

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
December 2, 2013

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public session on December 2, 2013, in the District Board Room, at Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

ADMINISTRATORS:

Mr. Robert L. Copeland
Mr. Don Harm
Dr. Gloria Hancock
Mrs. Barbara Markowitz
Mrs. Theresa Hinterberger
Mr. Anthony Devlin

INCOMING BOARD MEMBER:

Mr. Ronald Rudy

OTHERS: Approximately 65 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

None

Public Comment

None

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Copeland advised the Board that there was nothing new to report at this time.

Reorganization of the Board of School Directors

a) **Administering of Oaths of Office**

The loyalty of oaths of office was administered to Mr. Mike Morris, Mr. Ronald Rudy, Ms. Irene Boyle, and Mr. Scott Congdon by District Justice John Waltman.

b) **Election of Temporary President**

Mr. Webb requested nominations be presented for Temporary President for the reorganization of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors. Mr. Shubin nominated Mr. Sposato 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. Mr. Sposato was unanimously elected Temporary President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors.

c) **Certificates of Elections Read**

Mr. Sposato read the certificates of elections for Mr. Morris, Ms. Boyle, Mr. Rudy, and Mr. Congdon.

d) Election of President

Mr. Sposato made a motion to open nominations for President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors and Mr. Morris seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved said motion. Mrs. Cummings nominated Mr. Congdon and Mr. Pirritano seconded the nomination. Mr. Shubin nominated Mr. Webb and Mr. Webb respectfully declined the nomination. Mr. Rudy nominated Ms. Boyle. Mr. Webb nominated Mr. Morris. Mr. Sposato nominated Mr. Shubin.

Mr. Shubin moved that nominations for President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed and Mr. Webb seconded the motion. The Board unanimously moved that nominations for President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed.

Mr. Profy noted that each Board member can only vote for one nominee.

Mr. Sposato requested a roll call. The roll call tally indicated that Ms. Boyle received 3 votes, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Rudy, and Mr. Webb.) Mr. Congdon received 3 votes, (Mr. Congdon, Mrs. Cummings, and Mr. Pirritano.) Mr. Morris received 1 vote, (Mr. Morris.) Mr. Shubin received 2 votes, (Mr. Shubin and Mr. Sposato.)

Mr. Sposato requested another roll call. The roll call tally indicated that Ms. Boyle received 4 votes, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rudy, and Mr. Webb.) Mr. Congdon received 4 votes, (Mr. Congdon, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Pirritano, and Mr. Sposato.) Mr. Shubin received 1 vote, (Mr. Shubin.)

Mr. Sposato requested another roll call. The roll call tally indicated that Mr. Congdon was elected President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors for 2014, by a vote of 5 votes for Mr. Congdon, (Mr. Congdon, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Pirritano, Mr. Shubin and Mr. Sposato) and 4 votes for Ms. Boyle, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Morris, Mr. Rudy, and Mr. Webb.)

e) Election of Vice-President

Mr. Congdon made a motion to open nominations for Vice-President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors and Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved said motion. Mr. Congdon requested nominations be presented for Vice-President of the Neshaminy School Board of Directors. Mr. Congdon nominated Ms. Boyle and Mr. Rudy seconded the nomination. Mrs. Cummings nominated Mr. Shubin and Mr. Webb seconded the nomination. Mr. Webb nominated Mr. Morris and Mr. Congdon seconded the nomination.

Mr. Congdon moved that nomination for Vice-President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed and Mr. Sposato seconded the motion. The Board unanimously moved that nominations for Vice-President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed.

Mr. Congdon requested a roll call. The roll call tally indicated that Ms. Boyle was elected Vice-President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors for 2014, by a vote of 5 votes for Ms. Boyle, (Ms. Boyle, Mr. Congdon, Mr. Shubin, Mr. Sposato, and Mr. Webb) 3 votes for Mr. Morris, (Mr. Pirritano, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Rudy) and 1 vote for Mr. Shubin, (Mrs. Cummings.)

f) Administering of Oaths of Office

The loyalty of oaths of office was administered to Ms. Irene Boyle and Mr. Scott Congdon by District Justice John Waltman.

Motion: Appointment of Solicitor

Mr. Congdon 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 attached.

Mr. Shubin seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 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 2014 – 2015 school year.

Motion: Approval of Meeting Schedule

Mr. Congdon read the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors must adopt and publish a schedule of Public Meetings for 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached 2014 School Board Meeting Calendar be adopted by the Neshaminy Board of School Directors.

Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved said motion by a vote of 9 ayes, and 0 nays.

Other Board Business

Mr. Webb announced his resignation from the Neshaminy School Board to devote more time to his family effective December 31, 2013. He said it has been a privilege serving the Neshaminy School District and it is something he will always cherish and be proud of. Mr. Webb thanked the Board members and members of the community for their support and asked that they continue to support Mr. Congdon and the Board in the future.

Public Comment

Mr. O'Connor, employee of a New Jersey non-profit association, resident of Middletown Township, congratulated Mr. Congdon and Ms. Boyle on their election to the positions of Board President and Vice President. He recognized Mr. Webb for his outstanding leadership as Board President over the past five years stating that he kept the Board united in order to accomplish what needed to get done.

Mr. Larry Pastor, business executive, resident of Middletown Township, congratulated Mr. Congdon and Ms. Boyle stating that he looks forward to their leadership on the Board. He commended Mr. Webb for his service to the Board and remarked that his actions always centered on what was best for the children of Neshaminy. Mr. Pastor said Mr. Webb's legacy has been to keep the focus on the community and the students. He concluded by thanking Mr. Webb for his friendship, counsel and his sincerity.

Mr. Howard Lindner, resident of Langhorne, retired teacher, described Mr. Webb as a "mountain of a man." He said Mr. Webb has always been steady and firm in his actions and thoughts towards the community. Mr. Lindner thanked Mr. Webb for his service.

Board Comment

Mr. Shubin congratulated Mr. Congdon and Ms. Boyle and thanked Mr. Webb for his support for Neshaminy over the past ten years. He said he has guided Neshaminy well and he is a role model for the community.

Mr. Sposato stated that the community owes a tremendous debt to Mr. Webb for his competent service. He thanked Mr. Webb for his advice and guidance during his time on the Board. Mr. Sposato said he will look to Mr. Webb for advice in the future.

Mrs. Cummings said that Mr. Webb is an example of why elected Board members are dedicated to serving the community. She thanked Mr. Webb for his long hours of service and dedication to Neshaminy saying that he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Webb for being a great mentor. He said that Mr. Webb has taught the Board members to be transparent with the community and he stated that these values will continue to be observed in the future.

Mr. Pirritano congratulated Mr. Congdon and Mrs. Boyle. He remarked that Mr. Webb's leadership greatly influenced him to become more involved in Neshaminy. He applauded Mr. Webb for reaching out to members of the community for their ideas and opinions and thanked him for his counsel and said he will also continue to look to him in the future for guidance.

Ms. Boyle thanked Mr. Webb for his leadership and for always supporting the Board members.

Mr. Rudy thanked Mr. Webb for his time and service.

Mr. Congdon said Mr. Webb has been a rock to the Neshaminy School Board and the remaining members will do their best to continue to move Neshaminy forward in a positive direction. He wished Mr. Webb luck in his future endeavors.

Mr. Copeland congratulated Mr. Congdon and Ms. Boyle. He commented that Mr. Webb's hard work ethic is certainly true and well acknowledged, but he should also be recognized for his intellect and knowledge that he has brought to the Neshaminy School Board and to the community. He concluded by saying that Mr. Webb will be greatly missed.

Mr. Pirritano reminded the community to support the Neshaminy Redskins Football team who will be playing at Northeast High School on Saturday, December 7, 2013 for the conference championship against St. Joe's Prep.

Mr. Webb thanked everyone for their kind words and remarked that his accomplishments were a result of the entire Board working together in harmony.

Mr. Congdon welcomed Mr. Rudy to the Board and asked the Board to applaud Mrs. Jennie Webb for her support during Mr. Webb's service to the Board.

Adjournment

Mr. Congdon moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Pirritano seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Congdon adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary