

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILESGROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 29, 2008 AT THE DISTRICT BOARD OFFICE AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Baum, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Baum, then led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Baum, read the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law. Notice of this meeting was published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Today's Sunbeam, Elmer Times, Borough of Woodstown Municipal Hall, Township of Pilesgrove Municipal Hall, general offices and faculty rooms of the district's three schools, the school district's central office, and with the Borough of Woodstown Clerk and the Township of Pilesgrove Clerk.

ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Duffield, Mr. Frazier, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Tierno, Mr. Vail and Mr. Baum.

Members absent: None

Also in attendance: Mr. Robert Bumpus – Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Margaret Nicolosi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Administrators in attendance: None

FACILITIES/BOND REFERENDUM

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- Referendum Focus Group and Task Force met Tuesday, May 27, 2008
- Approximately 22 members attended
- ie communications facilitated the meeting through a discussion and individuals answered a questionnaire
- Lingering negativity/distrust of board and administration
- Need for ie to answer questions arising from Mrs. Reardon's email
- Reviewed Ronald J. Ianoale, Esq.; McManimon & Scotland, L.L.C. tentative timetable for referendum.
- Directive: ie response to Mrs. Reardon's email
- Directive: Secure sign in sheet from ie communications
- Directive: Review all ie communication materials before distribution
- Directive: What is the next step for ie communications
- Directive: Bond structure leveled tax impact versus deferred tax impact
- Directive: Operating costs for opening new school reflecting cost savings of solar panels

BOARD GOAL SETTING

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Mr. Bumpus highlighted activities in the following areas: (see page ___)

- Facilities: Renovations as outline were completed; the scope of the Bond Referendum has been determined, communications with the public are ongoing until September 30, 2008 which is the date of the referendum. The Long Range Facilities Plan is being reviewed by the Department of Education.
- Curriculum and Instruction: Achieved AYP for total population; analysis of student data is ongoing; working closely with College Boards and the American Diploma Project; the board is continuing its' support for one to one computing; signed an agreement with Salem Community College regarding Dual Credit; classroom facilitator is a capstone of curriculum in district; numbers of students have increased in music and art as a result of schedule changes in the Middle School; professional learning communities have an excellent foundation in the Mary Shoemaker and can be used as a model for the academic team leaders in the high school; NJQSAC—the DOE validated the work of the district that Woodstown is a high performing district with scores exceeding 80% in all five areas.
- Personnel: Professional development budget is less than 1% of the budget; we spend about .6%; the district needs to maintain involvement with the Minority Consortium to Close the Achievement Gap; maintenance/custodial overtime decreased, work order tracking system has been initiated.
- Finance: Trying to minimize a tax increase in the 08-09 budget was developed meeting program needs; efforts continue to maintain a viable fund balance.
- Governance: Quad-district activities; board members going into the community sharing information with governing bodies.
- Directive: Prepare report on cost efficiencies for the 08-09 school year.

INTERIM SUPETINTENDENT AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR DISCUSSION

INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT CANDIDATES/OPTIONS/INTERVIEW QUESTIONS/TIMELINES:

- Outreach: Contacts (2) not interested
Contact (1) no response at this juncture
Contact (1) provided resume
- Reviewed list provided by NJSBA
- School Boards will be contacted regarding possible candidates
- Possible interview questions were discussed

INTERIM BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATES

- Personal Contacts
- NJASBO list of interim candidates
- Two possible candidates
- Directive: Develop interview questions

The full board will interview interim superintendent and interim business administrator candidates on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 7:00 at a special board meeting to be held in the Board office.

- Directive: Schedule interim candidate appointments.

Superintendent Search

- Charles Prada
- School Boards
- Board
- Interim superintendent as long as six months but not to exceed one year—could help with recruitment process of permanent superintendent
- Review of Policy 1220 Employment of chief School Administrator, Policy 1230 Superintendent's duties, Employment After Retirement Bulletin #28; Superintendent Search Leadership Profile, Traits/Qualifications

Business Administrator Search

- Newspaper advertisement; deadline May 30, 2008
- Posted on NJASBO
- Directive: Schedule first round of candidates with Mr. Bumpus and Mrs. Nicolosi.

Mr. Bumpus left the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION I

Motion by Mr. Vail, seconded by Mrs. Duffield, and carried 11-0-0 by roll call, that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Executive Session, from which the general public is excluded, to discuss items in accordance with NJSA 10:4-12B. Matters discussed in executive session will remain confidential until such time the need for confidentiality no longer exists. (7:44 P.M.)

a. Personnel

Roll Call: ayes: (11) Mr. Crouch, Mrs. Duffield, Mr. Frazier, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Painter, Mr. Rey, Mr. Schermerhorn, Mrs. Tierno, Mr. Vail, and Mr. Baum; nays: (0); abstentions: (0)

RESUME PUBLIC PORTION

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Duffield, and carried 11-0 to resume the public portion of the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

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May 28, 2008 – Special Board Meeting (Awards for Excellence), 7:00 p.m., Mary Shoemaker School Library

May 29, 2008 – Special Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., district office

June 5, 2008 - Finance/Facilities Committee, 5:30 p.m., district office

June 5, 2008 – Special Board Meeting, 7:00 pm., District Board Office

June 10, 2008 - Finance/Facilities Committee, 5:30 p.m., district office

June 12, 2008 - Finance/Facilities Committee, 5:30 p.m., district office

June 19, 2008 - Finance/Facilities Committee, 5:30 p.m., district office

June 19, 2008 – Special Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., District Board Office

June 26, 2008 - Finance/Facilities Committee, 5:30 p.m., district office

June 26, 2008 – Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mary Shoemaker School Library

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Duffield, and carried 11-0, there being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Margaret J. Nicolosi
SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

Date

Signature/BA