Agenda Item #9.1

### 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 Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

Action: 9.3 Resignation(s) Action: 9.4 Transfer(s) Action: 9.5 Substitute Rate Change(s) Action: 9.6 Appointment(s) Action: 9.7 Leave(s) of Absence Action: 9.8 Adjustment(s) Action: 9.9 Mentor(s)

Action: Approve Personnel Items #9.3 through #9.9

### Motion by Dr Alexa Beshara-Blauth, second by Dr Sherri Parmenter.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Mrs Madeline Avery, Dr Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

Mrs. Avery asked if mentors are paid. Mrs. Nixon responded.

Information: 9.11 Introduce and Welcome New Hires

# 10. POLICY

Information, Reports: 10.1 Policy Committee Meeting Update

Action: 10.2 Bylaw 0146 Board Member Authority Action: 10.3 Bylaw 0151 Organization Meeting Action: 10.4 Bylaw 0152 Board Officers Action: 10.5 Bylaw 0155 Board Committees Action: 10.6 Bylaw 0163 Quorum Action: 10.7 Bylaw 0163.1 Electronic Participation in Meetings Action: 10.8 Bylaw 0168 Recording Board Meetings Action: 10.8 Bylaw 0168 Recording Board Meetings Action: 10.9 Bylaw 0174 Professional Services Action: 10.10 Policy 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts Action: 10.11 Policy 1642 Earned Sick Leave Action: 10.12 Policy 1643 Family Leave Action: 10.13 Policy 2419 School Threat Assessment Teams

Action: Approve Policy Items #10.2 through #10.13

#### 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 Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

### **11. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Information: 11.1 2023-2024 Board Calendar Information: 11.2 Special Events

Information: NO VOTE Needed - Informational Items Only

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

Action: 12.1 Affirm HIB Determination Reports

Action: Approve Old Business Item #12.1

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

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#### **13. NEW BUSINESS**

Action: 13.1 2023-2024 District Professional Development Plan Action: 13.2 2023-2024 Board Goals

Action: Approve New Business Item #13.1 through 13.2

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Mrs Madeline Avery, Dr Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

## **14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Information: 14.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting None

Discussion: 14.2 Board Members Comment:

Mrs. Coll-Guedes would like to improve parent communications with the district and review data on parents involvement with student information in OnCourse such as report cards and other electronic communications.

Mrs. Avery, as Ed Foundation member also, would like to share plans for April 26, 2024 as a combined People of the Year and Retiree Dinner Event.

Dr. Parmenter welcomed new hires and the great work Mr. Conover and the students did with play.

## **15. EXCUTIVE SESSION**

Procedural: 15.1 Possible Recess to Executive Session None

Action: 15.2 Reconvene Open Public Meeting N/A

### 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION (IF NEEDED)

Action: 16.1 Possible Action from Executive Session  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{N/A}}$ 

### **17. ADJOURNMENT**

Action: 17.1 Adjourn Meeting

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries Yes: Mrs Madeline Avery, Dr Alexa Beshara-Blauth, Dr Ebenezer Bilewu, Mrs Susan Coll-Guedes, Mr James Gentile, Dr Sherri Parmenter, Mrs Suzette M Carmen Absent: M. Rich Dase and Mrs Belinda Chester

#### Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

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