

***THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA***

MINUTES

Meeting of: December 4, 2000

Call of the Meeting: Board Organization

Members Present: Mr. Brentley, Mrs. Fink, Mrs. Harris,
Mr. Isler, Mrs. Neiser, Mrs. Schmidt, Mr. Taylor,
Mrs. Wood, Mr. Matthews.
Present 9.

Members Absent: Absent 0.

The following matters were received and acted upon.

Actions taken are recorded following the reports.

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15213
Administration Building
341 South Bellefield Avenue

December 4, 2000

AGENDA

Election of Officers and Conduct General Business

TEMPORARY ORGANIZATION

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| 1. Election of Temporary President | Roll Call |
| 2. Election of Temporary Secretary | Roll Call |

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION

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| 1. Election of President | Roll Call |
| 2. Election of Vice Presidents | Roll Call |

ELECTION OF SECRETARIES AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND SETTING OF BONDS

Roll Call

ELECTION OF SCHOOL TREASURER AND DEPUTY SCHOOL TREASURER AND SETTING OF BONDS

Roll Call

NEW BUSINESS

Roll Call

ELECTION OF SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND SETTING OF BONDS

RESOLVED, That John W. Thompson be elected as Secretary of the Board of Public Education in addition to his other duties as Superintendent of Schools, without additional salary, and that bond for the office be set at \$250,000, the bond to be furnished at the cost of the Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Robert J. Stefanko, Richard R. Fellers, Peter J. Camarda and Stephanie L. Royal be elected Assistant Secretaries of the Board of Public Education in addition to their other duties as Solicitor, Executive Director of Business Affairs, Director of the Office of Budget Development and Management, and Assistant Solicitor, and that bonds for the offices be set at \$250,000 each, the bonds to be furnished at the cost of the Board.

**ELECTION OF SCHOOL TREASURER AND
DEPUTY SCHOOL TREASURER
AND SETTING OF BONDS**

RESOLVED, That Richard M. Fees, Treasurer of the City of Pittsburgh, be elected School Treasurer and that bond for the office be set at \$250,000, the bond to be furnished at the cost of the Board.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That Linda Kusner be appointed Deputy Treasurer upon recommendation of the Treasurer, the said Deputy to serve as designated by the School Treasurer and in accordance with the Public School Code, bond for the office of Deputy Treasurer to be set at \$250,000, the bond to be furnished at the cost of the Board.

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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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PITTSBURGH BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
BOARD ORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2000
5:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - BOARD ROOM

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BEFORE:

ALEX MATTHEWS, BOARD PRESIDENT
RANDALL TAYLOR, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
EVELYN NEISER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
MARK BRENTLEY
JEAN FINK
DARLENE HARRIS
WILLIAM ISLER
MAGGIE SCHMIDT
JEAN WOOD

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ALSO PRESENT:

DR. JOHN W. THOMPSON DR. PAULA BUTTERFIELD
DR. BRIAN WHITE DR. CURTIS WALKER
DR. DELPHINA BRISCOE MRS. LEE B. NICKLOS
MS. STEPHANIE ROYAL MR. PETER J. CAMARDA
MR. RICHARD R. FELLERS DR. PATRICIA CABREY
MRS. CLAUDIA HARPER-EAGLIN MRS. JOYCE MORELAND
MR. PHILIP B. PARR MRS. ERNESTINE REED
MS. CASSANDRA RICHARDSON-KEMP MR. RICHARD MASCARI

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PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTER

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 MR. MATTHEWS: Good evening.

3 I would like to call this meeting to order.

4 If we can all please stand to salute the
5 flag.

6 (Salute to the flag.)

7 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

8 At this time, I would like to have a roll
9 call, please.

10 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

11 MR. BRENTLEY: Here.

12 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

13 MS. FINK: Here.

14 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

15 MS. HARRIS: Here.

16 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?

17 MR. ISLER: Here.

18 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?

19 MR. MATTHEWS: Present.

20 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Neiser?

21 MS. NEISER: Here.

22 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Schmidt?

23 MS. SCHMIDT: Here.

24 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?

25 MR. TAYLOR: Here.

1 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?

2 MS. WOOD: Here.

3 MS. ROYAL: All nine members of the Board
4 are present, Mr. President.

5 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

6 Moving on to temporary organization, we
7 need to elect both a temporary president, and a
8 temporary secretary.

9 At this time, I would like to open up the
10 floor for the office of -- for the election of
11 temporary president.

12 MS. FINK: Mr. President I -- oh, I'm
13 sorry.

14 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Isler, had his --

15 MS. FINK: I'm sorry, I didn't see.

16 MR. ISLER: Mr. President, I would like to
17 nominate Alex Matthews, as temporary president.

18 MR. MATTHEWS: I decline.

19 MR. ISLER: Fine.

20 MS. FINK: I would like to nominate
21 Maggie Schmidt as temporary president.

22 MR. TAYLOR: Second.

23 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. It was made and
24 seconded.

25 Any other nominations?

1 Motion to close?

2 MS. WOOD: Move to close.

3 MR. MATTHEWS: Motion was made and -- to
4 close the nomination for the election of temporary
5 president, which has slated Maggie Schmidt.
6 And now we will deal with the roll call.
7 Oh, okay.
8 On the motion to elect Maggie Schmidt as a
9 temporary president, all those in favor signify by
10 saying aye.
11 (Thereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)
12 MR. MATTHEWS: All those opposed?
13 (No response.)
14 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay.
15 Any abstentions?
16 (No response.)
17 MR. MATTHEWS: Motion carries.
18 Now, moving to the election of the
19 temporary secretary.
20 MS. FINK: I would like to nominate
21 Randall, for temporary secretary.
22 MR. ISLER: Second.
23 MS. NEISER: Move that nominations be
24 closed.
25 MR. TAYLOR: Second.

1 MR. MATTHEWS: Nomination for the
2 secretary, temporary secretary, has been made, and
3 seconded, and closed.

4 At this time, I would like to take a poll
5 vote.

6 All those in favor of electing Randall as
7 the temporary secretary, signify by saying aye.

8 (Thereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)

9 MR. MATTHEWS: All those opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 MR. MATTHEWS: Any abstentions?

12 Motion carries. Okay.

13 And at this time I would like to ask the
14 president, to please come forward.

15 MS. SCHMIDT: Okay. I would like, the
16 floor is now open for nominations for president.

17 Mr. Taylor.

18 MR. TAYLOR: I nominate Alex Matthews.

19 MS. NEISER: Second.

20 MS. SCHMIDT: Mr. Isler.

21 MR. ISLER: Close nominations.

22 MS. HARRIS: No, I had my hand up.

23 MS. SCHMIDT: Oh, I'm sorry, I didn't --
24 Mrs. Harris.

25 MS. HARRIS: I would like to nominate

1 Jean Wood.

2 MS. SCHMIDT: Okay.

3 And, Mr. Isler, your motion to close
4 nomination, I am sorry, I did not -- I did see the
5 finger up, I apologize.

6 MR. ISLER: Sorry, Mrs. Schmidt.

7 MS. SCHMIDT: So you move to close the
8 nominations?

9 MS. NEISER: I do.

10 MR. TAYLOR: Second.

11 MS. SCHMIDT: At this time, we will do a
12 roll call.

13 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

14 MR. BRENTLEY: Mr. Matthews.

15 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

16 MS. FINK: Mrs. Wood.

17 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

18 MS. HARRIS: Mrs. Wood.

19 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?

20 MR. ISLER: Mr. Matthews.

21 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?

22 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Matthews.

23 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Neiser?

24 MS. NEISER: Mr. Matthews.

25 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Schmidt?

1 MS. SCHMIDT: Mrs. Wood.
2 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?
3 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Matthews.
4 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?
5 MS. WOOD: Mrs. Wood.
6 MS. ROYAL: Five votes for Mr. Matthews,
7 four for Mrs. Wood. That means that Mr. Matthews has
8 been nominated for president.
9 MS. SCHMIDT: Elected.
10 MS. ROYAL: Elected for president, sorry.
11 MS. SCHMIDT: Congratulations,
12 Mr. Matthews.
13 (Applause.)
14 MS. SCHMIDT: I would like to open the
15 floor for nominations for first vice president.
16 Mrs. Harris.
17 MS. HARRIS: Mrs. Wood.
18 MS. SCHMIDT: Okay. Mr. Brentley.
19 MR. BRENTLEY: Mr. Taylor.
20 MS. SCHMIDT: All right.
21 MR. MATTHEWS: Move nominations be closed.
22 MS. SCHMIDT: Thank you, Mr. Matthews.
23 At this time I would like to call for a
24 roll call.
25 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

1 MR. BRENTLEY: Mr. Taylor.
2 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?
3 MS. FINK: Mrs. Wood.
4 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?
5 MS. HARRIS: Mrs. Wood.
6 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?
7 MR. ISLER: Mr. Taylor.
8 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?
9 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Taylor.
10 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Neiser?
11 MS. NEISER: Mr. Taylor.
12 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Schmidt?
13 MS. SCHMIDT: Mrs. Wood.
14 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?
15 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Taylor.
16 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?
17 MS. WOOD: Mrs. Wood.
18 MS. ROYAL: Five votes for Mr. Taylor, four
19 for Mrs. Wood. Mr. Taylor has been elected as first
20 vice president.
21 MS. SCHMIDT: Congratulations, Mr. Taylor.
22 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, very much. Thank
23 you.
24 MS. SCHMIDT: I would like to open the
25 floor for the office of second vice president.

1 I would like to open the floor for
2 nominations.

3 Mrs. Harris, then Mr. Taylor.

4 MS. HARRIS: Mrs. Wood.

5 MS. WOOD: I decline.

6 MS. SCHMIDT: Pardon Me?

7 MS. WOOD: I decline.

8 MS. SCHMIDT: Okay. Mr. Taylor.

9 MR. TAYLOR: Mrs. Neiser.

10 MS. SCHMIDT: Mrs. Fink.

11 MS. FINK: Mrs. Harris.

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay.

13 MR. MATTHEWS: I move they close.

14 MS. SCHMIDT: Moved that nominations close.

15 Thank you.

16 And now we will have a roll call for second
17 vice president.

18 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

19 MR. BRENTLEY: Mrs. Neiser.

20 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

21 MS. FINK: Mrs. Harris.

22 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

23 MS. HARRIS: Mrs. Harris.

24 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?

25 MR. ISLER: Mrs. Neiser.

1 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?

2 MR. MATTHEWS: Mrs. Neiser

3 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Neiser?

4 MS. NEISER: Mrs. Neiser.

5 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Schmidt?

6 MS. SCHMIDT: Mrs. Harris.

7 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?

8 MR. TAYLOR: Mrs. Neiser.

9 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?

10 MS. WOOD: Mrs. Harris.

11 MS. ROYAL: Five votes for Mrs. Neiser,
12 four for Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Neiser is elected as second
13 vice president.

14 MS. SCHMIDT: Congratulations, Mrs. Neiser,
15 and I think at this time, Mr. Matthews, you can take
16 back over.

17 Congratulations.

18 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

19 Let me just say, I want to thank -- I want
20 to thank everyone for their support, and allowing me
21 to lead again for another year.

22 I dedicate myself to making sure that we
23 uphold the highest standards of public policy,
24 particularly as it relates to our children.

25 I want to congratulate everyone here,

1 Mrs. Neiser, and Mr. Taylor, and Mrs. Wood,
2 Mrs. Harris, and I know that together, we can still
3 make this Board work, and make the agenda education.

4 I also want to thank Mrs. Schmidt for
5 serving as the temporary president.

6 And there is not too much more really to
7 say, I just think we understand the role that we are
8 faced with, and this year will be a year of continuing
9 to build, build bridges, so that we can accomplish the
10 main goal, and that is our children, educating them
11 with the highest quality that we can give to them.

12 Moving on to the --

13 DR. THOMPSON: Mr. President, may I say
14 something, please?

15 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes, you may, sir.

16 DR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

17 I want to take this opportunity to
18 congratulate all of our officers, and to the Board,
19 congratulations, and we pledge 150 percent support,
20 not only to our officers, but to the Board, but more
21 so to the 40,000 children in this District.

22 Congratulations, we look forward to moving
23 this District into a world class operation, as a team.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

1 Mr. Brentley, then Mrs. Wood.

2 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes, Mr. President, I just
3 want to say congratulation to the newly elected
4 officers, and also just wanted to say a special thank
5 you to you, sir, because oftentimes we don't see the
6 sacrifices you make in terms of your family, your
7 financial loss, serving, and to such a -- at times, a
8 thankless job.

9 So let me at least say thank you on behalf
10 of the Brentley family, who we are thankful, sir, and
11 we know, which we can't get into details on all of the
12 things that you are losing, that you are sacrificing,
13 to serve again.

14 So we are so honored, sir. Thank you, very
15 much.

16 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

17 Mrs. Wood.

18 MS. WOOD: I also want to offer my
19 congratulations, and I think I do have to speak to the
20 issue, that everybody is going to assume that I ran
21 because I was taking sides.

22 I ran because I felt that my abilities, as
23 a peacemaker, maybe would have helped to bring this
24 Board together, and it is through communications, and
25 through trust, that we would have gone forward,

1 looking at both sides of every issue.

2 But since that was not the will of the
3 Board, I bow out very happily, because sacrifices have
4 been made on my part, too, and I pledge myself to the
5 work of the Board in the future.

6 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

7 Moving on to the election of the secretary
8 and the assistant secretaries, and the setting of the
9 bonds.

10 (Mr. Matthews read from prepared material.)

11 MR. MATTHEWS: Are there any questions or
12 comments, on that motion?

13 Seeing none, may we have a roll call,
14 please.

15 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

16 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

17 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

18 MS. FINK: Yes.

19 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

20 MS. HARRIS: Yes.

21 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?

22 MR. ISLER: Yes.

23 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?

24 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.

25 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Neiser?

1 MS. NEISER: Yes.

2 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Schmidt?

3 MS. SCHMIDT: Yes.

4 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?

5 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.

6 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?

7 MS. WOOD: Yes.

8 MS. ROYAL: There is nine votes in favor of
9 the resolution to elect the secretary and assistant
10 secretaries as read.

11 The resolution passes.

12 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

13 Moving on to the election of school
14 treasurer, and deputy school treasurer, and setting of
15 bonds.

16 (Mr. Matthews read from prepared material.)

17 MR. MATTHEWS: Any questions or comments?
18 Seeing none, may we have a roll call,
19 please.

20 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

21 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

22 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

23 MS. FINK: Yes.

24 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

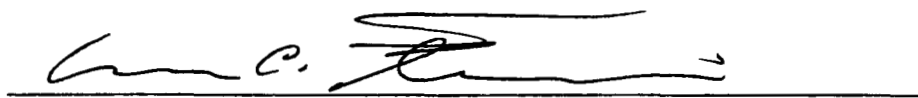
25 MS. HARRIS: Yes.

1 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?
2 MR. ISLER: Yes.
3 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?
4 MR. MATTHEWS: Yes.
5 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Neiser?
6 MS. NEISER: Yes.
7 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Schmidt?
8 MS. SCHMIDT: Yes.
9 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?
10 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.
11 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?
12 MS. WOOD: Yes.
13 MS. ROYAL: Nine votes in favor of the
14 election of the school treasurer and deputy school
15 treasurer, as read by the resolution, the election and
16 election carry.
17 MR. MATTHEWS: Is there any other new
18 business that needs to come before the body?
19 Seeing none, the meeting's adjourned.
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21 (Thereupon, at 5:18 p.m., the Board
22 Organization Meeting was concluded.)
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I, Eugene C. Forcier, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing fifteen (15) pages are a true and correct transcript of my stenotypy notes taken of the Board Organization meeting held in the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, Administration Building, Board Room, on Monday, December 4, 2000.



Eugene C. Forcier, Court Reporter

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