

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

MINUTES

September 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.

Information: 1.3 Moment of Silence in Remembrance of 9/11/01

Procedural: 1.4 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: 1.5 Flag Salute

2. MINUTES

Action, Minutes: 2.1 August 14, 2023 - Board Retreat Meeting Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.2 August 14, 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, Mr. James Gentile, Dr. Sherri Parmenter, Mrs. Suzette M Carmen

Abstain: Mrs. Belinda Chester, Mr. Richard Dase

3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

1. Ethel Hermeneau - Running for the school board in November. Thank you to the Board of Education (BOE) for all you do. Would like to meet with one of you if available after the meeting. President Carmen agreed to meet.
The board acts as a liaison between the community and the state. Who is the contact for

library books and other curriculum questions? Can item 6.4 be tabled this month? It's unclear what this means.

Mr. Santilli responded with an explanation describing item 6.4 related to the needs of special education students with life skills and goals.

Ms. Hermeneau still asked if it could be tabled.

President Carmen clarified it would not be tabled due to the nature of the agreement with no cost to the district and fine benefits it offers to the students.

4. READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Information: 4.1 Letter from GTPD Chief of Police in appreciation of National Night Out participation

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Presentations, Reports: 5.1 Attorney's Report

Information, Reports: 5.2 Student Enrollment Report

Action: NO VOTE NEEDED - Informational Items Only

6. CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Action: 6.1 Fieldwork

Action: 6.2 Field Trips

Action: 6.3 Atlantic Prevention Resources Training and Program

Action: 6.4 Person-Centered Approaches in Schools and Transition (PCAST) 2023-2024 Cohort Participation Agreement

Action: 6.5 Evaluation Rubrics for the 2023-2024 School Year

Action: 6.6 School Safety & Security Plan

Action: Approve Curriculum & Instruction Items #6.1 through #6.7

Mrs. Coll-Guedes arrived at 6:10pm

Mr. Gentile provided his support of item 6.4. He reiterated the benefits of the program and how it looks at people as people and focuses on their strengths, which he supports for our special needs students.

Mrs. Coll-Guedes provided her support of the partnership from a personal and professional standpoint.

Mrs. Chester – provided her support, clarifying the Institute works with children with autism through adulthood.

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

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 July 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 Special Law Enforcement Officers (SLEOs)
Action: 7.11 Curriculum Purchase - Federal Funds
Action: 7.12 Professional Development
Action: 7.13 Home Instruction
Action: 7.14 Tuition Receivable for McKinney Vento Students
Action: 7.15 Tuition Payable for McKinney Vento Students
Action: 7.16 Tuition Receivable for DCP&P Students
Action: 7.17 Tuition Payable for Special Education Students
Action: 7.18 Submission of Final Expenditure Reports
Action: 7.19 Staff paid through Grant Funding
Action: 7.20 Disposal of Surplus Property
Action, Information: 7.21 Community Use of School Facilities

Action: Approve Finance & Facilities Items #7.2 through #7.21

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. PERSONNEL

Action: 8.1 Resignation(s)
Action: 8.2 Transfer(s)
Action: 8.3 Appointment(s)
Action: 8.4 Leave(s) of Absence
Action: 8.5 Adjustment(s)
Action: 8.6 Mentor(s)

Action: Approve Personnel Items #8.1 through #8.6

Mrs. Carmen abstained from Item 8.3 Line #17

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Information: 8.8 Introduce and Welcome New Hires

9. POLICY

Action: 9.1 Bylaw 0146 Board Member Authority
Action: 9.2 Bylaw 0151 Organization Meeting
Action: 9.3 Bylaw 0152 Board Officers
Action: 9.4 Bylaw 0155 Board Committees
Action: 9.5 Bylaw 0163 Quorum
Action: 9.6 Bylaw 0163.1 Electronic Participation in Meetings
Action: 9.7 Bylaw 0168 Recording Board Meetings
Action: 9.8 Bylaw 0174 Professional Services
Action: 9.9 Policy 1620 Administrative Employment Contracts
Action: 9.10 Policy 1642 Earned Sick Leave

Action: 9.11 Policy 1643 Family Leave
Action: 9.12 Policy 2419 School Behavioral Threat Assessment Teams
Action: 9.13 Abolish Series 9000 Bylaws

Action: Approve Policy Items #9.1 through #9.13

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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10. BOARD INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Information: 10.1 Board Calendar

Information: 10.2 Special Events

11. OLD BUSINESS

Action: 11.1 Revised 2023-2024 School Calendar

Action: Approve Old Business Item #11.1

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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12. NEW BUSINESS

Action: 12.1 2023-2024 District Mentoring Plan

Action: Approve New Business Item #12.1

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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13. PUBLIC COMMENT3

Information: 13.1 Guidelines for Public Comment at the Board of Education Meeting

None

Discussion: 13.2 Board Members Comments:

Mrs. Coll-Guedes - Happy to be back in school.

Our schools run extremely efficient with little funding from the State of NJ. Wish our funding was higher so bus routes could be shorter and chromebooks were 1 to 1.

She encourages people to advocate for school funding. Get involved. Keep looking at all available grants.

Dr. Bilewu - Welcome new staff and wish everyone a great school year.

Mrs. Avery - Encouraged fellow board members to participate in Ed Foundation events, and that

their teacher grants are returning this year.

Mrs. Chester - Welcome back to everyone and this has been a great start to the school year.

Mr. Gentile - Welcome to new staff. Thanks to the summer food and feeding programs, along with the partnership from Stockton. He would like the Youth Advocacy Committee to look into what programs like these can continue throughout the school year. Reminder to everyone that this year is an Assembly election.

Dr. Beshara-Blauth - Now board member and a parent of a kindergarten student. She was very impressed with orientation and communication.

Dr. Parmenter - Welcome new staff and welcome back to all. Thank you to fellow board members for explaining the Rutgers agreement.

Mr. Dase - Ditto to welcome staff. Teach reading, writing, and respect and don't change history. Remember 9/11/01.

Mrs. Carmen - Welcome to all and take a moment to remember 9/11/01. Also acknowledged Mr. Santilli's first opening was a great success.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Procedural: 14.1 Possible Recess to Executive Session

None

Action: 14.2 Reconvene Open Public Meeting

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION (IF NEEDED)

Action: 15.1 Possible Action from Executive Session

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Action: 16.1 Adjourn Meeting

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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Motion to adjourn the meeting 6:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted.

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