

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
(PUBLIC MEETING)
September 26, 2006

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public session on September 26, 2006, in the Board Room of the Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Richard M. Eccles, President
Mrs. Sue C. Barrett, Vice President
Mr. Joseph R. Blasch
Mr. Jason Bowman
Ms. Irene M. Boyle
Mrs. Susan Cummings
Mr. Frank J. Koziol
Dr. William H. Spitz
Mr. Ritchie Webb

ADMINISTRATORS:

Mr. Paul J. Kadri
Dr. Louis T. Muenker
Dr. Sandra Costanzo
Mr. Joseph V. Paradise
Ms. Jacqueline Rattigan

SECRETARY:

Mrs. Anita E. Walls

SOLICITOR:

Thomas Profy, III, Esquire

OTHERS: Approximately 12 persons from the public, staff and press

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

No announcements.

Public Comment

Mr. Steve Rodos, Villages of Flowers Mill, Langhorne, PA, wished to address several issues:

- Internet hook-up with Bucks County Community College
- Grants for laptop computers in the High School
- Full day kindergarten in the elementary schools
- Smaller classroom size

Mr. Rodos was in support of full day kindergarten and believes that smaller classroom size would greatly improve proficiency.

Mr. Marvin Dickler, Villages of Flowers Mill, Langhorne, PA, publicly stated that the community of Flowers Mill felt left out for the selection of people to the Tax Study committee. Several members from the community with diversification applied. Mr. Dickler does not know of any other community within the district that have been paying more attention and provided more positive help than from the Villages of Flowers Mill. Mr. Dickler wished to know why there was no individual chosen from the Flowers Mill community.

Student Representative Report

Miss Arriel DeLuca and Miss Stephanie Esposito provided the following report:

- Homecoming is scheduled for October 14 at 1:00 p.m.
- SAT's have been scheduled for later this year

- Winter ball is being researched
- October 12th – Assembly for 12th graders – Suicide Prevention
- October 13th – Assembly for 11th and 10th graders – Suicide Prevention
- All sports teams are doing well
- October 28th – Kaleidoscope of Bands – 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Kadri advised that the Back to School Night feedback is very good and he had the privilege of attending several of the elementary Back to School Nights. Mr. Kadri advised that Mr. Marotto is providing an Excel spreadsheet of issues from the High School Construction project and control of the project is going extremely well. Mr. Kadri noted that Ms. Sheila Murphy has advised that Neshaminy has been recognized for the sixth consecutive year for Athletic Sportsmanship. No other school has achieved this honor.

Mr. Kadri advised that the Neshaminy Education Foundation will be holding the annual Fall Fundraiser on Friday, October 13, 2006 at Kings Caterers from 7-11 p.m. and tickets are \$30.00 per person. All proceeds benefit the Neshaminy Education Grant Program. Ticket information can be obtained from Kathy at (215) 752-6428.

Mr. Kadri announced that the Education Development Committee will be meeting on October 5th to discuss the 2006 PSSA results at 6:30 p.m. in the Board room.

Mr. Kadri advised that at the meeting held on September 12th the Board voted on Discipline Policy #505. In reviewing the policy with the principals it was discovered that a paragraph was inadvertently omitted, however, the paragraph was contained in the draft which was distributed and reviewed by Board members. A motion will be made to rectify the issue.

Mr. Kadri responded to Mr. Dickler regarding the selection to the Tax Study commission. The selections were made by Mr. Kadri completely without knowledge of names or locations. Each region would be represented by three members. One retired person was selected from each region. There was no intent to exclude or include any specific group. Occupation, age, income and gender were then used to select the other individuals. Mr. Kadri presented the random selection of individuals to the Board and it was so accepted by the Board.

Mr. Kadri responded to Mr. Rodos regarding the internet connections. Bucks County IU#22 is brokering low cost high speed internet connection for school districts. There was a very competitive bid process and it is not yet ready to be awarded. Also, Mr. Kadri stated that he is being briefed on the laptop initiatives through the state of Pennsylvania. Discussions are still in the process. The Board and the Administration will be having discussions regarding Technology in the upcoming weeks.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Walls presented the minutes of the August 22, 2006 and September 12, 2006 public meetings. Upon motion of Mr. Koziol and seconded by Mrs. Cummings, the Board approved the minutes of the August 22, 2006 and September 12, 2006 public meetings. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Approval of Treasurer's Report, Check Registers, Investments, and Exonerations of Personal and Per Capita Tax

Mr. Paradise presented the following for approval:

- August, 2006 Treasurer's Reports, subject to audit
- Check Register – August, 2006
- Investments for Approval
- New Investments for Approval
- Personal and Per Capita Tax Exonerations – July and August, 2006 with 1,698 requests for exoneration

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Mr. Paradise wished to advise the Board that by switching the bank accounts to Citizens Bank it has been extremely profitable for the district. Overnight investments are receiving 5.3% interest. The district is also free of certain bank charges.

Mr. Blasch moved the August, 2006 Treasurer's Reports, subject to audit, Check Registers for August, 2006, Investments for Approval, New Investments for Approval and Personal and Per Capita Tax Exonerations for the month of July and August, 2006. Mr. Koziol seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the Treasurer's Reports, subject to audit, check registers, and investments.

Certified and Support Personnel Reports

Dr. Muenker presented the following for approval:

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

Ms. Boyle moved the personnel report be accepted. Ms. Cummings seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the personnel report.

Federal Programs

Mr. Kadri advised that the Federal grants to date total \$2M.

Mr. Profy advised that it was necessary for the Board to approve a motion to confirm that the policy adopted was the policy which included the inadvertently omitted paragraph to which the Superintendent alluded to previously in the meeting.

Motion: Policy #505 Paragraph Inclusion

Dr. Spitz presented the following motion:

WHEREAS, the Neshaminy Board of School Directors confirms that Discipline Policy #505 which was adopted at the September 12, 2006 Neshaminy School Board Meeting was to include a paragraph which was inadvertently omitted from the policy, however, was provided to all Board members in the draft form of said policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Neshaminy Board of School Directors wishes to include the paragraph which was inadvertently omitted from Discipline Policy #505.

Mr. Webb seconded the motion.

The Board unanimously approved the motion.

Adjournment of Meeting

Mr. Koziol moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. Bowman seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Eccles adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Anita E. Walls
Board Secretary