

Work Session 12 February 2020

The Board of Education of the Borough of Lodi, New Jersey, convened to hold a Work Session, 12 February 2020, at the Board of Education Meeting Room, Lincoln School, 8 Hunter Street, Lodi, New Jersey, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mr. Marc N. Schrieks, Board President who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following statement was read by Mr. Schrieks:

"The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Lodi Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof sent and/or published in the Herald News, Bergen Record, Office of the Borough Clerk, and the entrance to the Board of Education Meeting Room."

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Trustees Delgado, Salvacion, K. Mastrofilipo, Ramos, A. Mastrofilipo, Scorzetti, Cardone, Telep, and Schrieks.

Also present were: Dr. Douglas J. Petty, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Matthew Giacobbe and Mr. Mark Wenczel, Board Attorneys, Rosalia Mykietyn, Recording Secretary (February 2020), and Mr. James Sekelsky, Business Administrator/Board Secretary (viewing only)

The Board reviewed and discussed the following items contained in the meeting brochure for the Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday February 26, 2020:

Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting 22 January 2020

Trustee A. Mastrofilipo remarked that the minutes have been very vague and questioned if more details is required. The Board Attorney and Mr. Sekelsky reassured the Board that the District's minutes are in compliance as they record all motions and votes that occur at the meetings.

Communications

None

Hearing of Citizens

None

Resolutions

Bills

Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report (Month of January 2020)

Budgetary Line Item Status Monthly Certification (Month of January 2020)

Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status Monthly Certification
(Month of January 2020)

Cash Report
(Month of January 2020)

Secretary/Business Administrator's Special Report

Mr. Sekelsky presented the Board Secretary's report and responded to Board members inquiries regarding certain.

Superintendent of Schools Monthly Report

Dr. Petty introduced Mr. Roberto Mendez, the newly appointed Supervisor of Special Services, to the Board Members. Mr. Mendez addressed the Board and expressed his eagerness to work with the District.

Dr. Petty the presented his report to the district with the following comments.

Item#2 from the Personnel section of the report will be tabled and not be discussed in Closed Session this evening. This item will be discussed in Closed Session on February 26, 2020.

Items#6 & 8 from the Personnel section of the report will be tabled/removed until the Board can meet in Committee or Closed Session for further discussion.

Item#4 from the Other Items section of the report will be tabled/removed until the Board can meet in Committee or Closed Session for further discussion.

Dr. Petty congratulated Allyson Pontier, Library Media Specialist at Washington School, on her retirement from the District.

Report of the President

President Schrieks informed the Board on the various events that will be taking place to the school for Dr. Seuss Day and encouraged the Board Members who have not volunteered as of yet for an event to do so.

President Schrieks also informed the Board Members that a meeting would be called in the near future to discuss budget and personnel processes/issues.

Report of Committees

Trustee A. Mastrofilipo reported that the Personnel Committee did not meet this month.

President Schrieks reported that Negotiation Committees have already met with several groups and several more were to meet by the end of the month.

President Schrieks delivered to the Board a list of the 2020 Committees and the 2020 Negotiation teams.

Old Business

Trustee A. Mastrofilipo questioned if there needed to be parameters set by Board for negotiating the various bargaining units in the district. The Board Attorney advised the Board that there is no New Jersey State Statute on setting parameters and they can go into Closed Session and he would advise the Board on best negotiating practices for the district and what their focus should be.

Trustee A. Mastrofilipo requested that the Board consider recognizing the members of the Superintendent Search Committee and possibly giving these volunteers plaques.

Trustee A. Mastrofilipo inquired as to who calls a committee to order and was advised that the chairperson should call their assigned committee.

Trustee A. Mastrofilipo and the Board attorney discussed the differences between AdHoc Committees and Standing Committees. The Board Attorney reviewed the District By-Law/Policy on these committees.

New Business

None

Hearing of Citizens

Karen Viscana, 18 Garden Street, Lodi, NJ- addressed the Board saying that after the Re-Organization Meeting at the beginning of the year she had hoped that the Board would have discontinued with the petty issues and concentrate on the more serious matters that involve student benefit.

Update on Thomas Jefferson Middle School Water Main Break:

Anthony Luna, Jr., Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds updated the Board on the water main break that occurred at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. This line was an original water main line that has slowly deteriorated over the year and has caused multiple issues in the school. In the past, there have only been minor/band aid type repairs to this water line. This issue has now caused more damage that needs to be addressed. A quote for repair has been obtained from our contacted plumber, Magic Touch, and the repair will need to be completed during a school recess since water will need to be closed to the school.

Due to the diligence of the Maintenance and Custodial Staff the school was able to remain open during the initial temporary repair and the students were provided an outsourced lunch and bottled water throughout the day.

Upon a motion by A. Mastrofilipo, seconded by Telep, and approved unanimously the recommendation that the Board enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel, Legal Guidance, and Contact Negotiations is hereby approved unanimously.

RECESS

The Board recessed at 8:12pm and went into closed session.

RECONVENE

The board reconvened at 8:50pm pm and entered in open public session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Salvacion, seconded by Delgado, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 pm.

THE PRECEDING IS A CONCISE STATEMENT INTERPRETED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY AND MAY NOT INDICATE THE PRECISE INTENT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAPED AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD SECRETARY.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert R. Brown
Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator

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