

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON JUNE 23, 2009.

**HACKENSACK BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING
APRIL 28, 2009**

The Reorganization Meeting of the Hackensack Board of Education of the City of Hackensack, was called to order by Ms. Hayer at 7:30 PM and a roll call indicated the following:

Present: Mr. Frank Albolino
 Mr. Philip Carroll
 Ms. Jeanne Dressler
 Mr. Jonathan Gilmore
 Ms. Carolyn Hayer
 Ms. Tenya Pierce
 Mr. Modesto Romero

Also Present: Dr. Edward Klizus, Superintendent
 Dr. Robert Gamper, Assistant Superintendent
 Dr. Joseph Cappello, Interim Business
 Administrator/Board Secretary

Announcement of Notice

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Hackensack Board of Education has issued advance notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and location of the meeting posted in the Board of Education Administration Building at 355 State Street, and mailed to The Record, and The County Seat. The notice was also filed with the Clerk of the City of Hackensack and sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them.

Comments

Dr. Cappello, Board Secretary, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to organize.

Ms. Hayer called for the appointment of Dr. Cappello as Temporary Chairman.

Moved by: F. Albolino
Seconded by: M. Romero
Action taken: 9-0

Mr. Gilmore noted that he would like the administration to provide the board with a summary of the programs and/or procedures in place to ensure the district's Equal Education Opportunity policies were being followed and goals were being met.

Motion – to develop a schedule to review certain policies

Moved by Mr. Gilmore Seconded by Ms. Hayer - Motion was defeated 4 to 5.

14. Approval of Schedule of Board Meetings
15. Affirmative Action Officer and Comprehensive Equity Plan
16. Title IX Coordinator
17. Section 504 Compliance Officer
18. ADA Coordinator
19. Appointment of District Purchasing Agent
20. Appoint Integrated Pest Management Coordinator

Mr. Gilmore asked Dr. Gamper to provide the board with a summary of the Comprehensive Equity Plan at a later board meeting.

Moved by: J. Dressler
Seconded by: M. Romero
Action taken: 9-0

6. Board Attorney

Ms. Pierce asked why we were changing attorneys as Viola Lordi always provided updates and corrected practices that we were doing incorrectly. We did not have a need for a labor attorney. Ms. Lordi was competent and had a good knowledge of school law. We went through a long process to interview attorneys.

Ms. Hayer indicated that we never had a problem with Ms. Lordi over billing. She sent us periodic updates regarding the new accountability regulations. She had a high expertise with school law.

Approve the appointment of Monica Peck of the firm Schenck, Price, Smith, and King, LLP of Morristown, New Jersey, as Special Education Counsel for the 2009-2010 school year.

Moved by: F. Albolino
Seconded by: P. Carroll
Action taken: 9-0

Approve the appointment of Viola Lordi of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, as General Counsel; and Lester Taylor of Florio, Perucci, Steinhardt and Fader, as Labor Counsel for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Gilmore stated that in his opinion Ms. Lordi and Mr. Taylor provide the district with specific expertise and experience in School Law gained by their specialization in School Law and their service to other Boards of Education and for that reason they should be reappointed.

Moved by: J. Gilmore
Seconded by: T. Pierce
Action taken: 3 ayes, 6 nays

Approve the appointment of Richard Salkin as General Counsel for the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Gilmore noted that in his opinion, Mr. Salkin, by not specializing in school law and not having served on other boards of education, lacked the specific expertise and experience in school law necessary to provide the best available legal services to the district relating to school law.

Moved by: M. Romero
Seconded by: P. Carroll
Action taken: 6 ayes, 3 nays

Appointment of Committees

President Albolino announced that Committees will be appointed at a future meeting.

Comments from Board Members and Superintendent

Mr. Romero congratulated the new Board Members.

Ms. Pierce congratulated the new Board Members. We got a lot done on a positive note and would like to see more good things accomplished.

Ms. Hayer congratulated the new Board Members.

Mr. Gilmore congratulated the new Board Members and Mr. Albolino and Mr. Romero. He looks forward in working with the new Board.

Mr. Gilmore noted that although there is a perception in the community that the reporting in The County Seat is less than fair and balanced, since it is free, is widely distributed, and there seems to be no comparable alternative with respect to price and distribution, he was OK with approving The County Seat.

Mr. Carroll congratulated the new Board Members. He thanked all the people who voted. He congratulated Mr. Albolino and Mr. Romero and believes we can all work together.

Ms. Dressler congratulated the new Board Members and Mr. Albolino and Mr. Romero.

Mr. Albolino congratulated the new Board Members. He welcomed Mr. Mortorano back to the Board because in 1966 Mr. Mortorano was the Student Representative.

Dr. Klizus congratulated the new Board Members and mentioned there is a lot of work to do and the Board has been very successful. All the events and meeting that he attended has impressed him that Hackensack is a fabulous place.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

At this time Ms. Hayer presented plaques to Ms. Bemby and Ms. Parham and thanked them for their service to the Board, District and Students.

Both Ms. Bembry and Ms. Parham thanked the Board and everyone involved for the fine time they spent as Board Members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vida Story congratulated the new Board Members and the out-going Board Members and spoke about her poster contest to be held on May 13th.

Sylvia Hughes great to see so many people in attendance and that continue to attend board meetings. She thanked Dr. Kliszus for the meeting to the Middle School. She looks forward to a stimulating year.

Mr. Galvis congratulated the new Board Members and wished them a successful year. He was glad to see Mr. Salkin back.

Jack Zisa had the privilege of serving and thanked Ms. Parham and Ms. Bembry and Ms. Hayer. He believes the Board will continue to move forward. He congratulated the new Board Members and looks forward to many good things ahead working in a sense of unity and harmony.

Ms. Parchment congratulated everyone on the Board especially the new Board Members. Ours is a model school district with everyone working together and looks forward to a bright future where everyone is working together for the children. She congratulated Ms. Parham and Ms. Bembry.

Tom Padilla congratulated the new Board Members and Phil Carroll, He is the Youth Division Commander and enjoys working with the children. He commented about Mark Stein attending all athletic events, and Bob about his interviews. He congratulated Frank Albolino and Modesto Romero and thanked Jackie Parham and Rhonda Bembry. He thanked Joy Dorsey-Whiting, Andrea Parchment and Mark Porto for the successful Youth Academy. He would like to see everyone working together for the children.

Ken Zisa congratulated the new Board Members, the new Board President and Vice President and Board Attorney. He thanked Sylvia Hughes for passing out the agenda. As Police Chief he has noticed how the Board of Education and Police Department have worked together. The Police appreciate what you do as parents and residents. You do a great job.

Adjournment of Reorganization Meeting

Reorganization Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM. Moved by J. Gilmore, seconded by J. Dressler, passed 9-0.