

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC WORK SESSION MINUTES
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
February 9, 2016

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public work session on February 9, 2016, in the District Offices Board Room at the Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Scott E. Congdon, President
Ms. Irene Boyle, Vice President
Mr. Bob Feather
Ms. Tina Hollenbach
Mr. Mike Morris
Mr. Stephen Pirritano
Mr. Ron Rudy
Mr. Robert Sanna
Mr. Marty Sullivan

ADMINISTRATORS:

Gloria Hancock, Ed. D.
Mrs. Barbara Markowitz
Mr. Don Harm
Mr. Anthony Devlin
Mrs. Theresa Hinterberger
Mr. Paul Meehan

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS: Approximately 25 persons from the public, staff and press

SECRETARY: Mrs. Jennifer Burns

SOLICITOR: John Torrente, Esquire

1. Call to Order

Mr. Congdon called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Congdon requested those in attendance join in the salute to the flag.

3. Announcements

None

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hancock advised the Board on the following:

- Congratulations to NHS Sophomore Kevin Sheenan, who was selected as a delegate for the Congress of Future and Science and Technology Leaders.
- Celebration for select choir at Poquessing
- Neshaminy High School Presents "Mary Poppins, February 11, 12, and 13, 2016.
- News from Heckman Elementary School that students delivered their \$1,362 donation for the 'Pay It Forward' campaign to feed the homeless to Rosa's Fresh Pizza.
- Family Stem nights at Carl Sandburg Middle School.
- Neshaminy has made Super Bowl History. The NFL sent high schools across the country a gold-colored football in honor of their alumni players that competed in Super Bowls during the past 50 years. Neshaminy has received FOUR of these footballs. The honored players are:
 1. Chris Bahr: NHS Class of 1970.
 2. Matt Bahr: NHS Class of 1974.
 3. Harry Schuh: NHS Class of 1961.
 4. Steve Shull: NHS Class of 1976.
- Congratulations to the Maple Point 8th grade girls basketball team.

- Congratulations to the NHS girls' basketball team for their third SOL Championship Title in four years.
- Congratulations to NHS student athletes who are receiving scholarships to attend and play sports in college next year.
- Mr. Joseph Szafran, Bucks County Office of the Recorder of Deeds - Presentation of Plaque for the Honor Tour Event to Donna Burmylo-Magrann - Band Director - Neshaminy High School
- Mr. Ryan Brennan from Reynolds Construction gave a presentation on the construction project.

5. Public Comment

Steve Rodos, retired, resident of Villages of Flowers Mill, discussed various money savings methods to assist with the budget and he commented that he is in favor of closing another elementary school to continue saving money and put the funds back into educational programs.

6. Items for Approval at the February 23rd Public Board Meeting

- a) BCIU #22 2016 - 2017 Programs & Services and Instructional Materials and Research Budget
- b) Deputy Tax Collector for Hulmeville Borough
- c) General Healthcare Resources, Inc. - Nursing and Allied Healthcare Personnel
- d) Bids/Budget Transfers

Mr. Congdon stated that items a, b, c, and d will be agenda items at the February 23 Public Board Meeting.

7. Committee Reports

a) **Board Policies**

Ms. Boyle advised the Board that the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

b) **Educational Development**

Ms. Boyle informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for February 16th, at 6:30 p.m.

c) **Finance/Facilities**

Mr. Congdon advised the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for the beginning of March.

d) **IU Board**

Ms. Boyle informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for February 16th.

e) **Education Foundation**

Mr. Rudy informed the Board that at the last meeting the committee considered 22 Grants, which totaled \$25,265.00, which they awarded 11 of them, which totaled \$11, 570.00. The committee also considered future fundraising events.

f) **Technical School**

Mr. Morris advised the Board that there is nothing new at this time to report.

g) **Technology**

Mr. Feather advised the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for February 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

h) **Facilities Ad Hoc Committee**

Mr. Pirritano announced to the Board that the next meeting has not yet been set.

i) **Legislative**

Ms. Boyle stated to the Board that the next meeting has not yet been set.

8. Public Comment

Steve Rodos, retired, resident of Villages of Flowers Mill, announced that the Neshaminy Education Foundation will be handing out brochures/coupons at Neshaminy Gym Night for Bertucci's Restaurant for

fund raising. Mr. Rodos also commented that the pay rate for substitute teachers should be increased in an effort to attract a better quality of teaching professionals.

Suzi Drake, Neshaminy teacher, asked if anything can be done to persuade the legislature in Harrisburg to approve the budget once and for all.

9. Future Topics

None

10. Board Comment

Mr. Morris agreed with Mr. Rodos's suggestion of raising the pay rate for substitute teachers. Mr. Morris also agreed that something should be done to press Harrisburg into approving the budget.

Ms. Boyle said she is in contact with Representative Frank Farry on a weekly basis and he is trying to bring about a finalization of the budget impasse, but he is only one person.

Mr. Congdon said he would like to see quality substitute teachers employed by the Neshaminy District and it is something that should be reviewed and considered in the future. He also agreed that there should be a collective effort of school boards and teachers unions pressing Harrisburg to pass the budget.

11. Adjournment of Meeting

Mr. Congdon moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Congdon adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary