

FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 13, 2018
Special Meeting Minutes

The mission of the Freehold Township Schools, in partnership with our community, is to prepare all students to be responsible citizens and life long learners.

The Freehold Township Board of Education met in Regular Session on Monday, August 13, 2018, at the Board Office of the Freehold Township School District, 384 West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey, County of Monmouth.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Levy read the following statement in conformance with the "Open Public Meetings Act", Chapter 231, PL1975, effective January 19, 1976:

"A notice listing the time, date and place of this meeting was posted on the public bulletin board of all Freehold Township Schools, on the entrance door to the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education, on the district website, at the Office of the Freehold Township Clerk, and published in the Asbury Park Press on August 11, 2018 and sent to the News Transcript on August 9, 2018."

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Levy led the Board in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mr. Amoroso, Mrs. Cozzolino, Mr. DiBlasio, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Levy
Board Members Absent: Mrs. Holtz
Also Present: Dr. Ross Kasun, Superintendent; Dr. Pamela Nathan, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Robert DeVita, Business Administrator; Michael Gross, Board Attorney, staff members; township residents.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Mr. Amoroso, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the following resolution was moved and adopted:

RESOLVED, this board met in executive session on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 7:01 p.m., for the purposes of discussing the Resignation of the Superintendent and the Appointment of an Interim Superintendent, from which the public may be excluded under the Open Public Meetings Act, PL 1975, Chapter 231. It is anticipated that matters discussed in this executive Session will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Mrs. Holtz arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION TO RECONVENE THE MEETING AT 8:57 P.M.

On a motion of Mrs. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Amoroso, the board reconvened as follows:

Motion carried by voice vote as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Amoroso, Mrs. Cozzolino, Mr. DiBlasio, Mrs. Holtz, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Levy
Nays:
Abstain:
Absent:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

On a motion by Mrs. Cozzolino, seconded by Mr. Matthews, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Dr. Ross Kasun, Superintendent, effective August 31, 2018.

Motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Amoroso, Mrs. Cozzolino, Mrs. Holtz, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. O'Sullivan,
Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Levy
Nays:
Abstain: Mr. DiBlasio, Mrs. Patten
Absent:

PRESIDENTS REMARKS - Mr. Levy thanks Dr. Kasun for his years of service to the District.

On a motion by Mr. Amoroso, and seconded by Mrs. Holtz, the Board of Education appointed Neal Dickstein as the Interim Superintendent effective August 27, 2018.

Motion carried by roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Amoroso, Mrs. Cozzolino, Mrs. Holtz, Mr. Matthews, Mrs. O'Sullivan,
Mrs. Lambert, Mr. Levy
Nays:
Abstain: Mr. DiBlasio, Mrs. Patten
Absent:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Lia Viera, 31 Pittenger Avenue, asked that the Board to consider running the search for the next Superintendent internally and not spending the money on a search firm. Mr. Levy discussed the other benefits of using a firm other than advertising.

Dr. Kasun thanked the school community, staff and students for the opportunity to lead the District the last 7 years. It has been a pleasure working with the Administrative team and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. Holtz and seconded by Mr. Amoroso, and by unanimous voice vote of those present, the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert DeVita
Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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