

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education May 14, 2007

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District held a regular meeting on Monday, May 14, 2007, at the Hightstown High School cafeteria.

Board President Alice Weisman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement as follows:

“Written advance notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with law. Minutes of this meeting are being kept by the Board Secretary and will be made available promptly to any member of the public requesting them from the Board Secretary at the Administration building 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy.”

Ms. Weisman asked “Are there any Board members present who believe this meeting to be in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act?” No one objected. “There being none, we may proceed.”

Members Present: Stuart Dolgon, Bruce Ettman, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer,
Robert Laverty, Susan Lloyd, Alice Weisman.

Members Absent: James Hauck, Kennedy Paul

Also Present: Ronald Bolandi, Chief School Administrator; Kurt Stumbaugh, Business
Administrator/Board Secretary; and David Coates, Board Legal Counsel.

COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE CODE

The Board president made the following announcement: “In compliance with the fire code of the State of New Jersey, I call your attention to the emergency exit for this room, which is located..... (Board president pointed to the emergency exit.)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board president asked those present to join in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA (ITEM 3A)

Having read the material received, Mr. Ettman moved, seconded by Ms. Fallon, to approve the agenda.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman.

Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried: unanimously.

RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION (ITEM 3B)

Mr. Ettman moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold two closed sessions during its regular meeting on May 14, 2007. These closed sessions concern:

1. Personnel Matters
2. Contract Negotiations
3. Litigation

Minutes of these closed sessions will be available in accordance with Board policy when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried unanimously.

PROCLAMATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION WEEK IN NEW JERSEY (ITEM 4)

The Board of Education president read the proclamation which proclaims May13 through May 19, 2007 as Special Education Week in New Jersey and in the East Windsor Regional School District. (Copy of proclamation on file in Board Secretary's office.)

Mr. Ettman moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, to approve May13-19 as Special Education week in NJ and in the EWRSD, as submitted.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion was carried: unanimously.

RECOGNITION AWARDS (ITEM 5 - A & B)

A. The Superintendent introduced the recipients of the Teachers Governor Recognition Award for 2006-2007 and along with Debbie Feaster, Director of Personnel, and Alice Weisman, Board President, presented the award to the following recipients:

1. Kathleen Fallon - GNR
2. Barbara Fessler - MHK
3. Karen Goff - HHS
4. Luann Masters - PLD
5. Mary McCabe - EMK
6. Kay Scott - WCB

(Copy of award nominations on file in Board Secretary's office.)

B. The Superintendent, Debbie Feaster and Ms. Weisman, acknowledged Ethel McKnight School special education teacher, Ellen Ogintz, for wining the District/County "Teacher of the Year" award. (Copy of award and nomination on file in Board Secretary's office.)

At this time, the Board of Education retired to hold its first closed session.

FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEM 6)

Shelley Leggett – parent of 5 students, asked about security measures for IT passwords, locker combinations, grade details.

The Superintendent responded that the principal of the high school will call the parent to formally investigate this matter. Parent alleges daughter is victim of harassment and bullying. Parent requests student's schedule accommodate the court order to keep the bullies out of the student's classes. Parent requests sexual harassment training for staff and a parent acknowledgement letter be sent home.

There were no other comments from the public.

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FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (ITEM 7)

Ms. Weisman, - announced that Mr. Dolgon has been sworn in and is welcomed to the Board of Education

Mr. Dolgon – acknowledged the Teacher's Recognition awards including Teacher of the Year.

Ms. Fallon – commented on the teacher recognition selection process.

Ms. Weisman – applauded student musical performances. The middle school band and chorus sounded great. She mentioned that the retirement dinner will take place on June 1st, 2007 at the Crowne Plaza. in Monroe township. Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty and Ms. Lloyd are to attend a meeting with the Board of Elections to resolve election issues.

MOTION TO APPROVE ROUTINE ITEMS BY EXCEPTION (ITEM 8)

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the following routine items by exception. Copy of information on the exception items are on file in the Board Secretary's office.

- A. Staffing
- B. Authorization for Emergent Hiring Pending Completion of Criminal History Check
- C. Professional Services
- D. Approval of Travel & Related Expense Reimbursements - Certified Staff
- E. World Language Elementary Showcase
- F. Volunteers
- G. Donation: Art Supplies to HHS
- H. Approval of Minutes - March 29, 2007
- I. Revised Board of Education Meeting Dates
- J. Renewal of Policy: Underground Storage Tank
- K. Awards of Bids & Contracts -
 - 1) General Supplies
 - 2) Curbing and Paving Projects
 - 3) Wheelchair Lift Bus
- L. Orders of Payment
- M. Report of Treasurer of School Monies
- N. Report of Board Secretary

On a roll call vote members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer, Mr. Laverty, Ms Lloyd, and Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE EWRSSA AGREEMENT (ITEM 9)

Mr. Laverty moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer, to adopt and approve the agreement between the East Windsor Regional School District Support Staff Association and the East Windsor Regional School District Board of Education as submitted. (Copy on file in Board Secretary's office).

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Ms. Fayer Mr. Laverty, Ms. Lloyd, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: Mr. Dolgon. Motion to approve was carried unanimously

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APPOINTMENT OF CONSTRUCTION ATTORNEY (ITEM 10)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the appointment of Mr. Rob MacPherson of Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP as the District construction attorney for the fiscal year 2007-08.

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF LABOR ATTORNEY (ITEM 11)

Mr. Lavery moved, seconded by Ms. Fayer to approve the appointment of Mr. Mark Blunda of Apruzzese, McDermott, Mastro & Murphy as the District labor attorney for the fiscal year 2007-08

On a roll call vote, members voting yes: Mr. Dolgon, Mr. Ettman, Ms. Fallon, Mrs. Fayer, Mr. Lavery, Ms. Lloyd, Ms. Weisman. Members voting no: none. Members abstaining: none. Motion to approve was carried unanimously.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (ITEM 12)

There were no comments from the public.

SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS (ITEM 13)

Mr. Dolgon – commented he will be recycling his Board of Education nameplate in an effort to save financial resources.

Mr. Lavery – gave a very favorable review of the new EWRSD website.

Mr. Bolandi – thanked Mr. Lavery for his comments and said that we will be building an email address list to broadcast to constituents.

Ms. Fallon – acknowledged the superintendents tireless efforts to attempt to get the budget passed.

Mr. Bolandi - responded that we are doing it for the children. The success of our community is dependent upon the success of the school system.

Mr. Ettman – commented that the district hires based on merit including the Board of Education. screening for administrative positions. There are no hirings based on subjective measures.

Ms. Weisman – commented that constituents have spoken only positively about the new administrators.

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CLOSED SESSION (ITEM 14)

At this time the Board retired to hold its second closed session.

OPEN SESSION (ITEM 15)

SALARY ATTACHMENT (ITEM 15A)

(Copy in Board Secretary's office)

ADJOURN (ITEM 16)

Ms. Lloyd moved to adjourn at 11:30 p.m.

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary