

NESHAMINY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Langhorne, Pennsylvania

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING MINUTES
CONTINUATION OF
REORGANIZATION MEETING
NESHAMINY BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
December 8, 2008

The Neshaminy Board of School Directors met in public session on December 8, 2008 Auditorium at Herbert Hoover Elementary School. The following persons were in attendance:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Ritchie Webb, President
Mr. Frank Koziol
Mr. Richard M. Eccles
Mr. Joseph R. Blasch
Ms. Irene M. Boyle
Mrs. Susan Cummings
Mr. Kim Koutsouradis
Mr. William O'Connor
Dr. William H. Spitz

ADMINISTRATORS:

Dr. Louis T Muenker
Dr. Sandra Costanzo
Mr. Joseph V. Paradise
Dr. Jacqueline Rattigan
Dr. Geeta A. Heble

SECRETARY: Mrs. Anita E. Walls

SOLICITOR: Michael Fitzpatrick, Esquire

OTHERS: Approximately 25 persons from the public, staff and press

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment

Mr. Steve Rodos, Villages of Flowers Mill, Langhorne, PA, advised that he attended the Middletown Township Supervisors meeting and they have agreed to move their meeting days from the second and forth Tuesdays to the first and third Tuesday as to not to conflict with the Neshaminy School Board meetings. Mr. Rodos asked them to change the days. Mr. Rodos stated that the education goal of Neshaminy School District is to catch Council Rock, Central Bucks and New Hope, etc. at the top end of the PSSA test scores rather than to be content with being grouped with Pennsbury, Bensalem and Morrisville and those who come along after Neshaminy. Our responsibility is to give to the 9,000 students the best education while at the same time try to stabilize the costs. 35% of houses owned by senior citizens turn over to younger families, these families should be aware that Neshaminy School District is constantly trying to raise the quality of education. A prospective purchaser will go to a perceived quality school district before they will buy a nice home in a bad district. They do this because they are convinced that the education of their children is primary in their minds. We should also be convinced of that. The School Board can cause real estate values to decline by allowing the perceived value of the school district to fall. It takes money well spent to accomplish this goal. In Mr. Rodos' opinion full day kindergarten is money well spent and this has been backed by Dr. Rattigan's report.

Mr. Webb announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting in order to discuss personnel issues.

Continuation of the Reorganization of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors – In accordance with the State Code, the Board continued its reorganization meeting.

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Mr. Webb requested a motion to open nominations. Mr. O'Connor made a motion to open nominations. Mr. Blasch seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved said motion.

Election of Vice-President – Mr. Webb requested nominations be presented for Vice President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors. Mrs. Cummings nominated Mr. Koutsouradis. Mr. Koziol seconded the nomination. Mr. O'Conner nominated Mr. Blasch. Ms. Boyle seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Webb moved the nominations for Vice President of the Neshaminy Board of School Directors be closed. Mr. Koziol seconded the motion to close. The Board approved the motion to close nominations with nine ayes.

Mr. Webb requested a roll call vote for Mr. Koutsouradis as Vice-President of Neshaminy School Board. The Board approved Mr. Koutsouradis as Vice-President of the Neshaminy School board by a vote of five ayes (Mr. Koziol, Mr. Koutsouradis, Mr. Eccles, Mrs. Cummings, and Mr. Webb) and four nays (Dr. Spitz, Mr. O'Connor, Ms. Boyle, Mr. Blasch).

Mr. Webb congratulated Mr. Koutsouradis on his appointment as Vice-President.

Adjournment

Dr. Spitz moved the meeting be adjourned and Mr. O'Connor seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Webb adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita E. Walls
Board Secretary