

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

SPECIAL MEETING/PUBLIC WORK SESSION MINUTES
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
May 3, 2016

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in special meeting/public work session on May 3, 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. 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:

Mr. Mike Morris

OTHERS: Approximately 100 persons from the public, staff and press

SECRETARY: Mrs. Jennifer Burns

SOLICITOR: Thomas J. Profy, III, Esquire

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

Mr. Congdon called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Announcements

Prior to the Special Board Meeting/Public Work Session Meeting, the Annual Neshaminy Employee Long Term Service Awards and Retirees Recognition Program was held.

Recognition Awards - The Annual Neshaminy Employee Long Term Service Awards and Retirees Recognition Program, which was held prior to the Special Board Meeting/Work Session) included the Neshaminy High School Select Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Kristin Nichols, performing three musical selections. The following long term service awards were presented to certified and support staff members for 15, 20, 25, and 30 years of service. Also invited were the retirees for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

15 Years of Service - Employees received a ceramic box inscribed with the Neshaminy School District seal. 43 employees have completed 15 years of service.

20 Years of Service - Employees received a gold filled lapel pin inscribed with the Neshaminy seal. 21 employees have completed 20 years of service.

25 Years of Service - Employees received a 6" silver plated bowl engraved with their name. 36 employees have completed 25 years of service.

30 Years of Service - Employees received a brass hand bell engraved with their name. 18 employees have completed 30 years of service.

35 Years of Service - Employee received a 10" silver plated bowl engraved with their name. 1 employee has completed 35 years of service.

Retirees for the 2015 – 2016 school year – Employees received a cloisonné pin with the Neshaminy Seal. There were 24 retirees which included (certified and support staff) members.

4. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Hancock advised the Board on the following:

- Poquessing Middle School Select Choir under the direction of Mr. Jason Leigh
- Mr. Ryan Brennan from Reynolds Construction gave an update on the Tawanka Construction
- Mr. Mike Lillys and Mr. Marc Stein reviewed the Bond Parameters Resolution
- Dr. Mike Masko and Dr. Larry Martin from the BCIU #22 gave a Power Point Presentation on the Second 5-8 Program Evaluation Report

5. Public Comment

Deb Harker, resident of Langhorne, asked the Board to consider proposal 9B in the Redistricting Plan, which she says makes more sense geographically for the present and the future.

Angela Clark, accounting clerk, resident of Langhorne Manor, asked the Board to consider proposal 9D in the Redistricting Plan. She feels that keeping Langhorne Manor and Langhorne Borough children together and sending them all to Tawanka would make the transition easier.

Lisa Bowman, resident of Langhorne, stated that many players on the boys' basketball team wish their feelings to be considered in the choice of the basketball coach. She stated that there is overwhelming support for John Mason to be chosen as head coach.

Steve Rodos, retired, resident of Villages of Flowers Mills, asked the Board if there are any new educational programs being discussed or planned. He also congratulated Mr. Sullivan for the courage and integrity he displayed during the vote to close Oliver Heckman.

Craig Hitchen, resident of Langhorne, said it is inevitable that the problem of redistricting can become an issue over and over again in the future as displayed by past history. He said that he feels the 9D proposal makes more sense and asked the Board to select that proposal.

Coleen Afanassieu, employee of the Pizzeria Uno Franchise, resident of Langhorne, asked the Board to keep the children from Tareyton Estates at Herbert Hoover Elementary School to minimize the disruption.

Chris Fokel, resident of Langhorne, said the transition to middle school for her fifth grader has been a positive experience. She commented that she would like to see more consistency in using the iPads for homework assignments, etc. Ms. Fokel stated that she hopes that all the Heckman students will remain together when assigned to a new school.

Craig Hitchen, resident of Langhorne, asked the Board to carefully consider the busing schedules for the former Heckman children keeping in mind safety concerns.

6. Items for Approval Tonight

a) Approval of Option D for Redistricting

Motion: Approval of Option D for Redistricting

Mr. Congdon read the following motion:

WHEREAS, The Board Facilities and Finance Committee, based on the closures of Oliver Heckman and Lower Southampton Elementary School, is recommending option 9-D for the purpose of redistricting students; and

WHEREAS, Option 9-D takes into consideration the geographical location of students, the current building and district enrollment numbers and the consideration of limiting

the number of students needing to be redistricted; and

WHEREAS, Students from Oliver Heckman will be redistricted only between the new Tawanka and Pearl S. Buck Elementary Schools, thus allowing for student clusters to stay together; and

WHEREAS, Students from the census code areas encompassing the Old Tawanka Elementary School will be redistricted to the new Tawanka Elementary School; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Neshaminy School Board of Directors chooses option 9-D for the redistricting of students as a result of the Oliver Heckman and Lower Southampton Elementary School Closures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administrators of the School District are herewith authorized and directed to take any and all actions required to carry this Resolution and into effect.

Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion.

Mr. Pirritano made a motion to replace option 9D with option 9B.

Mr. Feather seconded the motion.

Mr. Congdon called for a roll call vote and the tally indicated the motion failed by a vote of 4 ayes, (Mr. Congdon, Mr. Feather, Mrs. Hollenbach, and Mr. Pirritano) and 4 nays, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Sanna, and Mr. Sullivan.) (Mr. Morris was not present.)

Mr. Congdon called for a roll call vote on option 9D and the tally indicated that the motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Congdon, Mr. Feather, Mrs. Hollenbach, Mr. Pirritano, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Sanna, and Mr. Sullivan.) and 0 nays. (Mr. Morris was not present.)

b) **Head Basketball Coach Appointment from the Table (see attached)**

Motion: Appointment of Head Basketball Coach

Dr. Hancock stated that the administration continues to recommend Mr. Tingle as the head coach of the Neshaminy basketball team. Dr. Hancock also stated that due to timing sensitivity, the vote must be taken tonight or the team will miss several opportunities to participate in the spring league.

Mr. Congdon made a motion to appoint Mr. Tingle as the head coach of the Neshaminy basketball team.

Mrs. Hollenbach seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of 8 ayes, and 0 nays. (Mr. Morris was not present.)

7. Adjournment of Meeting

Mr. Congdon moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Congdon adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

PUBLIC WORK SESSION

1. Call to Order

Mr. Congdon called the meeting to order at 8:45 p.m.

2. Items for Approval at the May 17 Public Board Meeting

- a) Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22 Special Education Contracted Services for 2016 - 2017
- b) Approval of Confidential Special Education Agreement
- c) Appointment of Treasurer
- d) Bucks County Technical High School Budget for 2016 - 2017
- e) Deputy Tax Collector for Hulmeville Borough
- f) Adoption of the 2016 - 2017 Proposed Final Budget
- g) Budget Transfers

Mr. Congdon stated that items A through G will be agenda items at the May 17 Public Board Meeting.

3. Committee Reports

a) Board Policies

Ms. Boyle advised the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 26 at 6:30 p.m.

b) Educational Development

Ms. Boyle informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

c) Finance/Facilities

Mr. Congdon advised the Board that at the last meeting they discussed the refinancing of the bond. The next meeting is scheduled for May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

d) IU Board

Ms. Boyle informed the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for May 17.

e) Education Foundation

Mr. Rudy informed the Board that at the next meeting, which is May 9, the committee will be discussing scholarship applications. They earned \$2,000 from the Spring funder raisers. They are considering an agreement with Harris Alumni Directory to update their book, which was last done in 2004.

f) Technical School

Mr. Rudy advised the Board that at the last meeting they approved the budget with a 2% increase. Mr. Congdon stated that the Technical School Budget will be added to the agenda of the Finance and Facility Committee Meeting

g) Technology

Mr. Feather advised the Board that the date of the next meeting has not yet been set.

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 is scheduled for May 9.

4. Public Comment

Mark Shubin, sales executive, resident of Langhorne, voiced his opposition to the PSSA testing procedures.

He said the district needs to take a position to change the testing program because 2 1/2 weeks of testing and no instructions during that time is extremely unreasonable and not in the best interest of the students.

5. Future Topics

Mr. Congdon said the testing procedures will be on the future agenda for the Legislative Committee.

6. Board Comment

Mrs. Hollenbach thanked the Poquessing Select Choir for their enjoyable presentation. Mrs. Hollenbach also thanked the administration for the redistricting plans.

Mr. Pirritano said that plans for new educational programs will be reviewed after the budget process is completed. He congratulated the Poquessing Select Choir for the presentation and also mentioned congratulations to the High School Select Choir and the teachers who received service awards.

Mrs. Markowitz addressed a previous question about an item on the check register for STA, which was listed as mechanics and drivers, clarifying that it was only for drivers.

Dr. Hancock welcomed Joseph Rischow in the position of the new purchasing supervisor. Dr. Hancock said the PSSA tests are state mandated and any changes must come from the state legislature. She said there is validity to the tests and it is important to have the correct balance to the procedure. Dr. Hancock announced that the 2nd Five through Eight Model evaluation will be posted on the website. She also mentioned that there is additional information on redistricting on the website. Dr. Hancock said a status update on the STEAM program will be presented at the Educational Development Committee meeting on May 24 and then at a Board meeting. Dr. Hancock said good progress is being made on the Academic Enrichment Program.

Mr. Congdon said that the savings realized from the consolidation project will be put into adding educational programs and he looks forward to implementing this. He concluded by stating that the Legislative Committee will have the state mandated testing on the agenda for discussion.

7. Adjournment of Meeting

Mr. Congdon moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Feather seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Congdon adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary

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| 5/3/2016 | | | NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT | | | | | |
| Originally submitted 4/19/2016 | | | Langhorne, PA | | | | | |
| | | | EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES | | | | | |
| | | | 2016-2017 | | | | | |
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| | | | | | CODE: | E-Certified or Support Employee | | |
| Appointments | | | | | | N - Coach only | | |
| LAST NAME | FIRST NAME | CODE | Location | ASSIGNMENT | SEASON | SALARY | | |
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| Tingle | Mark | N | NHS | Basketball - Head Coach (2016-17) | W16-17 | \$6,185.00 | | |
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| Total | | | | | | \$6,185.00 | | |
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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
OF BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
OF NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act of 1986, July 3, P.L. 388, No. 84, as amended, that the Board of School Directors of Neshaminy School District will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the District Offices, Board Room of Maple Point Middle School, 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road, Langhorne, PA 19047.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is to consider and to act upon the Redistricting of Elementary School Attendance Areas affected by the closures of Oliver Heckman Elementary School and Lower Southampton Elementary School and the opening of the new Tawanka Elementary School and personnel matters, including but not limited to, the appointment of a Varsity High School Head Coach.

Members of the public are invited to attend and participate in this Special Meeting as permitted by Law.

The Public Works Section of the Board scheduled and advertised for Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Special Meeting.

Dated: April 29, 2016

Jennifer Burns, Secretary
Board of School Directors of
Neshaminy School District

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

IN RE: May 3 2016, 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Neshaminy School District

Debby Spadaccino, having been duly sworn does depose and say:

that she is the Assistant Secretary of the Neshaminy School District, and that she did, on April 29, 2016, cause Notice of the Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Neshaminy School District, to consider and act upon the proposed Redistricting of Elementary School Attendance Areas and personnel matters, including but not limited to, the appointment of a Varsity High School Head Basketball Coach, a copy of which is annexed as Exhibit "A" to be posted at a conspicuous location at the main entrance of the School Administration portion of Maple Point Middle School, 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road, Langhorne, Pennsylvania and that said Public Notice has been conspicuously posted at said location from the date of posting through the date of this Affidavit.

Debby Spadaccino

Debby Spadaccino,
Assistant Secretary
Neshaminy School District

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 4th day of May, 2016.

Sharon L. Santi

NOTARY PUBLIC

