

**The Board of Education of the Borough of Lodi, New Jersey,  
Special Meeting, 8 October 2020, via ZOOM broadcast at 6:00 P.M.**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 P.M. by Mrs. Nancy Cardone, Board President who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Sunshine Law**

The following statement was read by Mrs. Cardone:

"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."

**IV. Roll Call**

	Present	Absent
Anderson	X	
Cima	X	
Delgado	X	
K.Mastrofilipo		X
Ramos		X
Salvacion	X	
Scorzetti		X
Telep		X
Cardone	X	
Superintendent of Schools Dr. Douglas J. Petty	X	
Board Secretary James R. Sekelsky	X	

Board Attorneys: Matt Giacobbe and Joe Garcia

Staff Member(s) Present: Mr. Roberto Mendez, Supervisor of Special Services, Mr. Anthony Luna, Jr., Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds.

## **V. Trustee Oath of Office**

- Jocelyn L. Anderson
- Laura E. Cima

Trustees were sworn in privately, as is their right. This was addressed by the Board Attorneys

## **VI. Hearing of Citizens**

Ryan Curioni-76 Liberty Street- 1) Last year, board trustee Sharon Salvacion took a \$4,000 campaign contribution from the NJEA. She also took a lot of money from other undesirables with financial interests before the district. Sharon Salvacion has already spent thousands of dollars on her current campaign and no reports are showing yet on the ELEC website. Members of the community should be made aware of where Sharon Salvacion is getting her money so they can monitor any conflicts of interest with her votes. Does Sharon Salvacion know who is funding her campaign? If so, she should disclose it to the public tonight. 2) Last month, I submitted a question and it received no response so I am resubmitting it: "This month, Northjersey.com reported that LEA president Francine Santos sent a letter to the superintendent seeking to have school buildings shut down immediately even though students are not even offered in person instruction. The teacher union president is the sister-in-law of Board President Nancy Cardone. Nancy Cardone has a long history of involving herself in matters that directly affect her family members employed in the Lodi schools. Nancy Cardone has often voted on items for her family members. Recently, Nancy Cardone was interjecting herself into the superintendent selection process even though she was prohibited due to conflicts. What measures does this administration have in place to prevent Nancy Cardone from involving herself in matters involving her son, her sister-in-law, her daughter-in-law, and other family members on the Lodi payroll? For instance, if Nancy Cardone approaches the superintendent to discuss any matters involving her relatives or teacher union demands, how would that be dealt with?"

Martiza Castro-Balboa- 294 Union Street- I would like to know what type of training did the school staff received not only concerning COVID but also the flu and other public health issues. Is properly PPE available for this matter, if so for how long? Any other plans that families can help and support?

Martiza Castro-Balboa- 294 Union Street- Is there any health representative within the board of education?

## **VII. Superintendent's Update on School Re-opening**

- Dr. Petty presented a slide show of the school re-opening

## **VIII. Board may enter into Executive/Closed Session for Personnel**

The Lodi Board of Education enters private session at 6:41 p.m. to discuss Personnel, which is exempt from public participation pursuant to New Jersey Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, "Open Public Meetings Act." Any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public when appropriate. Minutes of the private session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists. The Board will reconvene in public session at the conclusion of the closed session.

Motion of adopt: Delgado Seconded By: Cima

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	X		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	Absent		
Ramos	Absent		
Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	Absent		
Telep	Absent		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [x] Yes [ ] No

**IX. Return to Public Session**

Motion to the Board of Education to return to public session at 8:09 p.m.

Motion of adopt: Delgado Seconded By: Anderson

Vote was by voice and unanimous.

Motion to approve the appointment of **Barbara Maggio**, Roosevelt School Grade 3 Teacher, to Title I Teacher at Roosevelt School October 12, 2020. Salary shall remain at MA Step 11 in accordance with the labor agreement between the Lodi Education Association and the Lodi Board of Education.

**ACTION ITEM**

Motion to adopt: Delgado Seconded By: Cima

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Anderson	X		
Cima	X		
Delgado	X		
K.Mastrofilipo	Absent		
Ramos	Absent		

Salvacion	X		
Scorzetti	Absent		
Telep	Absent		
Cardone	X		

Motion Passed: [X] Yes [] No

**X. Discussion of Appointment of Broker of Record for District’s Health Insurance**

- No discussion took place

**XI. Adjournment Time: 8:11pm**

Motion to adopt: Delgado Seconded By: Anderson

Vote was by voice and unanimous.

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 AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD SECRETARY.

Respectfully submitted,



James R. Sekelsky  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator