

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
December 3, 2012

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public session on December 3, 2012, in the Harry M. Dengler, Jr., Performing Arts Center at Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Ritchie Webb, President
Mr. Kim Koutsouradis, Vice President
Mr. Scott Congdon
Mrs. Susan Cummings
Ms. Irene M. Boyle
Mr. Mike Morris
Mr. William Oettinger
Mr. Anthony Sposato
Mr. Mark Shubin

ADMINISTRATORS:

Mr. Robert L. Copeland
Mrs. Barbara Markowitz
Dr. Geeta Heble
Mrs. Therese Hinterberger
Mr. Anthony Devlin

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

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

SECRETARY: Mrs. Jennifer Burns

SOLICITOR: Mr. Profy, IV, Esquire

Call to Order

Mr. Webb called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Mr. Webb announced that it was Mr. Oettinger's birthday.

Public Comment

None

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Copeland advised the Board on the following:

- The Neshaminy High School Music Department Holiday Concert.
- Neshaminy High School's Family & Consumer Science Majors donate 236 Turkey Soup Meals to aid for friends.
- Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) selects Everitt as a distinguished Title One School for 2012 - 2013.
- Neshaminy cheerleaders win community service award.

Reorganization of the Board of School Directors

a) **Election of Temporary President**

Mr. Webb requested nominations be presented for Temporary President for the reorganization of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors. Mr. Koutsouradis nominated Ms. Boyle, and Mr. Webb seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. The Board moved the nominations for Temporary

President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed. Ms. Boyle was unanimously elected Temporary President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors.

b) **Election of President**

Ms. Boyle requested nominations be presented for President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors. Mr. Sposato nominated Mr. Webb. Mr. Shubin seconded the nomination. The Board unanimously moved that nominations for President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed.

Ms. Boyle requested a roll call. The roll call tally indicated a vote of nine ayes, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Congdon, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Koutsouradis, Mr. Morris, Mr. Oettinger, Mr. Webb, Mr. Shubin, and Mr. Sposato) and zero nays.

Mr. Webb was unanimously elected President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors.

c. **Election of Vice President**

Mr. Webb requested nominations be presented for Vice-President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors. Mr. Koutsouradis nominated Mr. Congdon and Mr. Shubin seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Mr. Webb moved that nominations for Vice-President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed and Mrs. Cummings seconded that movement. The Board unanimously approved to close nominations for Vice President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed.

Mr. Webb requested a roll call. The roll call tally indicated a vote of eight ayes, (Mr. Webb, Mr. Oettinger, Mr. Sposato, Mr. Koutsouradis, Mr. Shubin, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Congdon, and Ms. Boyle), and one nay, (Mr. Morris.)

Mr. Congdon was elected Vice President of the Neshaminy Board of School by a vote of eight ayes, and one nay, (Mr. Morris).

Motion: Appointment of Solicitor

Mr. Webb presented the following motion:

WHEREAS The School Board Policy #100 requires during the month of December that the Board of School Directors appoint a solicitor for a one year term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School directors reappoint the law firm of Begley, Carlin & Mandio as Solicitor of the Neshaminy School District in accordance with its fee letter dated November 27, 2012.

Mr. Morris seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of nine ayes, and zero nays.

Mr. Profy thanked the Board for the vote of confidence, on behalf of Begley, Carlin & Mandio, and said that they look forward to serving the Neshaminy School District for the upcoming 2013 – 2014 school year.

Motion: Revised 2012 – 2013 School Calendar

Mr. Webb read the following motion:

WHEREAS, due to Hurricane Sandy on October 29, 30, 31 and November 1, 2, 2012 which prevented instruction for our K-12 student body, school will now be in session on March 6, May 21 (Election Day), and June 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code, it is necessary to revise the calendar in order to meet the minimum state child accounting and attendance regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors approves the attached revised school calendar which schedules the last day for students in grades Kindergarten through 11 as June 21, 2013, and the last day for teachers as June 28, 2013.

Mr. Shubin seconded the motion.

Mr. Oettinger asked for clarification if there were any snow days how this calendar would work.

Mr. Copeland stated that this calendar makes that change now and guarantees that we have an extra three full days of instruction. He also stated that out of the five days that the district lost this gives us back three instructional days and puts the staff development days at the end of the calendar.

Mr. Congdon asked what those three days scheduled off were originally for.

Mr. Copeland stated that one was for Election Day, and the other two were for staff development.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of nine ayes, and zero nays.

Motion: Approval of Meeting Schedule

Mr. Webb read the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors must adopt and publish a schedule of Public Meetings for 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2013 School Board Meeting Calendar be adopted by the Neshaminy Board of School Directors.

Mr. Koutsouradis seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of nine ayes, and zero nays.

Other Board Business

None

Public Comment

Mr. Howard Linder, Langhorne, retired teacher, announced that a former administrator Jan Jeske is very ill and asks the public to say a prayer for her.

Board Comment

Mr. Shubin thanked Mr. Webb and Mr. Koutsouradis for their service to the district.

Adjournment

Mr. Webb moved the meeting be adjourned and Mrs. Cummings seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Webb adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary