

BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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**WORK SESSION MEETING
MINUTES
September 8 , 2021**

For the Work Session Meeting of the
Bethlehem Township Board of Education
on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER - President Roosen called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending notice to: The Hunterdon County Democrat, Bethlehem Township Clerk, email sent to school community and township residents, 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/>

IV. ROLL CALL

<i>Mr. Gregory Glazar Present</i>	<i>Mr. Travis Roop Absent</i>	<i>Ms. Rainie Roncoroni, Interim CSA</i>
<i>Present</i>		
<i>Mr. Kyle Harris Absent</i>	<i>Mrs. Debra D. Roosen Present</i>	<i>Mrs. Beverly Vlietstra, Interim SBA/BS</i>
<i>Present</i>		
<i>Mr. John Logar 6:38p.m.</i>	<i>Mr. Ryan Caughey Present</i>	<i>Ms. Teresa Moore, Attorney Present</i>

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - On Agenda Items Only

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.

Mrs. Fol commented about not treating middle school soccer like it was a rec team.

VI. BUILDING AND GROUNDS

- **Conley School Water Compliance for PFOS - Update by Mr. Steve Douglas**
 - Mr. Douglas updated the Board on the water issue. One of the ingredients in Scotch Guard causes the PFOS level to fluctuate. The type of water filter being used now is a UV/cartridge.

VII. TRANSPORTATION

- **Presentation by Mr. Jerry Ford, Delaware Valley Regional Transportation Services**
 - There is a nationwide shortage of bus drivers and it takes 3 months to get a bus license. Del Val has 80 buses, 4 people in the office and serves 10 other school districts. BTSD utilized three buses for Hoppock and three for Conley. The number of outlying students causes a longer bus ride.
 - The Board will look into 'aid in lieu' to see if parents can receive money for driving.

VIII. CURRICULUM/STUDENT ACTIVITIES

- **Sports Update - Mr. Tom Brotzman, Athletic Director**
 - Very challenging year between transporting from two locations and 90 students signing up for Volleyball, Cross Country and Soccer.
 - Mr. Brotzman discussed safety concerns with having grades 5-8 on the same teams.
 - Mr. Logar commented about the limited number of coaches to protect the kids on the field.
 - Mrs. Roncoroni discussed tryouts. She also suggested the coaches make the teams.
 - Mrs. Fol suggested the parents drive students to soccer.

IX. EDUCATION

- **Back to School information**
 - Hoppock virtual Google Meet with parents: September 14, 2021
 - Conley virtual Google Meet with parents: September 16, 2021
 - Conley has two (30) minute sessions to meet and speak with teachers
- **COVID Testing for Staff**

X. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

- **Lambertville donations** - private donations

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Logar, seconded by Mr. Glazar for the Board to enter into closed Executive Session.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed. The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:33 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

Personnel, including recommendations for appointments; termination of employment; terms and conditions of employment; evaluation of the performance of, promotion, or discipline of board employees or prospective employees; changes in salary; changes in assignment; and leaves of absence.

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. Logar, seconded by Mr. Glazar for the Board to reconvene in public session.

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The motion passed. The Board reconvened in open session at 8:01 p.m.

XII. PERSONNEL - None

XIII. OLD BUSINESS - None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- **Policy Committee Meeting** - wording updated on draft copy. The number of alerts needs to be discussed.

XV. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

XVI. NOTEWORTHY DATES:

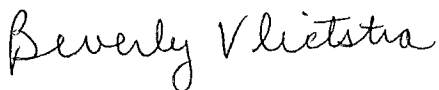
- September 14, 2021 - Virtual Back to School Night - Hoppock School
- September 16, 2021 - Virtual Back to School Night - Conley School
- September 22, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting - Conley School Music Room - 6:30 p.m.
- October 13, 2021 - Board Work Session Meeting - Conley School Music Room - 6:30 p.m.
- October 27, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting - Conley School Music Room - 6:30 p.m.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

On a voice vote, all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Beverly Vlietstra

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary