

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILES GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE WILLIAM ROPER SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 211 EAST LAKE ROAD, PILES GROVE, AND REMOTELY THROUGH GOOGLE HANGOUTS.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Carney, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

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

READING OF STATEMENT OF NOTICE

Mr. Carney 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: Nelson Carney, Maricia Chiarelli, Michael Kinney, Richard C. Morris, Jr., Robert Scardino, Jeffrey String (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Shonta Thomas (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), and Travis Zigo.

Members absent: Richard Carr, Victoria Haddad, and Eileen C. Miller.

Also Present: Steven Crispin, Interim Superintendent and Acting SBA/BS

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 personnel matters. It is expected that the executive session will last approximately 30 minutes. The Board will reconvene in open public session immediately following. Formal action may or may not be taken as a result of the executive session. 7:05 p.m.)

Motion made by: Robert Scardino

Motion seconded by: Michael Kinney

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes

Maricia Chiarelli – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Richard C. Morris, Jr. - Yes

Robert Scardino – Yes

Jeffrey String – Yes

Shonta Thomas – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Motion to resume the public portion of the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Motion made by: Robert Scardino

Motion seconded by: Michael Kinney

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes

Maricia Chiarelli – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Richard C. Morris, Jr. - Yes

Robert Scardino – Yes

Jeffrey String – Yes

Shonta Thomas – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

Motion to approve the following as recommended by the Superintendent:

Daphne Vastey (replacement for Whitmore) as a French Teacher. Salary - MA, Step 13 (\$72,178). Start date to be determined, pending receipt of proper certification credentials.

Extra period stipend for Daphne Vastey for the 2021-2022 school year at \$4,500.00.

Motion made by: Robert Scardino

Motion seconded by: Michael Kinney

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes

Maricia Chiarelli – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Richard C. Morris, Jr. - Yes

Robert Scardino – Yes

Jeffrey String – Yes

Shonta Thomas – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

Motion to approve the following as recommended by the Superintendent (voting not applicable to sending district representatives):

Approval of Jennifer Hildebrand as Principal of the William Roper Early Childhood Center effective 9/8/2021. Salary \$107,547.

Anthony Petruz as a Dean of Students at the Mary Shoemaker School with a salary of \$77,000.00. Start date to be determined.

Whitney Widger as a Teacher of Students with Disabilities at the Mary Shoemaker School, at MA+30, Step 11 \$66,376.00. Start date to be determined.

Approval of the following staff for the Pre-School Program at the Roper School: (start dates within the program to be determined)

- Shelly Cortes – Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher at BA, Step 11 \$61,304.00
- Rachel Norman – Full-Time Paraprofessional at Para, Step 1 \$20,476.00
- Nessa Oswald – Full-Time Paraprofessional at Para, Step 1 \$20,476.00
- Aly Gilmore – Full-Time Paraprofessional at Para, Step 1 \$20,476.00
- Maria Eisenhart - PK Teacher with no change in step and salary.
- Maria Lucas - PK Teacher with no change in step and salary.
- Gina Buggy - PK Teacher at BA Step 1 \$54,453.00
- Kelly DeCicco- PK Teacher at BA Step 1 \$54,453.00

Motion made by: Robert Scardino

Motion seconded by: Michael Kinney

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes
Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
Robert Scardino – Yes
Jeffrey String – Yes
Shonta Thomas – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – Mrs. Diane Cioffi, Mary Shoemaker Principal, introduced several new staff members and was very excited about the Prek expansion program.

IMPORTANT DATES

- September 23, 2021 – Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at WRS MPR with a virtual component.
- October 28, 2021 - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at WRS MPR with a virtual component.
- November 18, 2021 - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at WRS MPR with a virtual component.
- December 16, 2021 - Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at WRS MPR with a virtual component.
- January 6, 2022 – Reorganization Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at WRS MPR with a virtual component.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Motion made by: Maricia Chiarelli

Motion seconded by: Robert Scardino

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes
Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Richard C. Morris, Jr. - Yes
Robert Scardino – Yes
Jeffrey String – Yes
Shonta Thomas – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Steven Crispin
Acting SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

_____ Date

_____ Signature SBA/BS