

MINUTES OF THE REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PIESGROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, JANUARY 5, 2017 AT THE MARY SHOEMAKER SCHOOL LIBRARY AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Rizzo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Rizzo then led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

READING OF STATEMENT OF NOTICE

Mr. Rizzo read aloud the following: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the South Jersey Times, Elmer Times, Borough of Woodstown Municipal Hall, Township of Piles Grove Municipal Hall, general offices and faculty rooms of the district's four schools, the school district's central office, and with the Borough of Woodstown Clerk and the Township of Piles Grove Clerk.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Bates (videoconference), Mr. Iocona, Mr. Kelty, Mr. Kinney, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Mr. Pennal, Mr. Rattigan, Mrs. Spence-Lacy, Dr. Stanton, Mr. Zigo.

Members absent: None.

Also Present: Mr. Thomas A. Coleman, Jr., Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Frank A. Rizzo, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Administrators Present: None.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS AND APPOINTED SENDING DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Rizzo administered the oath of office to the newly elected Board Members: Robert Iocona, Julie Stanton, and Travis Zigo, and Sending District Representatives: Richard C. Morris (Alloway) and Michael Kinney (Upper Pittsgrove).

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Rizzo, asked for a motion to opened the floor for nominations for the Office of President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Rattigan, and carried 11-0 that the Board of Education open the floor for nominations for the Office of President.

Mr. Pennal nominated Pat Bates as President.

Mrs. Miller nominated Mark Kelty as President.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Rizzo asked for a motion to close the floor for nominations for the Office of President.

Moved by Mrs. Spence-Lacy, seconded by Mrs. Miller, and carried 11-0 that the Board of Education close the floor for nominations for the Office of President.

A paper ballot for President was handed out to each Board member and collected by Mr. Rizzo. Mr. Rizzo then read aloud the results as follows:

Mr. Iocona votes for Pat Bates
Dr. Stanton votes for Mark Kelty
Mr. Kinney votes for Pat Bates
Mr. Pennal votes for Pat Bates
Mr. Kelty votes for Mark Kelty
Mr. Zigo votes for Pat Bates
Mrs. Spence-Lacy votes for Mark Kelty
Mr. Morris votes for Mark Kelty
Mr. Rattigan votes for Pat Bates
Mrs. Miller votes for Mark Kelty
Mr. Bates votes for Pat Bates

Mr. Bates receives 6 votes; Mr. Kelty receives 5 votes.

Motion that the Board of Education approve Pat Bates as President of the Board of Education for a term of one year, commencing January 5, 2017 and until their successor is elected and shall qualify.

Motion made by: Robert Iocona

Motion seconded by: Floyd Pennal

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

Floyd Pennal – Yes

Ronald Rattigan – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Julie Stanton – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes
Mark Kelty – Yes

Due to Mr. Bates not being physically present to take over the meeting, Mr. Rizzo continued and asked for a motion to open the floor to nominations for the Office of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Moved by Mrs. Miller, seconded by Mr. Pennal, and carried 11-0 that the Board of Education open the floor for nominations for the Office of Vice-President.

Mr. Pennal nominated Robert locona as Vice-President.

There being no further nominations, Mr. Rizzo asked for a motion to close the floor for nominations for the Office of Vice-President.

Moved by Mrs. Spence-Lacy, seconded by Mr. Pennal, and carried 11-0 that the Board of Education close the nominations for the Office of Vice-President.

Motion that the Board of Education approve Robert locona as Vice-President of the Board of Education for a term of one year, commencing January 5, 2017 and until their successor is elected and shall qualify.

Motion made by: Floyd Pennal
Motion seconded by: Michael Kinney
Patrick Bates – Yes
Robert locona – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Ronald Rattigan – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Julie Stanton – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes
Mark Kelty – No

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY

Motion that the Board of Education, approve, by resolution, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-5, the appointment of Mr. Frank A. Rizzo, as Board Secretary effective immediately until his resignation date of January 16, 2017, and thereafter Mr. Andrew Eubanks as Interim Board Secretary, effective January 17, 2017 through the remainder of his contracted service of September 30, 2017.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller
Motion seconded by: Michael Kinney
Patrick Bates – Yes
Robert locona – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Ronald Rattigan – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Julie Stanton – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes
Mark Kelty – Yes

CODE OF ETHICS TRAINING - Mr. locona reviewed the Code of Ethics attachments with the Board.

Motion to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the New Jersey School Boards Association "Code of Ethics" shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional Board of Education.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller
Motion seconded by: Valerie Spence-Lacy
Patrick Bates – Yes
Robert locona – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Ronald Rattigan – Yes
Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes
Julie Stanton – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes
Mark Kelty – Yes

ADOPTION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Motion to authorize the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times be adopted as the official newspapers to be used for the advertisement of meetings and legal ads and all other necessary public notifications for 2017.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Floyd Pennal

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert locona – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

Floyd Pennal – Yes

Ronald Rattigan – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Julie Stanton – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

Mark Kelty – Yes

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT/ESTABLISH MEETING DATES, TIME AND PLACE

Motion that the Board of Education approve the Open Public Meetings Act Resolution and Board of Education meeting dates for 2017 through to the next reorganization meeting in January 2018. (see page ___)

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Michael Kinney

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert locona – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

Floyd Pennal – Yes

Ronald Rattigan – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Julie Stanton – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

Mark Kelty – Yes

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Motion to approve the following resolution:

Except as may otherwise be provided by law, the proceedings of the Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional School District School Board shall ordinarily be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order; provided, that a failure to observe or enforce such rules shall in no manner affect the regularity, validity or legality of any action or proceeding taken by the Board. The School Board, in its discretion, hereby reserves the right to proceed at any time otherwise than as prescribed in Robert's Rules of Order and to appoint the board secretary and board attorney to act as the parliamentarians for 2017.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Ronald Rattigan

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert locona – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

Floyd Pennal – Yes

Ronald Rattigan – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Julie Stanton – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

Mark Kelty – Yes

BOARD POLICIES/REGULATIONS

Motion to adopt all existing Board Policies and Procedures.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Travis Zigo

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert locona – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

Floyd Pennal – Yes

Ronald Rattigan – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Julie Stanton – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

Mark Kelty – Yes

DOCTRINE OF NECESSITY

Motion to approve the Doctrine of Necessity resolution. (see page ____)

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Valerie Spence-Lacy

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

Floyd Pennal – Yes

Ronald Rattigan – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Julie Stanton – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

Mark Kelty – Yes

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING

Mr. Iocona reviewed with the Board the mandatory Board Member training requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Mr. Andrew Eubanks as the Purchasing Agent effective January 17, 2017 through the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year, with a bid threshold currently at \$29,000.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Floyd Pennal

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

Floyd Pennal – Yes

Ronald Rattigan – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Julie Stanton – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

Mark Kelty – Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by: Eileen C. Miller

Motion seconded by: Michael Kinney

Patrick Bates – Yes

Robert Iocona – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris – Yes

Floyd Pennal – Yes

Ronald Rattigan – Yes

Valerie Spence-Lacy – Yes

Julie Stanton – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

Mark Kelty – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Frank A. Rizzo
SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

Date

Signature /SBA