

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
October 25, 2016

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public session on October 25, 2016, in the District Board Room, at Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Scott E. Congdon, President  
Irene Boyle, Vice President  
Tina Hollenbach  
Stephen Pirritano  
Ron Rudy  
Robert Sanna  
Marty Sullivan

**ADMINISTRATORS:**

Joseph Jones III  
Gloria Hancock, Ed.D.  
Barbara Markowitz  
Theresa Hinterberger  
Anthony Devlin  
Paul Meehan

**BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:**

Bob Feather  
Mike Morris

**OTHERS:** Approximately 55 persons from the public, staff and press

**SECRETARY:** Jennifer Burns

**SOLICITOR:** Thomas J. Profy, III, Esquire

**Call to Order**

Mr. Congdon called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**Roll Call**

A roll call indicated that a quorum of directors was present and the meeting was duly convened. Seven members were present; Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris were absent with prior notice.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Announcements**

Maple Point students, Rachel Lamb and Matt Drapkin invited veterans and the community to the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10th, 2016 at Maple Point Middle School.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Jones advised the Board on the following:

- Community Wide Forum will be presented to the community in the early part of 2017.
- Chris Stanley became an officially licensed drone operator for the district.
- On Saturday, October 15th, members of the NHS Roadies drama club participated in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk in Philadelphia.
- The National Honor Society chapter at Neshaminy High School inducted 99 new members during a ceremony at Theodore Kloos Auditorium on Thursday October 20th.
- District goes pink to help fight cancer.
- Maple Point students recognized for their program Coaches versus Cancer.
- Colonial Subaru of Feasterville selected Pearl S. Buck Elementary for the "Subaru Loves Learning" book donation.
- Carl Sandburg choir performs the National Anthem at Temple.
- NHS students visited HV Industries in Trevoise for Manufacturing Day.
- Neshaminy sports team review and update.
- Presentation: James Maloney, Science Teacher.
  - 2016 Summer Tour of 26 National Parks, 5 State Parks sponsored by a Toyota Partnership.
  - Several NHS students informed the public of their innovative and worthwhile ideas, which they derived from Mr. Maloney's trip. Toyota ultimately funded all of them with a \$10,000 grant.

Mr. Pirritano thanked Mr. Maloney for all his hard work and congratulated him on his recent engagement.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Consent Calendar:**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

1. Board Meeting Minutes of September 13, September 27, and October 5, 2016.

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the September 13, September 27, and October 5, 2016, Board minutes. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said minutes by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays. (Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris were not present.)

**Consent Agenda**

**Finance and Personnel:**

1. Treasurer's Report - September, 2016
2. Check Register - September, 2016
3. Budget Transfers
4. Investments
5. Personal and per capita tax exonerations
6. Personnel Actions

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the Finance and Personnel Reports, items 1 through 6.

Mrs. Hollenbach seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the Finance and Personnel Report by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays. (Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris were not present.)

**Master Motions:**

- 1) **Motion: American Education Week**

Mr. Rudy read the following motion:

**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK  
November 13 - 19, 2016**

**WHEREAS**, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, public schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, public education employees work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools are community catalysts, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors hereby proclaims November 13 - 19, 2016, as the 95<sup>th</sup> annual observance of American Education Week.

Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays. (Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris were not present.)

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve Master Motions 2 - 6.

2) **Motion: Request for Sunday Facility Usage**

**WHEREAS**, according to Board Policy #800, Facilities/Fields may not be scheduled on Sundays without School Board approval;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors approves Sunday usage for the following event:

- Neshaminy Valley Music Theatre, Inc. for use of the Neshaminy High School Auditorium, Black Box Theatre, Classrooms and Hallways for their Annual Musical Production – Sunday, April 2, 2017.

3) **Motion: Overnight Trips**

**WHEREAS**, according to Board Policy #618, trips extending overnight are permitted by authorization of the Board of School Directors only;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors approves the following overnight trips:

- Neshaminy High School Boys' and Girls' Cross Country Teams to the PIAA State Cross Country Championship, November 4-5, 2016 – Hershey, PA
- Neshaminy High School Student Council to the PA Association of Student Council's Yearly State Conference, November 10-12, 2016 – Deer Lakes High School, Cheswick, PA
- Neshaminy High School Girls Basketball Team to the Boardwalk Classic Basketball Tournament, December 29-30, 2016 – Wildwood Convention Center, NJ

4) **Motion: Special Education Agreement**

**WHEREAS**, the Neshaminy School District has entered a private and confidential agreement with the family of student 783016;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy School District will fund educational programming as specified in said agreement.

5) **Motion: Approval of Job Description for Director of Operations**

**WHEREAS**, the job description for the Director of Facilities has been revised and rewritten to include expanded responsibilities under the title of Director of Operations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors hereby approves the new job description for the Director of Operations.

6) **Approval of License Agreement with the Township of Lower Southampton**

**WHEREAS**, the Neshaminy School District has entered into a License Agreement discussion with the Township of Lower Southampton; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensor owns and occupies certain property, including athletic fields and parking areas located adjacent to Licensee's municipal complex, which Licensee wishes to enter upon and use for the purposes herein described in the agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, Licensor is willing to permit Licensee to enter and use for said purpose that certain property

described in Terms and Conditions hereinafter set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors hereby approves the license agreement as set forth by the Board Solicitor.

Ms. Boyle seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved motions 2 through 6 by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays. (Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris were not present.)

**Solicitor Report**

Mr. Profy recommended that the Board settle pending 2001 through 2016 Tax Year Assessment Appeals of Cresta Family Limited Partnership and Lighthouse Holdings, LLC. as follows:

Cresta Family Limited Partnership  
Lighthouse Holdings, LLC

Settlement Assessment

22-005-011-009	\$13,325.00 - 2001 Tax Year Assessment
	\$12,538.00 - 2002 Tax Year Assessment
	\$12,251.00 - 2003 Tax Year Assessment
	\$11,624.00 - 2004 Tax Year Assessment
	\$44,233.00 - 2005 Tax Year Assessment
	\$43,069.00 - 2006 Tax Year Assessment
	\$41,128.00 - 2007 Tax Year Assessment
	\$42,321.00 - 2008 Tax Year Assessment
	\$44,146.00 - 2009 Tax Year Assessment
	\$51,803.00 - 2010 Tax Year Assessment
	\$54,237.00 - 2011 Tax Year Assessment
	\$52,376.00 - 2012 Tax Year Assessment
	\$53,355.00 - 2013 Tax Year Assessment
	\$52,916.00 - 2014 Tax Year Assessment
	\$56,497.00 - 2015 Tax Year Assessment
	\$55,494.00 - 2016 Tax Year Assessment

Mr. Congdon made a motion to settle pending 2001 through 2016 Tax Year Assessment Appeals of Cresta Family Limited Partnership and Lighthouse Holdings, LLC.

Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays. (Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris were not present.)

Mr. Congdon made a motion to approve the overnight trip of the Neshaminy High School Boys' and Girls' Cross County Teams to the PIAA State Cross Country Championship, November 4-5, 2016 to Hershey, PA.

Mr. Rudy seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of 7 ayes and 0 nays. (Mr. Feather and Mr. Morris were not present.)

**Other Board Business**

None.

**Public Comment**

Steve Rodos, retired, resident of Villages of Flowers Mill, congratulated the students who spoke about recycling bottles. He also thanked Mr. Jones and the staff members of the Educational Development Committee for the information about PSSA testing. He urged the public to attend committee meetings, which provide valuable

information about the district. Mr. Rodos suggested that the public should get updates on previous questions that they have presented.

John McGinley, President of the Neshaminy Educational Support Organization, asked Mrs. Markowitz to explain a line on the check register.

**Board Comment**

Mrs. Markowitz said the line on the check register refers to the mechanic supervisor.

Mr. Pirritano apologized to his constituents that he was absent from a prior board meeting; however, it was unavoidable. He said he would have voted with Mrs. Hollenbach and Mr. Feather and he regrets that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Congdon commended Rachel and Matt and Mr. Hastings for the announcement regarding the Veterans Day commemoration. He also thanked Mr. Maloney for his presentation.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Congdon moved the meeting be adjourned and Mrs. Hollenbach seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Condon adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Burns  
Board Secretary