

REGULAR MEETING MAY 14, 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, May 14, 2007 at 7:30 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 23, 2007.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Mrs. Judith Millman.

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

Also

Present: Mr. Michael Davino, Superintendent
Mrs. Hillary Corburn, Assistant 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:

Regular Meeting April 23, 2007
Reorganization Meeting April 23, 2007

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

4. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

a. Mr. Davino announced the following Student Recognitions:
15 of Joanne Geller’s 7th Grade Communication Arts students are having their Holocaust poems published in *A Celebration of Young Poets*
Music in the Parks Festival for FMG students

Strings ensemble: 1st place with good rating
Concert Band: 2nd place with good rating
Concert Choir: 1st place with excellent rating
Elizabeth Karan, 7th grader, *Outstanding Vocal Soloist* award

Christopher Ostenfeld will receive the *Union County Student Recognition Award*
Kathryn Marx, has received a \$30,000 scholarship to RIT
Arianna Reuven received the *Gold Key Award in Computer Art*

a1. Mr. Davino announced the following Staff Recognition:
Gifted and Talented teacher, Bonny Collins, has been selected to be a *Gifted Child Society Fellow*

b. Mr. Steven Wolcott, President of the Springfield Education Foundation, provided an overview of the Grant Awards at each of the five district schools

c. Mr. Davino reviewed information previously presented during the 2007-08 budget review. Board members commented on the overview.

5. PUBLIC SESSION (8:31 PM - 9:45 PM)

The following members of the public had comments or concerns regarding the various budget reductions, laptops and negotiations.

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| Candace Schiano | David Emland |
| Marilyn Korman | Tom Miscowitz |
| Michele Downey | Jason Usdin |
| Jason Playvo | Jordan Gilham |
| Diane Wisnewski | |

The Board called for a 15 minute recess (9:45 PM – 10:00 PM).

6. PUBLIC SESSION (10:00 PM - 10:45 PM)

The following members of the public had comments or concerns regarding the various budget reductions and negotiations.

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| Rose Crosby | Michael Malgeri |
| Cynthia Ubay | Denise Bloom |
| Pam Webb | Robin Meleno |
| Bobbi Pollack | |

MOTION TO EXTEND PAST 11:00 PM

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Venezia, to extend the meeting past 11:00 PM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC SESSION (10:45 PM - 11:45 PM)

The following members of the public had comments or concerns regarding the various budget reductions and negotiations.

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| Pat MacDonald | Amy Demast |
| Paul Synder | Heather Wells |
| Jason Usdin | Jordan Gelband |
| Risa Yesowitz | Juanita Lawrence |
| Kim Volt | Jeannie Perrotota |

7. PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Nays: Mr. Anthony Delia

MOTION CARRIED

8. STAFF APPOINTMENTS 2007/2008

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Sandler, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of certificated and non-certificated staff appointments for the 2007 - 2008 school year. (Attachment B)

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

Nays: Mr. Anthony Delia

MOTION CARRIED

9. PUBLIC SESSION (11:46 PM -1:01 AM)

The following members of the public had comments or concerns regarding the various budget reductions and it's impact on students:

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| Dana Stone | Michele Downey | |
| Candace Schiano | Susan Satter | |
| Risa Yesowitz | Debbie Allen | Tom Laguna |

10. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Miss Duke, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, approval of the attached personnel travel for Professional Development. (Attachment C)

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

11. SUMMER SCHOOL 2007

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Miss Duke, approval of the 2007 Summer School Curriculum.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

12. SPEECH SERVICES

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Miss Duke,, approval authorizing the Springfield Board of Education to revise the agreement with *Mary Femenella, Maplewood, NJ* to provide Speech Services for the 2006 – 2007 school year at an hourly rate of \$100.00/hr not to exceed 5.0 hours/week.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

13. SHARE COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Miss Duke, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, I move to approve entering into a contract with the *Share Communication, LLC, Westfield, NJ* to provide Speech/Language Services at the rate of \$110/hour, for the 2006-07 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

14. SPEECH LANGUAGE SERVICES

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Miss Duke, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, I move to approve entering into a contract with *Helene Sarnell*, to provide Speech/Language Services at the rate of \$80/hour and for a maximum of 1/day per week for the 2006-07 school year.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

15. BOARD MEETINGS 2007/2008

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Miss Duke, to approve the revised annual scheduling of Board Meetings as per attachment D. (Change is from January 21, 2008 to January 28, 2008).

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

16. TECHNOLOGY PLAN

Moved by Mrs. Venezia, seconded by Mrs. Shanes, approval to submit to New Jersey Department of Education the 3 Year Technology Plan 2007 – 2010.

Yeas: Miss Linda Duke, Mr. Lloyd Grossman, Mr. Irwin Sablosky, Mrs. Fran Sandler, Jacqueline Shanes, Mrs. Patricia Venezia, Mrs. Judith Millman

Nays: Mr. Anthony Delia, Dr. David Hollander

MOTION CARRIED

17. PUBLIC SESSION (1:11 AM)

There were no comments from the public at this time.

18. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Retirement dinner, representation by the Board of Education
- b. President is looking for a representative of the Board to serve on the Community Conference
- c. Representation by Board members at next year's Back to School Night
- d. Union County Scholar Athlete Representative
- e. Reminder to all to send questions/comments/requests to Board President
- f. President responding to all requests will create a situation where immediate response is not possible, please be patient
- g. Somerset Patriot Game presentation to Mr. Slate

19. CLOSED SESSION (1:22 AM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mr. Grossman, to suspend the rules of the order of business of the Regular Meeting and adjourn to closed conference session for the reasons contained in the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel, legal matters, student discipline and negotiations which are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting and which are within the exemptions permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231, it is therefore

RESOLVED that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in private session by this Board and the administrative staff and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

20. CLOSED CONFERENCE ITEMS

1. Legal
2. Personnel
3. Negotiations

21. RECONVENE (1:45 AM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Sandler, approval to reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

22. ADJOURNMENT (1:46 AM)

Moved by Miss Duke, seconded by Mrs. Sandler, to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 AM.

Yeas: Unanimous by all Members present.

MOTION CARRIED

Next Regular Meeting May 21, 2007 at 7:30 PM in the IMC at JDHS.

Matthew A. Clarke
Business Administrator/Board Secretary