

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
(PUBLIC MEETING)
June 21, 2005

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public session on June 21, 2005, in the Board Room of the Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Dr. William H. Spitz, Vice-President
Mrs. Sue C. Barrett
Mrs. June R. Bostwick
Mr. Jason Bowman
Mrs. Susan Cummings
Mr. Ritchie Webb

ADMINISTRATORS:

Mr. P. Howard Wilson
Dr. Louis T. Muenker
Dr. Sandra Costanzo
Mr. Joseph V. Paradise
Mrs. Jacqueline Rattigan
Mr. Bruce Wyatt

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Mr. Richard M. Eccles, President
Ms. Carol A. Drioli
Mrs. Kimberly A. Jowett

SOLICITOR:

Peter Williams, Esq.

SECRETARY: Mrs. Anita E. Walls

OTHERS: Approximately 14 persons from the public, staff and press

Call to Order

Dr. Spitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Spitz requested those in attendance join in the salute to the flag.

Announcements

No announcements.

Public Comment

Mr. Kevin Yeingst, Feasterville, PA, thanked the board for all its hard work throughout the year and the work on the budget which will be approved this evening. Mr. Yeingst read a couple of thank you letters to the board from the Neshaminy Swim Team for the timing system. Mr. Yeingst presented a poster with the signatures of the students.

Mr. Leon Reznik, Feasterville, PA thanked the board for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Reznik has had some problems over the past years with the Administration pertaining to effective communication in a situation regarding joint legal custody. Mr. Reznik feels that some mechanisms be put into place for the upcoming school year so that all students and parents affected can have their rights enforced correctly. Mr. Reznik feels that it would be an outstanding move on the part of the Neshaminy School District to put some sort of mechanism into place and publicize same so that perhaps if this problem exists in other school districts throughout the Commonwealth it could be a model program.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Wilson advised that the close of the school year was great. Another successful year has been accomplished. Graduation went very well and Mr. Wilson advised that he was extremely proud of the students. Mr. Wilson advised that Mr. Brian Suter is going after a grant to repair a teaching station at the high school.

Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mrs. Barrett, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 18, 2005 Public Meeting.

Approval of Treasurer's Report, Bills for Payment, Investments, and Exonerations of Personal and Per Capita Tax

Mr. Paradise presented the following for approval:

- May, 2005 Treasurer's Report, subject to audit
- Bills for payment Check Register – May, 2005
- Escrow Fund, Capital Project Funds, and Investment Funds
- Personal and Per Capita Tax Exonerations – May, 2005

Mr. Bowman moved the May, 2005 Treasurer's Report be approved, subject to audit, and the May, 2005 bills for payment, Budget, Escrow Funds, Capital Project Funds, Investments Funds, and Personal and Per Capita Tax Exonerations. Mrs. Cummings seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Reports, subject to audit, bills for payment (as per amendment), investments, escrow funds, and capital project funds, and personal and per capita tax exonerations. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Bids

Mr. Paradise presented the following bid for approval:

Bid No. 06-14 – Asbestos Abatement at Poquessing Middle School

Bid Amount: \$98,000.00

The bid is for removal of asbestos floor tile and associated mastic and acoustic ceiling surfacing material from 2 story classroom section of Poquessing Middle School.

Mr. Bowman moved the bid be approved and Mrs. Cummings seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the bid. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Certified and Support Personnel Actions

Mr. Wilson presented the following for approval:

- Elections of Certified Personnel
- Resignations/Leaves of Certified Personnel
- Elections of Support Personnel
- Resignations/Leaves of Support Personnel

Mr. Wilson requested approval of the personnel report as presented.

Mr. Webb moved the personnel report be accepted. Mrs. Cummings seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the personnel report. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Motion: Adoption of the 2005-2006 Budget

Dr. Spitz presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Neshaminy Board of School Directors received a working draft of the 2005-2006 budget from the administration on April 12, 2005. The Board reviewed the budget and made the budget available to the public on May 18, 2005; and

WHEREAS, in accordance, with the Pennsylvania School Code, the Board of School Directors must now adopt a final operating budget for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors adopt a total operating budget of all funds in the amount of \$157,326,185 including -

- Carry-over purchase orders of \$138,695
- Federal and other programs in the amount of \$1,827,095; and
- Capital Improvement Projects in the amount of \$9,345,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the capital projects budget will be funded from the remaining proceeds of the General Obligation Bond Issue, Series of 2004. The federal programs budget will be funded by specific federal grants. In order to fund the general fund budget, \$5,000,000 of the fund balance will be allocated and the following taxes are levied:

1. Real Estate Tax	133.9 mills (an increase of 3.8 mills)
2. Interim Real Estate Tax	133.9 mills
3. Per Capita Tax - School Code	\$5.00
4. Per Capita Tax - Act 511	\$10.00
5. Occupational Privilege Tax	\$10.00
6. Business Privilege Tax	1 mill wholesale 1.5 mills retail \$5.00 license fee
7. Mercantile Tax	1 mill wholesale 1.5 mills retail \$2.00 license fee
8. Real Estate Transfer Tax	1%
9. Amusement Tax	10%, as amended by current law

Mr. Bowman seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Motion: Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note

Mrs. Bostwick presented the following motion:

Under the authority of Act 52 of 1978, The Local Government Unit Debt Act and the Internal Revenue Code, the Neshaminy School District is permitted to borrow an amount of money up to its cumulative cash flow deficit. The District's 2005-06 cumulative cash flow deficit has been projected to be \$12,681,731. The Business Office has requested quotations from banks and other financial institutions.

I, therefore, move the following:

TO CERTIFY the projected cumulative cash flow deficit at \$12,681,731 for the 2005-06 fiscal year; and

TO ACCEPT the proposal from Mellon Financial Markets, LLC to borrow the amount of \$12,681,731 on July 11, 2005, maturing on June 30, 2006, at a net interest cost of 2.88% per annum; and

TO OBTAIN a written legal opinion from the School District Solicitor as to the legality and validity of the Note and other legal matters pertaining to the issuance of the Note pursuant to the proposal from Mellon Financial Markets, LLC; and

TO AUTHORIZE the officers of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors and the Business Administrator, subject to the written legal opinion from the School District Solicitor, to execute the necessary documents for completion and issuance of the Note.

Mrs. Cummings seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Motion: Budget Increase for the 2004-2005 Federal and Other Programs (See attachment)

Mr. Bowman presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, each year the Neshaminy Board of School Directors, in accordance with instructions from the Auditor General's office, must increase its receipts and expenditures budget by the total amount of other programs; and

WHEREAS, this amount represents previously approved federal and other special program receipts and expenditures for the current fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the total 2004-2005 adjusted budget of all funds with this increase will total \$147,738,329. Corresponding amounts should be added to both the revenue and expenditure side of the budget as indicated on the attached document.

Dr. Spitz seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Motion: Year End Budget Transfers

Mrs. Cummings presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, Section 687 of the Public School Code of 1949 requires that line item "...sums appropriated to specific purposes in the budget..." not be exceeded; and

WHEREAS, under the school accounting system, line items have been determined to be major object levels within specific subfunctions; and

WHEREAS, year-end adjustments by the business office and auditors may cause such line items to be exceeded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors, in accordance with directions from the Auditor General's office, authorizes the administration to make those necessary budget transfers within and between accounts to prevent any possible over expenditure without exceeding the total budget for 2004-2005.

Mr. Bowman seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Motion: Facilities Professional Services/Consultants for 2005-2006

Mrs. Barrett presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, the district Facilities Department must use the professional services of various firms in order to ensure compliance with the many federal and state mandates concerning school facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Department must also use professional consultants/engineers to develop bid specifications for other related facility improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following list of professional service vendors be accepted for use during the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Facilities Professional Services/Consultants for 2005-2006

The professionals/consultants anticipated for use during the next fiscal year along with examples of the work that will be required are listed below.

- **Consolidated Engineers** – boilers and other mechanical engineering.
- **Colm Engineering** – exterior doors and other structural engineering.
- **Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc.** – roof replacements and similar projects.
- **Eagle Industrial Hygiene Associates, Inc.** – asbestos related compliance.
- **Siemens Building Technologies, Inc.** – HVAC control systems.
- **Environmental Control Systems, Inc.** – hazardous waste disposal, underground storage tanks regulations.
- **D.A.D. & Associates, Inc.** – boilers and cooling tower water treatment.
- **Quality Control Laboratories (QC Labs)** – pools and water testing.
- **Parry's Project Management** – logistic services – High School, Poquessing, Pearl Buck.

Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Motion: Revised 2005-2006 School Calendar

Mr. Webb presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, Wednesday, October 12, 2005 has been designated as a Teacher Inservice/Act 80 Day; and

WHEREAS, no classes will be held for students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors approves the attached revised school calendar.

Mr. Bowman seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Motion: Bucks County Technical High School Auditorium

Dr. Spitz presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Bucks County Technical High School has presented a documented need for an auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the Neshaminy School District is a member of the consortium of school districts responsible for the operation of the Bucks County Technical High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors supports the construction of the auditorium with the understanding that the Bucks County Technical High School Authority will refinance and extend existing debt obligations by approximately two years without increasing its annual debt service payment.

Mrs. Bostwick seconded the motion.

Mr. Webb noted that this is a motion to support the project and is not committing the district to any financial obligation at this time.

The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Eccles, Ms. Drioli and Mrs. Jowett were not present.

Federal Programs

Mr. Wilson advised that the Federal Programs are closing out for the year.

Other Board Business

None.

Public Comment

Mr. William O'Connor, Langhorne, PA, congratulated Mr. Wilson and the district for having a safe senior prom. Mr. O'Connor was curious if the district was closer to identifying any of the individuals who may have been associated with the issue. Mr. O'Connor inquired whether there was any update regarding the high school renovation plans.

Mr. Solis Basen, Langhorne, PA, thanked the entire school board and administration for their thankless work. Mr. Basen also thanked Mr. Webb and the Finance Committee along with Mr. Paradise and Mr. Minotti for all their efforts. Mr. Basen further thanked Mr. Wilson for running a tight ship and hands on administration.

Board Comment

Mr. Webb thanked the Finance Committee and Mr. Paradise for all their efforts.

Mr. Wilson stated that the Administration would like to thank the Board for all its input regarding the budget. Mr. Wilson feels that it is a responsible budget for the taxpayers and the education of the students of Neshaminy will continue at the highest level due to your support.

Dr. Spitz noted that the board will be communicating with the public regarding the high school project.

Adjournment

Mr. Bowman moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Webb seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Dr. Spitz adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Anita E. Walls
Board Secretary