

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
December 22, 2010

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public session on December 22, 2010, in the Harry M. Dengler, Jr. Performing Arts Center at Maple Point Middle School. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Ritchie Webb, President
Mr. Kim Koutsouradis, Vice President
Ms. Irene M. Boyle
Mr. Scott Congdon
Mrs. Susan Cummings
Mr. Richard M. Eccles
Mr. Mike Morris
Mr. William D. O'Connor
Mr. William Oettinger

ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Louis T. Muenker
Dr. Jacqueline Rattigan

BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:

OTHERS: Approximately 40 persons from the public, staff and press

SECRETARY: Mrs. Jennifer Burns

SOLICITOR: Thomas J. Profy, III, Esquire

Mr. Webb announced that prior to the meeting an Executive Session was held from 6:05 p.m. until 7:18 p.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Webb called the meeting to order at 7:23 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

None

Public Comment

Charles Alfonso, semi-retired sales executive, Langhorne, said in reference to the sale of the Neshaminy Middle School, he wants it understood that the money from the sale is a capital credit. It is not to be used for payroll or other purposes. It should go toward the deficit and to the children. Mr. Alfonso also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Steve Rodos, semi-retired, Villages of Flowers Mill, Langhorne, expressed his hope for achieving a fair price for the sale of Neshaminy Middle School. He also said that he would like to see the money go towards education for the Neshaminy students. Mr. Rodos stated that the money can be put to good use with many worthwhile programs such as computer programs for elementary schools.

Motion: Approval of an Agreement of Sale

Mr. Webb presented the following motion:

At the Special Meeting of the Board of School Directors of Neshaminy School District ("School District") for which notice was duly given, held on the 22nd day of December, 2010, at the Maple

Point Middle School Auditorium, 2250 Langhorne-Yardley Road, Langhorne, Pennsylvania, upon Motion duly made and seconded,

IT IS RESOLVED that the School District enter into the Agreement for Purchase of Real Estate dated December 16, 2010, hereinafter ("the Agreement") for the sale by the School District of that certain lot or tract of ground and the existing structures and buildings located thereon commonly known as Neshaminy Middle School situate in Middletown Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania and containing forty (40) acres more or less along Langhorne-Newtown Road - Route 413 and being Bucks County Uniform Parcel Identifier Tax Parcel No. 22-004-007-1 to St. Mary Medical Center for the sum of Six Million (\$6,000,000) Dollars in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Resolution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Solicitor of the School District are hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the School District and under its corporate seal or otherwise to execute the Agreement for Purchase of Real Estate and such other documents and other affidavits and to take such further actions as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the Agreement and intent of this Resolution, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Solicitor of the School District are hereby authorized and directed to petition the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County for approval of the Agreement in accordance with and subject to the conditions set forth in Section 707 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and within the time provided and conditions contained in the Agreement.

This Resolution adopted this ____ day of _____, 2010.

ATTEST:

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Jennifer Burns, Board Secretary

By: _____
Ritchie Webb, President

Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion.

Mr. Webb requested a roll call tally. The tally indicated the motion passed by a vote of nine ayes (Mr. Webb, Mr. Oettinger, Mr. Connor, Mr. Morris, Mr. Koutsouradis, Mr. Eccles, Mrs. Cummings, Mr. Congdon, and Ms. Boyle) and zero nays.

Other Board Business

None

Public Comment

Steve Rodos, semi-retired, Villages of Flowers Mill, asked what the terms of settlement are for the sale of Neshaminy Middle School. He asked for additional information such as when will settlement occur, how much will be put down, and will zoning be changed.

Larry Pastor, Business Executive, Langhorne, urged the Board to be completely transparent regarding the 6.6 million dollars in capital income as it relates to the 2011-2012 budget. He requested that the Board explain the direction of this income and confirm that it is, indeed, capital income and will not be used towards operating costs.

Mr. Profy stated that it is stated in the resolution the contract of sale will be submitted to the court for approval on or before March 1, 2011. It is anticipated that closing will take place within 15 months. There are provisions in the agreement for the buyers getting approval from the township for the planned use of the property.

Board Comment

Mr. Morris noted that he will not support any action that will allow any part of the 6.6 million dollars to be used towards the NFT.

Mr. O'Connor thanked Mr. Webb for his hard work in initiating the sale of the Neshaminy Middle School and he stated that it is an example of Mr. Webb's fine leadership.

Mr. Webb said that the community is fortunate to have a good corporate neighbor such as St. Mary Medical Center. He said this is a positive event for the community because it will create new jobs and will be providing a service to the community. Mr. Webb affirmed that the district has a 40 million dollar estimated capital improvement need; therefore, the 6.6 million dollars will be used towards those needs and will not be used elsewhere.

Adjournment

Mr. O'Connor moved the meeting be adjourned and Mrs. Cummings seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Webb adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Burns
Board Secretary