

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILES GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 25, 2020, AT 6:00 P.M. THE MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY THROUGH GOOGLE HANGOUTS DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HEALTH CLOSURE.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

READING OF STATEMENT OF NOTICE

Mrs. Miller 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.

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Miller then led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Carney, Dr. Carr, Mrs. Chiarelli, Mr. Kinney, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Dr. Nielsen (arrived at 6:20 p.m.), Mr. Pennal, Mrs. Thomas, Ms. Wojciechowski and Mr. Zigo.

Members absent: None.

Also Present: Mrs. Virginia M. Grossman, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Rose Wang Chin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Administrators Present: Mr. Senior, Ms. Pessolano, Ms. Cioffi, and Mrs. Martinez.

INSTRUCTION/CURRICULUM

Agenda items were discussed with clarification of the following:

- Ms. Wojciechowski questioned various fundraising items.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

Agenda items were discussed and clarified.

- Mrs. Grossman clarified new staff hires.
- Mrs. Grossman thanked the Negotiations Committee and WPAA on their hard work and collaboration to achieve WPAA ratification.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE

Mrs. Chin made the following statement:

For the motion on our agenda tonight pertaining to the School Security Services Bid, I want to make a statement in the interest of transparency for our public audience and our community.

The State of New Jersey provides rules when it comes to how school districts and the Business Offices deal with public funds. Specifically, the purchasing rules are as set forth by the New Jersey Public School Contract Laws (18A:18A) and the New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C 5:34).

Our Board attorney reviewed the two low security bids that were received on May 13, 2020. Upon thorough review, our attorney confirms that the lowest responsible bid was submitted by Allied Universal. The bid submitted by Allied Universal is compliant with the specifications and is consistent with the law.

In summary, purchasing rules are in place so that school districts and Business Offices handle public funds prudently. Hence, by law, and per guidance from our Board attorney, we have a motion on this agenda to recommend the award of the Security Bid to Allied Universal."

Mr. Zigo inquired whether all rules were followed for the Security Bid. Mrs. Chin confirmed that the rules were followed.

Agenda items were discussed with clarified.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION I

The Open Public Meetings Act allows the Board to enter into executive session for confidential matters (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b). Matters discussed in executive session will remain confidential until such time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion that the Board of Education enter into executive session, by resolution, to discuss legal matters. It is expected that the executive session will last approximately 20 minutes. The Board will reconvene in open public session immediately following. Formal action may be taken as a result of the executive session. 6:23 p.m.)

Motion made by: Nelson Carney

Motion seconded by: Amy Wojciechowski

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes

Richard Carr – Yes

Maricia Chiarelli – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris, Jr., - Yes
Anne Nielsen – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Shonta Thomas – Yes
Amy Wojciechowski – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Motion to resume the public portion of the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Motion made by: Anne Nielsen
Motion seconded by: Floyd Pennal

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes
Richard Carr – Yes
Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris, Jr., - Yes
Anne Nielsen – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Shonta Thomas – Yes
Amy Wojciechowski – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

The Board took a 15 minute break in preparation for the 7:00 p.m. Regular Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Motion made by: Richard C. Morris, Jr.
Motion seconded by: Maricia Chiarelli.

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes
Richard Carr – Yes
Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris, Jr., - Yes
Anne Nielsen – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Shonta Thomas – Yes
Amy Wojciechowski – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rose Wang Chin
SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

Date

Signature /SBA