

BEACH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
Beach Haven, NJ 08008

PUBLIC MINUTES
BUSINESS MEETING

PLACE: Beach Haven Elementary School
DATE: August 24, 2022
TIME: 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Beach Haven Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be given by having the date; time and place mailed into the Clerk of the Municipality; advertised in Asbury Park Press, Press of Atlantic City and mailed to the County Superintendent of Schools.

ROLL CALL:

Name	Present	Absent
Irene Hughes	X	
Carol Labin	X	
Jane Romanowski	X	
Jen Tomlinson		X
Meredith O'Donnell		X

Also present was Dr. Christopher Meyrick, Superintendent/Acting Board Secretary.

FLAG SALUTE: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

PUBLIC AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES TO BE APPROVED FOR:

1. Regular Monthly Public Minutes of July 27, 2022 – *tabled to Sept meeting for quorum*
2. Special Meeting Public Minutes of August 1, 2022 – *tabled to Sept meeting for quorum*
3. Special Meeting Public Minutes of August 12, 2022
4. Executive Session Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2022 – *tabled to Sept meeting for quorum*

Name	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain
Irene Hughes	1st	X		
Carol Labin	2nd	X		
Jane Romanowski		X		
Jen Tomlinson				
Meredith O'Donnell				

PRESENTATION: Dr. Meyrick- District Update- August 2022 – Building project update, staff setting up classrooms for the start of the school year and the return to a “normal year”.

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COMMUNICATIONS: Board discussed concerns they have regarding the sale of Delta 8 THC products by a company located at Schooner's Wharf believed to be in violation of the Land Use Board's approval resolution. The Board authorized the Board President to send a letter on behalf of the school district to the Beach Haven Land Use Board expressing the district's concerns.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)

This meeting will now be open to the public for comments on specific Agenda Items only. If your comment pertains to students, personnel, litigation or negotiations, we would ask that you see the Administrator after the meeting since the Board does not discuss such items in public.

Please state your name and address. Comments must be limited to three minutes per person.

No member of the public wished to address the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Actions to Be Taken:

Finance/Operations:

1. BE IT RESOLVED by the Beach Haven Board of Education that the August 2022 bills totaling \$43,164.29 for the 2022-2023 school year as well as the July 2022 Payroll Bills totaling \$32,734.67 for 2022-2023 to be paid, and the Secretary and the President be hereby authorized, and directed to draw orders on the Treasurer for the payment of same, if and when funds are available.
2. To authorize the Superintendent of Schools to make the following revised transfers within accounts for the month of July 2022.
3. To accept the revised financial report of the Secretary for the month ending July 31, 2022: Balance on hand \$1,806,973.81.

Board Secretary's Month Certification
Budgetary Line Item Status

Certification of No Over Expenditures – Recommend acceptance that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12(c)3, Steven Terhune, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that as of July 31, 2022, no budgetary line item account has obligations and payments (contracted orders) which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the District Board of Education pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:22-8 and 18A:22-8.1, which would be in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (a), that the District financial accounts have been reconciled and are in balance.

Board Secretary/Business Administrator

Date

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Board Certification – Recommend acceptance that through the adoption of this resolution, the Beach Haven Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c) 4, certifies that as of July 31, 2022, after review of the Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations’ section) and upon consultation with the Business Administrator and other appropriate district officials, that to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.12 (c)4 i.-vi and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

4. To accept the financial report of the Treasurer of School Monies ending July 2022.

5. To authorize the Business Administrator and the district’s health insurance broker to obtain the district’s health experience data from the State of NJ and to see competitive proposals for coverage from other providers for the period starting January 1, 2023 subject to compliance with statutory and contractual requirements as well as final Board of Education approval. This request is in light of the anticipated 15% increase in premium costs from the plan provided by the State of NJ.

6. To accept the donation of \$990 from Wainwright Amusements LLC (Fantasy Island) for wristband sales proceeds.

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Irene Hughes		X		
Carol Labin	1st	X		
Jane Romanowski	2nd	X		
Jen Tomlinson				
Meredith O’Donnell				

EDUCATION:

1. To approve the tuition agreement with Stafford School District for student #342 in the amount of \$25,618 for the 2022-2023 school year, including extended school year.
2. To approve the Student and Staff Handbook.
3. To approve the Danielson evaluation and rubrics for the 2022- 2023 school year.
4. Approve students 327, 326, 319, 20, 24, 21, 335 as BHBOE/BHB Employee. Approve a student 52 as a BHB employee for preschool.

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PERSONNEL:

1. To approve guide movement for AnnMarie Deakyne to BA+10 Step 7 for the 2022-2023 school year and to approve guide movement to BA+10 Step 6, retroactively, for the period from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.
2. To approve the following substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year: Cathy Reilly, Jan Gartland, Zoe Deakyne, Ellen Reilly, Jessica Harkness, Ann Frank Riordan, and Karen Beals.
3. To approve yearbook advisor stipend of \$750.00
4. To approve Jess Wiehr as a home instructor for the 2021-2022 school year.

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Irene Hughes		X		
Carol Labin	1st	X		
Jane Romanowski	2nd	X		
Jen Tomlinson				
Meredith O'Donnell				

POLICY/REGULATION:

1. To approve the following Policies and Regulations on the second reading:
 - a. 0163- Quorum (Policy)- Revised
 - b. 1511- Board of Education Website Accessibility (Policy)- Revised
 - c. 2415- Every Student Succeeds Act (Policy)- Revised
 - d. 5513- Care of School Property (Policy & Regulation)-Revised
 - e. 5722- Student Journalism (Policy)- New

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Jane Romanowski	2nd	X		
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Meredith O'Donnell				

GOVERNANCE:

1. Approve Resolution Asking for Action of NJSEHBP Rate Increase:

WHEREAS, The **Beach Haven School District** is currently a member of the New Jersey State Education Health Benefits Plan; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 44, P.L. 2020 mandated certain plans for the employees of school districts in the State of New Jersey without input from the School Districts that have to pay for those plans; and

WHEREAS, in certain cases there is a separate contribution guide attached to Chapter 44, P.L. 2020 and the plans created by that statute that created an additional cost to the districts in the State of New Jersey; and

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WHEREAS, the **Beach Haven Board of Education** is responsible for the tax levy imposed on the taxpayers of the Southern Regional School District; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey's actuary, AON presented a rate renewal on July 13, 2022 that proposed a 15.1% increase in health insurance premiums; and

WHEREAS, the rate report stated that there was an increase of urgent care and emergency room utilization in the experience period used to determine the 15.1% increase; and

WHEREAS, the 15.1% increase will have a devastating impact on both the taxpayers and employees of the **Beach Haven School District**; and

WHEREAS, the utilization of emergency rooms and urgent care is directly attributed to COVID claims; and

WHEREAS, the rate renewal report references a 3.4% anticipated savings that was to occur due to a Navigation and Advocacy program that the state awarded a contract to Horizon to administer; and

WHEREAS, that navigation and advocacy program is the subject of an open CCAU complaint that the Division of Treasury has not yet adjudicated; and

WHEREAS, contracts between the state's third party administrator and providers are not transparent, and

WHEREAS, the State currently has one third party administrator for active and early retirees; and

WHEREAS, that contract is set to expire on December 31, 2022 unless extended by the State; and

WHEREAS, the State has not started the bidding process and will most likely extend the contract while the CCAU complaint is still open;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the **Beach Haven Board of Education** requests the State of New Jersey to immediately take action on the following:

1. Utilize some of the \$1.6 Billion in federal COVID aid that has not been assigned to defray the costs in the rate renewal report that are attributed to the pandemic.
2. Immediately adjudicate the open CCAU complaint against Horizon
3. Refrain from extending the current contract with Horizon and put the third party administrator contract out to open competitive bidding and award at least two vendors the contract.

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FACILITIES/OPERATIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON GENERAL TOPICS ONLY

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ADJOURNMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Education meeting be adjourned at 5:10 pm

Name	Motion	Yes	No	Abstain
Irene Hughes		X		
Carol Labin	1st	X		
Jane Romanowski	2nd	X		
Jen Tomlinson				
Meredith O'Donnell				

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Christopher Meyrick

Chief School Administrator/Acting Board Secretary