

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

MINUTES

Meeting of: December 3, 2001

Call of the Meeting: Board Organization

Members Present: Mr. Brentley, Mrs. Colaizzi, Mrs. Fink,
Mrs. Harris, Mr. Isler, Mr. Matthews
Mr. McCrea, Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Wood

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 3, 2001

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, Ph.D. 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 Stephanie L. Royal, Richard R. Fellers, Peter J. Camarda and Christopher M. Berdnik be elected Assistant Secretaries of the Board of Public Education in addition to their other duties as Acting Solicitor, Chief Operations Officer, Executive Director of Budget Development and Management and Director of Finance, 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
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2001
5:04 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - BOARD ROOM

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BEFORE:

JEAN FINK, BOARD PRESIDENT
DARLENE HARRIS, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
JEAN WOOD, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
MARK BRENTLEY
THERESA COLAIZZI
WILLIAM ISLER
ALEX MATTHEWS
FLOYD McCREA
RANDALL TAYLOR

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ALSO PRESENT:

DR. JOHN W. THOMPSON
DR. DELPHINA BRISCOE
MS. STEPHANIE ROYAL
MR. RICHARD R. FELLERS
MRS. JOYCE MORELAND
MRS. C. RICHARDSON-KEMP
MS. LORRAINE TYLER
MS. PATRICIA CABREY
DR. PAULA BUTTERFIELD
MRS. JODY SPOLAR
MR. PETER J. CAMARDA
MRS. PAT CRAWFORD
MR. PHIL PARR
MR. RICHARD MASCARI
DR. DWIGHT E. MOSLEY

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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: May we please all come
3 together, please.

4 I would like to call this meeting to order.
5 May we please stand to salute the flag.
6 (Salute to the flag.)

7 MR. MATTHEWS: At this time, we would have
8 the swearing in of the Board members, and at this time
9 I would like to ask our assistant solicitor -- acting
10 solicitor, Stephanie Royal.

11 MS. ROYAL: Thank you.

12 I am going to stand.

13 At this time, were we going to have the
14 administration of the oaths to our newly elected Board
15 members, and we will have the Honorable Kim Berkeley
16 Clark administer the oath to the Board members.

17 Judge Clark was appointed to the Court of
18 Common Pleas by Governor Tom Ridge in March of
19 1999. She was elected to a full ten year term in
20 November of 1999.

21 She currently serves as a judge in the
22 Family Division, Juvenile Section, where she presides
23 over delinquency cases, dependency cases, termination
24 of parental rights cases, protection from abuse
25 hearings, juvenile mental health hearings, and all

1 other matters involving juveniles and families in
2 Allegheny County.

3 And so at this time, I would like to
4 present Judge Clark.

5 Would you please come over.

6 (Applause.)

7 JUDGE CLARK: When I talked to Stephanie
8 this morning, she asked me if I wanted to say a few
9 words, and I do think I would like to say a few words,
10 very few, but some words, that I would like to share
11 with the current Board, and the new Board members.
12 Children are my special passion, and juvenile court
13 has been a very good fit for me, because I have a deep
14 interest in the welfare of our children.

15 And as such, my words of, I guess advice or
16 wisdom to all of you is, always stay focused on your
17 purpose, and keep the children in mind, whatever you
18 do; that is the most important thing.

19 As difficult sometimes, you all have to run
20 for office, and that in itself makes your job
21 difficult, because you have a lot of pressure from
22 outside to do things that maybe sometimes aren't what
23 you feel are in the best interest of the children.
24 But my advice to you is always keep the children in
25 mind, stay focused on the children, and I know that

1 you will all do a good job.

2 So with that, I would like the Board
3 members to be sworn in, I think they want you to come
4 up, so they can take pictures, so we have
5 Theresa Colaizzi, Jean Fink, Alex Matthews,
6 Floyd McCrea, and Randall Taylor. If you could all
7 come up. And I guess stand here, in a semicircle.

8 And I guess we will do these in
9 alphabetical order.

10 That's Okay.

11 And Theresa Colaizzi, would you please come
12 forward, and I am going to ask to you raise your right
13 hand, and repeat after me.

14 (Board member Theresa Colaizzi sworn in.)

15 JUDGE CLARK: Congratulations.

16 (Applause.)

17 JUDGE CLARK: Jean Fink, come forward and
18 raise your right hand, and repeat after me.

19 (Board member Jean Fink sworn in.)

20 JUDGE CLARK: Congratulations.

21 (Applause.)

22 JUDGE CLARK: Alex Matthews, would you step
23 forward, and raise your right hand.

24 (Board member Alex Matthews sworn in.)

25 JUDGE CLARK: Congratulations.

1 (Applause.)

2 JUDGE CLARK: Floyd McCrea, would you raise
3 your right hand.

4 (Board member Floyd McCrea sworn in.)

5 JUDGE CLARK: Congratulations.

6 (Applause.)

7 JUDGE CLARK: Randall Taylor, would you
8 raise your right hand.

9 (Board member Randall Taylor sworn in.)

10 JUDGE CLARK: Congratulations.

11 (Applause.)

12 DR. THOMPSON: Congratulations.

13 Thank you, Judge, very much.

14 JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, very much. Good
15 luck to all of you.

16 (Applause.)

17 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you very much,
18 Judge Clark, for that wonderful welcoming into the
19 School District once again.

20 Welcome all new Board members, and welcome
21 those who were already on the Board, and are now
22 serving again.

23 At this time may we have a roll call,
24 please.

25 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley.

1 MR. BRENTLEY: Here.

2 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Colaizzi?

3 MS. COLAIZZI: Here.

4 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

5 MS. FINK: Here.

6 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

7 MS. HARRIS: Here.

8 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?

9 MR. ISLER: Present.

10 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?

11 MR. MATTHEWS: Present.

12 MS. ROYAL: Mr. McCrea?

13 MR. McCREA: Here.

14 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?

15 MR. TAYLOR: Here.

16 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?

17 MS. WOOD: Here.

18 MS. ROYAL: All nine members of the board
19 of directors are present.

20 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

21 Moving on to the business at hand, the
22 Board reorganization meeting.

23 At this time we would need to have an
24 acting president, who will preside over the elections.

25 We need a motion, please.

1 Yes, Bill, Mr. Isler.

2 MR. ISLER: I would like to nominate
3 Mr. Matthews, as the acting president.

4 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay. Yes. Is there a
5 second?

6 MR. BRENTLEY: Second.

7 MR. MATTHEWS: Mrs. Harris?

8 MS. HARRIS: And I would nominate
9 Mrs. Colaizzi.

10 MR. MATTHEWS: Okay.

11 MS. FINK: I will second.

12 MR. MATTHEWS: It has been moved and
13 seconded.

14 Any others?

15 So at this time, we would like to have a
16 vote.

17 Roll call, please.

18 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

19 MR. BRENTLEY: Mr. Matthews.

20 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Colaizzi?

21 MS. COLAIZZI: Mrs. Colaizzi.

22 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

23 MS. FINK: Mrs. Colaizzi.

24 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

25 MS. HARRIS: Mrs. Colaizzi.

1 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?
2 MR. ISLER: Mr. Matthews.
3 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?
4 MR. MATTHEWS: Mr. Matthews.
5 MS. ROYAL: Mr. McCrea?
6 MR. McCREA: Mrs. Colaizzi.
7 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?
8 MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Matthews.
9 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?
10 MS. WOOD: Mrs. Colaizzi.
11 MS. ROYAL: Five votes in favor of
12 Mrs. Colaizzi, she would be the temporary president
13 for this meeting.
14 MS. COLAIZZI: I need to have a motion for
15 a nomination for the temporary secretary, please.
16 Is there a motion there?
17 Mrs. Fink.
18 MS. FINK: I move Jean Wood be temporary
19 secretary.
20 MS. COLAIZZI: Do I need a second?
21 MS. ROYAL: Yes.
22 MS. COLAIZZI: I need a second.
23 MS. HARRIS: Second.
24 MS. COLAIZZI: Any other nominations?
25 We will have a roll call vote, now.

1 MS. FINK: Mr. Brentley?
2 MR. BRENTLEY: Abstain.
3 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Colaizzi?
4 MS. COLAIZZI: Jean Wood.
5 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?
6 MS. FINK: Jean Wood.
7 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?
8 MS. HARRIS: Jean Wood.
9 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?
10 MR. ISLER: Mrs. Wood.
11 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?
12 MR. MATTHEWS: Abstain.
13 MS. ROYAL: Mr. McCrea?
14 MR. McCREA: Mrs. Wood.
15 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?
16 MR. TAYLOR: Abstain.
17 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?
18 MS. WOOD: Jean Wood.
19 MS. ROYAL: Six votes in favor of
20 Mrs. Wood, three abstentions, Mrs. Wood is the
21 temporary secretary.
22 MS. COLAIZZI: At this time, we will need
23 nominations for the office of presidency.
24 Mrs. Harris.
25 MS. HARRIS: I would like to nominate

1 Jean Fink.

2 MS. COLAIZZI: And do I need a second?

3 May I have a second for that, please.

4 MR. McCREA: I will second.

5 MS. COLAIZZI: Any more nominations?

6 No more nominations.

7 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

8 MR. MATTHEWS: I'm sorry.

9 MR. BRENTLEY: I would like to nominate

10 Alex Matthews.

11 MR. MATTHEWS: I decline.

12 MS. COLAIZZI: We only have one nomination,
13 then, it would be Mrs. Fink.

14 Roll call, please.

15 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

16 MR. BRENTLEY: Abstain.

17 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Colaizzi?

18 MS. COLAIZZI: Jean Fink.

19 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

20 MS. FINK: Jean Fink.

21 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

22 MS. HARRIS: Jean Fink.

23 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?

24 MR. ISLER: Abstain.

25 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?

1 MR. MATTHEWS: Abstain.

2 MS. ROYAL: Mr. McCrea?

3 MR. McCREA: Jean Fink.

4 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?

5 MR. TAYLOR: Abstain.

6 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?

7 MS. WOOD: Jean Fink.

8 MS. ROYAL: Five votes in favor of

9 Mrs. Fink for the president, I believe she is the

10 president of the Board. I just have to check my --

11 (Applause.)

12 MS. COLAIZZI: I would like to know if we

13 have any nominations for first vice president.

14 Mrs. Wood.

15 MS. WOOD: I nominate Darlene Harris.

16 MS. COLAIZZI: Anybody second that,

17 please?

18 MS. FINK: (Indicating.)

19 MS. COLAIZZI: Mrs. Fink seconded that.

20 Any more nominations?

21 No more nominations.

22 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

23 MR. BRENTLEY: Abstain.

24 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Colaizzi?

25 MS. COLAIZZI: Mrs. Harris.

1 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?
2 MS. FINK: Mrs. Harris.
3 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?
4 MS. HARRIS: Darlene Harris.
5 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?
6 MR. ISLER: Abstain.
7 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?
8 MR. MATTHEWS: Abstain.
9 MS. ROYAL: Mr. McCrea?
10 MR. MCCREA: Mrs. Harris.
11 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?
12 MR. TAYLOR: Abstain.
13 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?
14 MS. WOOD: Mrs. Harris.
15 MS. ROYAL: Five votes in favor of
16 Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Harris has been elected the first
17 vice president.
18 (Applause.)
19 MS. COLAIZZI: I would like to take
20 nominations now for second vice president.
21 Mrs. Harris.
22 MS. HARRIS: Randall Taylor.
23 MR. TAYLOR: I decline.
24 MS. COLAIZZI: Is there any other
25 nominations?

1 Mrs. Fink.

2 MS. FINK: I nominate Mrs. Wood.

3 MS. COLAIZZI: Mrs. Wood.

4 Any more nominations.

5 Nominations are closed.

6 We have to take roll call.

7 MR. McCREA: I second.

8 MS. ROYAL: All right. The nomination for

9 Mrs. Wood, for second vice president.

10 Mr. Brentley?

11 MR. BRENTLEY: Abstain.

12 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Colaizzi?

13 MS. COLAIZZI: Jean Wood.

14 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink?

15 MS. FINK: Jean Wood.

16 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Harris?

17 MS. HARRIS: Jean Wood.

18 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Isler?

19 MR. ISLER: Miss Wood.

20 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Matthews?

21 MR. MATTHEWS: Abstain.

22 MS. ROYAL: Mr. McCrea?

23 MR. McCREA: Jean Wood.

24 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?

25 MR. TAYLOR: Abstain.

1 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?

2 MS. WOOD: Jean Wood.

3 MS. ROYAL: Six votes in favor of
4 Mrs. Wood, she will be the new second vice president.

5 (Applause.)

6 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Fink, please come up here.

7 MS. FINK: We will now have the election of
8 the secretary and assistant secretaries and the
9 setting of bonds.

10 (Mrs. Fink read from prepared material.)

11 MS. ROYAL: Roll call vote?

12 MS. FINK: Yes.

13 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

14 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

15 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Colaizzi?

16 MS. COLAIZZI: 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: Mr. McCrea?

1 MR. McCREA: Yes.

2 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?

3 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.

4 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Wood?

5 MS. WOOD: Yes.

6 MS. ROYAL: Nine votes in favor of the
7 resolution for the election of secretary, and
8 assistant secretaries, the motion passes.

9 MS. FINK: We will now have the election of
10 the school treasurer, and deputy school treasurer and
11 setting the bonds.

12 (Mrs. Fink read from prepared material.)

13 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Brentley?

14 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

15 MS. ROYAL: Mrs. Colaizzi?

16 MS. COLAIZZI: 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: Mr. McCrea?

1 MR. McCREA: Yes.

2 MS. ROYAL: Mr. Taylor?

3 MR. TAYLOR: Yes.

4 MR. BRENTLEY: Mrs. Wood?

5 MS. WOOD: Yes.

6 MS. ROYAL: Nine votes in favor of the
7 election of school treasurer and deputy school
8 treasurer and the setting of bonds.

9 MS. FINK: Do we have any other new
10 business to come before this Board?

11 MR. TAYLOR: Thank you.

12 First of all, I would like to congratulate
13 the new officers, but I would particularly at this
14 time, like to congratulate the old officers, and the
15 former majority on the Board, made up of
16 Maggie Schmidt, Mr. William Isler, Mark Brentley,
17 Alex Matthews, Randall Taylor and Evelyn Neiser, and I
18 would like to state permanently, on the record, that
19 we have left this District in excellent financial, and
20 excellent educational condition.

21 I am very proud of what we have done in
22 this District, for the last two years. Implemented
23 the last two years are new School to Career Program, a
24 new technology plan, a new alternative education plan,
25 a new School Code of Conduct, more stringent

1 attendance requirements, and other innovations that
2 have left this District where it should be.

3 And I believe that the educational
4 components of what we are trying to do at the School
5 District, has been enhanced by the diligent work of
6 six people, who put truly, in every words, put the
7 District forward.

8 I think the last couple of years have seen
9 some performances by elected officials, and members of
10 the public, that have not been the most honorable
11 things that we have seen. But we have seen some
12 people come to this District, who have done something,
13 I find remarkable, in my many years of observing
14 politics, and community and public service in this
15 city.

16 We moved this District forward, and right
17 now, no one in this District is concerned about their
18 jobs, no one is concerned about how they can make
19 their meager budget stretch.

20 Right now we have people in this District
21 who are focused on education, and that is something
22 that we have to keep people focused on, and one way
23 that we do that, is through sound fiscal policies.

24 And again I want to congratulate the people
25 last year, who voted to do what I thought was one of

1 the most difficult political things to do, which was
2 to raise taxes, and close schools going into an
3 election year, and we paid the price for that, we paid
4 the political price for it, and we went through many
5 personal hardships, and financial hardships, also, of
6 the people who voted in the majority.

7 But for what we have done, for the children
8 of this District, which is why we are here, I am
9 extremely proud, and I would have paid and gone
10 through anything we have gone through.

11 I gladly turn over the reins of the
12 majority, to the new majority, knowing that we turn
13 over a District that is sound financially, sound
14 educationally, and moving forward.

15 So if no one else congratulates those six
16 people, I want to let Randall Taylor here tonight
17 congratulate you.

18 Thank you, very much.

19 (Applause.)

20 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.

21 I want to expand on the comments that my
22 colleague has made.

23 Let me also say, that what he was
24 describing is a term called leadership, and which I
25 implore, and ask each of the officers, to do due

1 diligence in the office that you now hold.

2 And, holding the title of leadership, means
3 that sometimes you have got to put away your personal
4 indifferences. You have got to put away what you
5 believe is your little personal issue, and do what's
6 right for the District.

7 This year, this past couple of years, have
8 been a challenging one, ones that we had to put away
9 our personal differences, and make the decision that
10 is best for the School District, and for the children
11 of Pittsburgh, and I would hope that the other
12 officers, the new officers, and the new Board members,
13 do the same thing.

14 You know, these children are precious, and
15 they are the only commodity that we have left in
16 Pennsylvania, and so we have to put away our personal
17 differences, we have to put away our personal agendas,
18 and start looking at the District as a whole, and I am
19 looking to the officers to provide that continued
20 leadership.

21 We have done that, and we want this
22 District to continue on to the right path.

23 What Mr. Taylor indicated, is very true,
24 and I just hope that it continues so that the success
25 of these children, are emulated, in the roles of the

1 officers that are standing before us today.

2 MS. FINK: Thank you.

3 DR. THOMPSON: Madam President, may I
4 speak, please?

5 MS. FINK: Sure.

6 DR. THOMPSON: Thank you.

7 On behalf of the 40,000 boys and girls, and
8 the 5,500 employees, we want to congratulate the new
9 Board, coming on in leadership.

10 We also want to thank the old Board, old
11 leadership majority, for the support that we received
12 over the last year and a half, in implementing a world
13 class School District.

14 The staff is committed, and we stand ready
15 to move forward, in this philosophical approach to
16 providing a world class education for all of our
17 students; for all of our students, one child at a
18 time, and leaving no child behind.

19 So we stand ready, committed to continue
20 that journey, and we congratulate you once again, the
21 past majority, and the new majority, to take the
22 reins, and lead us forward.

23 Thank you, and congratulations again.

24 (Applause.)

25 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

1 MS. FINK: I have a statement I would like
2 to read.

3 But, Mr. Brentley, you go right ahead.

4 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

5 I just would like to say again, what was
6 said earlier, I just want to take the time to thank
7 the Honorable Mr. Alex Matthews, for his leadership
8 over the last two years, along with Mr. Taylor, and
9 Mrs. Neiser, at making up the executive committee.

10 You know, what's important, what I was able
11 to get out of your leadership, Mr. Matthews, is you
12 have taught us, and you often mentioned the phrase, of
13 thinking outside the box, the world is bigger than
14 just my District, "Oh, just me; oh, just take care of
15 my own."

16 And I think that's really important, so
17 all -- I just want to thank you for that, but I tink
18 the bigger picture here, through your leadership, you
19 were able to teach, especially me, the importance of
20 not competing with our staff, but working with our
21 staff.

22 We are all in the same team.

23 So I just want to say thank you so much for
24 the leadership, Mr. Matthews, I am still calling you
25 Mr. President.

1 Thank you, sir.

2 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you very much.

3 MS. FINK: Okay.

4 I have a statement I want to read.

5 (Ms. Fink read from prepared material.)

6 MS. FINK: Thank you, very much.

7 (Applause.)

8 MS. FINK: There were two brief
9 announcements, that I need to make, before we adjourn.

10 We don't usually make committee assignments
11 right away, but because we have to pass the budget on
12 the 19th of this month, I believe, I am appointing
13 Darlene Harris as chair of the Business and Finance
14 Committee, with Floyd McCrea as her co-chair -- or
15 vice chair, I'm sorry, and that takes effect
16 immediately.

17 And also, until we get the rest of the
18 committees named, which will happen by the end of the
19 week, we are going to cancel all meetings for this
20 week.

21 May I have a motion to adjourn?

22 MS. HARRIS: I make a Motion.

23 MS. FINK: Okay. Second?

24 MS. COLAIZZI: Second.

25 MS. FINK: Okay.

1 Meeting's adjourned.

2 (Applause.)

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4 (Thereupon, at 5:32 p.m., the Reorganization
5 Meeting was concluded.)

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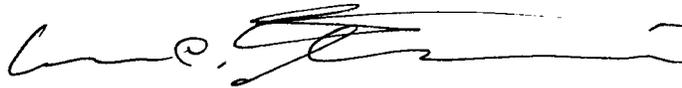
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I, Eugene C. Forcier, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing twenty-three (23) pages are a true and correct transcript of my stenotypy notes taken of the Reorganizational Meeting held in the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, Administration Building, Board Room, on Monday, December 3, 2001.



Eugene C. Forcier, Court Reporter

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