

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
JULY 11, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The Berkeley Heights Board of Education held a Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, in the Columbia Middle School Music Room. The Meeting was called to order by the Board President, Mr. Michael D'Aquila, at **6:02 pm**.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING BOARD SECRETARY

RESOLVED, that the Berkeley Heights Board of Education appoints Lisa McAdam as Acting Board Secretary for emergency purposes or in the absence of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

MOTION by: Mrs. Young **SECOND** by Mr. Cianciulli

VOICE VOTE – Mr. Cianciulli, Mr. Hyman, Mrs. Penna, Mrs. Young, Mr. D'Aquila – *All Ayes*

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Cianciulli
Mr. D'Aquila
Mr. Hyman
Mrs. Penna
Mrs. Young

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dr. Varley, Superintendent of School
Mrs. Kopacz, Assistant Superintendent
Mrs. McAdam, Acting Board Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mrs. Akiri
Dr. Foregger
Mrs. Stanley

MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

Notice of this Special Board of Education Meeting was sent to the Star Ledger, the Courier News, and was also provided to all schools, PTO Presidents, the BHEA President, and posted at the Administration Building on July 6, 2022. A copy was also provided to the Public Library, and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. D'Aquila led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ANY TOPIC

During this portion of the meeting, district residents and staff are invited to address the Board of Education on any topic.

The Board requests that individuals state their name and town of residence (or school of attendance) for the record, the specific action item(s) they are commenting on, and asks that all remarks be directed to the Board President or designee (not to individual members or staff). The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and mindful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding personnel matters are discouraged and cannot be responded to by the Board. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded by the laws of New Jersey. The Board bears no responsibility nor will it be liable for any comments made by members of the public. If a matter concerning a district staff member is of interest or concern to a resident, the matter should be referred to the responsible Building Principal, Superintendent of Schools, or the Board of Education, either by telephone, letter, or email.

Although the Board may not respond to items raised during the public forum, all public comments will be considered.

Please note that if any member of the public becomes disruptive during the meeting the board president may terminate the participant's statement. Continued disruptions may result in removal from the meeting or adjournment of the meeting.

Each speaker's statement will be limited to three (3) minutes in duration.

There was no one who wished to address the Board.

BUSINESS

Resolution A: All Board members.

A. AWARD BID FOR REGULAR EDUCATION TRANSPORTATION ROUTES TO/FROM SCHOOL FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2022, the Berkeley Heights Board of Education advertised for sealed bids pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq., for the purpose of fulfilling 11 regular education transportation routes to/from school for the 2022-2023 school year; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022, the Board received one (1) bid; and

WHEREAS, the bid that was submitted by First Student, Inc., was the lowest responsive bid, and included the following terms:

- Tier 1: GL 15 & COL 19 = \$90,000
- Tier 2: GL 16 & WW 24 = \$90,000
- Tier 3: GL 17 & WW 25 = \$90,000
- Tier 4: GL 18 & TPH 21 = \$90,000
- MP 23 = \$85,500
- TPH 22 = \$85,500
- COL 20 = \$85,500

WHEREAS, the Board of Education would like to proceed at this time with Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4, and TPH 22 routes, for a total cost of \$445,500; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education would like to reject and rebid MP 23 and COL 20; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that First Student, Inc., 40 Russo Place, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922, be awarded the nine (9) regular education transportation routes to/from school for the 2022-2023 school year as identified above. The Board further authorizes the School Business Administrator to enter into such agreements as may be necessary to effectuate the above.

MOTION by: Mrs. Penna **SECOND** by Mr. Cianciulli

ROLL CALL – Mr. Cianciulli, Mr. Hyman, Mrs. Penna, Mrs. Young, Mr. D’Aquila – *All Ayes*
Mrs. Akiri, Dr. Foregger, Mrs. Stanley - *Absent*

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by: Mrs. Young **SECOND** by: Mrs. Penna

VOICE CALL: Mr. Cianciulli, Mr. Hyman, Mrs. Penna, Mrs. Young, Mr. D’Aquila - *All Ayes*

- The meeting was adjourned at **6:10 PM**.

Respectfully submitted:



Lisa McAdam
Acting Board Secretary