

KNOWLTON TOWNSHIP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MEETING MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING – November 14, 2022

Notice of Meeting

The New Jersey Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure 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 Knowlton Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted with The Express-Times and The Star Ledger and distributed to the Knowlton Township Elementary School, the Delaware Post Office and the Knowlton Township Municipal Building. This meeting will commence at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held remotely. The public will be able to access the agenda, as well as electronically view and participate in the public portion of the meeting by requesting the link and using the following meeting ID: 737 1011 4885 and password: uu67m3. Any members of the public wishing to submit written comments prior to the start of the meeting must email such comments to the attention of the Board Secretary at brennanm@knowltonschool.com. Any such comments that are received by Monday, November 14, 2022 at 12 noon will be read aloud at the meeting for three minutes.

Call to Order

Mr. Baley called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Flag Salute

Mr. Baley invited everyone to join him in the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Matthew Baley, Mrs. Dawn Bates, Mr. Don Biery, Mrs. Rhonda Moritz, Mrs. Tammy Smith (6:14 pm), Mrs. Alison Stiehl, & Mrs. Ronni Wittreich.

Absent: None.

Others: Mrs. Jeannine DeFalco, Superintendent, Mr. Michael Brennan, Business Administrator, Mrs. Dana Carroll, Vice Principal.

Mission Statement

We are committed to provide an engaging, comprehensive education aligned with the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment in which all students are encouraged to be critical thinkers and self advocates. Instilling a passion for learning will inspire and guide students to become responsible and compassionate citizens in a constantly changing world. Students have the opportunity to achieve their maximum academic potential both here and in their future education while developing confidence, competence, and character.

Correspondence

None.

Public Participation

Public participation shall be governed by BOE Policy 1120.1 Public Participation in Board Meetings. Public comments are invited on all matters pertaining to the school district. All participants shall be given three (3) minutes to speak and shall state their name, place of residence, and group affiliation, if appropriate. The Board uses the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but please be aware that not all issues brought to a board meeting will be resolved this evening; rather, the Board will, in appropriate cases, delegate the authority to investigate the matter to the Superintendent or their designee.

Please let the record reflect that the BOE does not endorse your comments nor will the BOE be held liable for comments you make about a staff member, or other person, which the staff member, or other person, may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

None.

MOTIONS

1. Approve Bus Driver

A motion was made by Mr. Baley seconded by Mrs. Bates and carried unanimously by roll call vote (Y:6) to approve Teresa Fama as a Mini Bus Driver, with a salary of \$23,100 for the 2022-2023 school year, with a November start date.

2. Approve Resolution for Large Grant Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Baley seconded by Mrs. Bates and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution and submission of the application for the 2022 large grant Sustainable Jersey Grants Program funded by NJEA in the amount of \$10,000:

WHEREAS, Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children; and;

WHEREAS, The Knowlton Township Board of Education seeks to support and work with school staff and administrators, students and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly and cost-effective solutions.

WHEREAS, Knowlton Township Board of Education is participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program is to provide resources to school districts to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Large Grants Program;

THEREFORE, the Knowlton Township Board of Education has determined that the Knowlton Township School District should apply for the aforementioned grant program. The

grant will enhance learning about sustainability extending through all of our grade levels and through the seasons. The grant will assist students in developing a deeper understanding of biology while learning about gardening and growing. It also provides the opportunity to discover how food waste has the potential for repurposing and how we can collect and utilize rainwater to benefit our School Gardens. Collaboration of all students and staff is a big component for this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that of the Knowlton Township Board of Education, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant.

3. Approve Resolution for Small Grant Submission

A motion was made by Mr. Baley seconded by Mrs. Smith and carried unanimously to approve the following resolution and submission of the application for the 2022 small grant Sustainable Jersey Grants Program funded by NJEA in the amount of \$2,000:

WHEREAS, Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children; and;

WHEREAS, The Knowlton Township Board of Education seeks to support and work with school staff and administrators, students and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly and cost-effective solutions.

WHEREAS, Knowlton Township Board of Education is participating in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the purposes of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program is to provide resources to school districts to make progress on sustainability issues, and they have created a grant program called the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants Program;

THEREFORE, the Knowlton Township Board of Education has determined that the Knowlton Township School District should apply for the aforementioned grant program. The grant will enhance learning about sustainability through all of our grade levels and through the seasons. Funding for this Innovative Project will extend learning about gardening and growing. It also provides the opportunity to discover how food waste has the potential for repurposing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that of the Knowlton Township Board of Education, State of New Jersey, authorize the submission of the aforementioned Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, November 22, 2022, 7 pm.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Baley seconded by Mrs. Bates and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Brennan, MBA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Approved: