

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD SESSION MINUTES
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
November 4, 2015

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public Board session on November 4, 2015 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. John Allen
Mr. Mike Morris
Mr. Stephen Pirritano
Mr. Ron Rudy
Mr. Mark Shubin
Mr. Anthony Sposato

ADMINISTRATORS:

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Susan Cummings

OTHERS: Approximately 75 persons from the public, staff and press

SECRETARY: Mrs. Jennifer Burns

SOLICITOR: Mr. John Torrente, Esquire

1. Call to Order

Mr. Congdon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Announcements

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hancock advised the Board on the following:

- State Farm \$25K Grant - Schweitzer Elementary School
 - ❖ Teacher: Jo Ellen Exner and Students
- Reynolds Construction Presentation - Mr. Damion Spahr and Mr. Ryan Brennan

5. Public Comment

Kevin Gallagher, IT analyst, resident of Middletown Township, congratulated the newly elected School Board members and thanked the outgoing members, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Shubin and Mr. Sposato for their dedicated service. Mr. Gallagher stated that he is hoping that the new Board will be able to continue to move the district forward and that the direction and choices made will continue to show the ability to do more with less.

6. Items for Approval at the November 17 Public Board Meeting

- a) Private Transportation Contract for 2015 - 2016 (See enclosed)
- b) Employment Dentist
- c) Bids/Budget Transfers (see Enclosed)

Mr. Congdon stated that items A, B and C will be agenda items at the November 17 Public Board Meeting.

7. Committee Reports

a) Board Polices

Ms. Boyle stated to the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

b) Educational Development

Ms. Boyle stated to the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for November 10 at 6:30 p.m.

c) Finance/Facilities

Mr. Congdon stated that no date has been set as of yet.

d) IU Board

Mrs. Cummings was not present.

e. Neshaminy Education Foundation

Mr. Shubin said that the next meeting is scheduled for November 9 at 4:00 p.m.

f) Technical School

Mr. Morris stated that there is no update at this time.

g) Technology

Mr. Shubin stated to the Board that there is no update at this time.

h) Facilities Ad Hoc Committee

Mr. Pirritano announced that the next meeting is scheduled for November 12 at 6:30 p.m.

i) Legislative

Mr. Shubin stated that the next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

9. Public Comment

Steve Rodos, retired, resident of Villages of Flowers Mill, thanked the outgoing Board members for their service. Mr. Rodos expressed his hopes that the Board will look within the district or look to recommendations from those within the district when hiring a new Neshaminy School Superintendent. He said he would like to see the district save the cost of an extensive outside search when there are talented and qualified people right in our own backyard.

10. Future Topics

Dr. Hancock stated that there will be a report on the 5-8 initiative.

11. Board Comment

Mr. Shubin congratulated the newly elected Board members. He encouraged them to learn as much as they can and take on the responsibilities with enthusiasm. Mr. Shubin said Neshaminy has a very bright future and he hopes that the new Board will all work together to continue on the right path for the students.

Mr. Pirritano congratulated the newly elected Board members. Mr. Pirritano said that as long as the Board works together they will find the right path to go forward for the benefit of the children. He thanked everyone for attending and stated that he is very proud to be part of the Neshaminy District.

Mr. Sposato thanked the wonderful administrators and the teachers for their hard work and dedication. He said he is thrilled at the direction that the district is taking now. He wished the new Board great success and asked that they consider the students and taxpayers in their decisions.

Mr. Allen reminded everyone about the Veteran's Day celebration. He thanked the students from Albert Schweitzer Elementary School for their presentation. Mr. Allen expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the School Board and said he is excited to see where Neshaminy goes from here.

Ms. Boyle congratulated Mr. Pirritano for succeeding in his bid for re-election and to those newly elected members who will be joining the Board.

Mr. Congdon stated that the last search for the School Superintendent went through the IU free of charge and it was very successful. He stated that it is a very important decision and a major task that the new Board will face in the new year. Mr. Congdon congratulated and welcomed the newly elected Board members.

12. Adjournment of Meeting

Mr. Congdon moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Shubin seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Congdon adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary