

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2021

(Held virtually due to state of emergency from coronavirus)

For the Special Meeting of the

Bethlehem Township Board of Education being held by video conference call and videoconference on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – President Roosen called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

In compliance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending notice by email to The Hunterdon County Democrat and the Bethlehem Township Clerk, by posting on the bulletin boards in the Ethel Hoppock Middle School and Thomas B. Conley Schools, and by posting notice on the Board of Education website at <http://btschools.org/>

There are two options to participate in the meeting - please use the Google Meet link below or join by phone:

Join with Google Meet meet.google.com/uuu-yzzy-avj OR **Join by phone**(US) +1 857-770-1224 PIN: 273 436 476#

IV. ROLL CALL

<i>Mr. Gregory Glazar</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Mr. Travis Roop</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Beverly Vlietstra, SBA/BS</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Mr. Kyle Harris</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Debra D. Roosen</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Ms. Teresa Moore, Attorney</i>	<i>Present</i>
<i>Mr. John Logar</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Mr. Ryan Caughey</i>	<i>Present</i>		
<i>Dr. Alyce Hunter</i>	<i>Present</i>				

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public participation at board meetings is intended to allow individual members of the public to address the Board of Education on issues of public concern. The public comment period is an opportunity for the Board to listen to citizen concerns, but not to debate issues or enter into a question-and-answer session or a “cross examination” between the public and individual members. While all comments made by the public will be taken under advisement, the Board will not respond to comments made by the public.

- Pursuant to Board Policy #0167:
 - all statements from the public must be directed to the President or other presiding officer; no participant may address or question board members individually.
 - members of the public who wish to make a statement during the Public Comments portion of the meeting may speak for no more than three (3) minutes.
 - members of the public must identify themselves prior to speaking. Please state your name and address, and group affiliation, if appropriate.
- Since this meeting is being held by video conference call and videoconference due to the coronavirus pandemic, if the public wishes to make a comment, they may also do so by:

o Calling the number provided on the Board of Education's website for participants on the videoconference or by Google Meet. Press *6 to unmute during the call and *6 again to mute; and/or

o Sending an email to Mrs. Debra D. Roosen, Board President at droosen@btschools.org prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. In the subject line, please write "public comment" if you wish for your email to be read verbatim during the public comments section of the meeting.

- Mrs. Santoro, parent, commented about following up on public comment concerns. President Roosen stated Administration follows up first and then the Board follows up on public comments.
- Mrs. Malavasi, community member, inquired if the school will be honoring Mrs. Mary Monahan. President Roosen will be discussing the passing of Mary with Dr. Farley.
- Mrs. Fol, parent, commented that hopefully the School Preparedness Committee will get the kids back full time.
- President Roosen updated the public about interviewing two candidates for the CSA position tonight and thanked the public for all the questions that were submitted.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Roop, seconded by Mr. Harris for the Board to enter closed Executive Session.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion carried. The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:45 p.m.

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act authorizes a public body to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the Board of Education discusses topics falling within certain specified exceptions to the requirement for open public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education wishes to discuss matters that fall within one or more of the statutory exceptions to open public meetings;

BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12), that the Board adjourn from public session and enter into executive session at this time to discuss confidential matters pertaining to:

- Matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee, or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that the matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matters discussed in executive session should be made public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists, but it is not known at this time when that may be.

MOTION by Mr. Roop, seconded by Mr. Logar for the Board to reconvene public session.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion carried. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:52 p.m.

VII. NOTEWORTHY DATES:

A. March 10, 2021- Virtual Board of Education Work Session Meeting - 5:30 p.m. BOE – 6:30 p.m. public

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mr. Logar, seconded by Mr. Roop.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Vlietstra

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Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary