

REGULAR MEETING January 22, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, New Jersey, was held at the Jonathan Dayton High School Instructional Media Center-First Floor on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:05 P.M.

President’s Statement: Pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, the Board Secretary caused notice of the meeting to be given to the public and the press on April 24, 2006.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes.

Present: Mr. Anthony Delia, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Lloyd Grossman, Dr. David Hollander, Mrs. Judith Millman, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Fran Sandler, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

Also

Present: Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent
Mr. Matthew Clarke, Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
Mrs. Ellyn Atherton, Director of Human Resources

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. MINUTES

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mr. Sablosky, to approve the following minutes:
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Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

4. PUBLIC SESSION (7:07 PM)

There were no comments or suggestions from the public at this time.

5. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Davino reviewed the following items:

- a. Senator Kean, Assemblyman Bramnick and Assemblyman Munoz addressed the Board and members of the public regarding current legislation being proposed, and/or acted on by the State Legislature.

The Board President opened the meeting for Public Comment at 7:42 PM.

Comments/questions ended at 7:49 PM.

The following members of the public asked questions of Senator Kean, Assemblyman Bramnick and Assemblyman Munoz –

- a. Beth Manes
- b. Raul Rego

- b. District Holiday Greeting Card Winners were recognized by the Board
 - 1. Samantha Addis, Walton
 - 2. Amanda Zambrana, Walton
 - 3. Ariana Arias, Walton
 - 4. Karina Rivera, Walton
 - 5. Robyn Deneroff, Walton
 - 6. Wilsa Francois, Walton
 - 7. Bridget Burns, Caldwell
 - 8. Taylor Friedman, Caldwell
 - 9. Julianna Ginefra, Sandmeier
 - 10. Naomi Karlin, Sandmeier
 - 11. Lea Ginefra, Gaudineer
 - 12. Remy Schneier, Gaudineer
 - 13. Jesse Alava, Dayton
 - 14. Lucy Liu, Dayton

6. BILL LIST

Moved by Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval of computer checks numbered 016007 through 016179 and wire transfers 800027 and 888898 in the amount of \$3,098,540.92 minus voided check numbers 015733 and 015953 in the amount of \$281.99 for a grand total of \$3,098,258.93.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

7. BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT

Moved by Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval of the Board Secretary’s Report dated December 31, 2006 and that it be received and placed on file.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

8. TREASURER’S REPORT

Moved by Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval of the Treasurer’s Report dated December 31, 2006 that it be received and placed on file.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

9. LINE ITEM TRANSFERS

Moved by Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mr. Delia, approval of the transfer of funds from and to the following line item accounts as designated. (Attachment A)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

10. BOARD’S MONTHLY CERTIFICATION

Moved by Mr. Sablosky, seconded by Mr. Delia, that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (e) and after review of the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s monthly financial reports and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, I move the Board certify that to the best of its knowledge as of December 31, 2006 no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6:20-2.13 (b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

12. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the appointment of personnel on the attachment. (Attachment B)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

13. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TEAM

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to authorize the creation of an Affirmative Action Team to conduct a needs assessment and develop a comprehensive equity plan.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

14. HOME INSTRUCTION FACILITY

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, I move to approve entering into a contract with *Stepping Forward Counseling Center*, 184 East Northfield Road, Livingston, NJ as a home instruction facility at the rate of \$65/hour and for a maximum of 2 hours/day for the 2006-07 school year beginning January 23, 2007.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

15. MODEL U.N. OVERNIGHT TRIP

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the following overnight field trip –

- Model UN – John Hopkins Model UN Conference Baltimore, MD (March 1-4, 2007)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present. MOTION CARRIED

16. TUITION GRANT

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, I move approval of the attached personnel for following courses as being eligible for Tuition Grant reimbursement and applicable for advancement on the guide. (Attachment C)

Yeas: Mr. Anthony Delia, Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Lloyd Grossman, Dr. David Hollander, Mrs. Judith Millman, Mrs. Fran Sandler, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mrs. Jacqueline Shanes

Abstention: Mr. Irwin Sablosky MOTION CARRIED

17. PUBLIC SESSION (8:26-8:46 PM)

The following members of the public had comments or suggestions about student recognition(s) and absence entries/protocal:

- Tracey Brownstudder
- Amy Roth
- Dana Stone
- Mindy Moss

18. NEW BUSINESS

- a. A production of “Defending the Cavemen” will be presented at Jonathan Dayton on February 3rd with proceeds benefiting the Walton playground fund.
- b. Some Board members attended a UCSBA program regarding – High School American Diploma requirements
- c. Carole Larsen, NJSBA field representative will be retiring. Ms. Larsen has been instrumental in facilitating positive change in the State and particularly Springfield. At a later date, the Board will recognize her efforts

19. ADJOURNMENT 8:51 PM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Meeting February 5, 2006 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS.

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary