

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

MINUTES

Meeting of: September 16, 2009

Call of the Meeting: Special Legislative Meeting

Members Present: Dr. Dara Ware Allen, Mark Brentley, Theresa Colaizzi, Sherry Hazuda, William Isler, Floyd McCrea, and Thomas Sumpter

Members Absent: Jean Fink and Randall Taylor

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**

September 16, 2009

**SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE
AGENDA**

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS/FINANCE

1. **RESOLVED**, That the Board of Directors authorize its proper officers to extend the fixed priced electricity generation supply contract with Duquesne Light Energy for a 36-month period from January 2011 to December 2014 at an estimated weighted average price of 6.89 c/kWh, payable from 6601-010-2620-422 and 6520-500-3100-422, and other terms and conditions as are satisfactory to the Chief Financial Officer/Chief Operations Officer and Solicitor.

Roll Call

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PITTSBURGH BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009
6:02 P.M.
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

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BEFORE:

THERESA COLAIZZI, BOARD PRESIDENT
THOMAS SUMPTER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT
WILLIAM ISLER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
DR. DARA WARE ALLEN
MARK BRENTLEY
SHERRY HAZUDA
FLOYD McCREA

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ALSO PRESENT:

DR. LINDA LANE	DR. PAULETTE PONCELET
MR. LAWRENCE BERGIE	MR. IRA WEISS
MR. PETER J. CAMARDA	MS. LINDA BAEHR
MR. DERRICK LOPEZ	MS. LISA FISCHETTI
DR. CHRISTIANNA OTUWA	DR. JEANNINE FRENCH
MS. CAROL BARONE-MARTIN	DR. JULIA STEWART
DR. PATRICIA GENNARI	MR. CHRIS BERDNIK
DR. N. KODMAN	

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PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTER

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

2 MS. COLAIZZI: Good evening, ladies and
3 gentlemen, and welcome to the September 16th, 2009
4 Pittsburgh Board of Public Education special
5 legislative meeting.

6 Would everyone please rise, so we may
7 salute the flag.

8 (Salute to the flag.)

9 MS. COLAIZZI: Before we begin this
10 meeting, I would like to ask everyone to please turn
11 off all of their cell phones, or pagers, or put them
12 on vibrate, please.

13 Mr. Weiss, may we have a roll call, please.

14 MR. WEISS: Dr. Allen?

15 DR. ALLEN: Present.

16 MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley?

17 Mrs. Fink?

18 Mrs. Hazuda?

19 MS. HAZUDA: Here.

20 MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler?

21 MR. ISLER: Present.

22 MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea?

23 MR. MCCREA: Here.

24 MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter?

25 MR. SUMPTER: Present.

1 MR. WEISS: Mr. Taylor?

2 Mrs. Colaizzi?

3 MS. COLAIZZI: Here.

4 MR. WEISS: Six present.

5 MS. COLAIZZI: Thank you, Mr. Weiss.

6 The only item on the agenda this evening is
7 the extension of the fixed price electricity general
8 supply contract with the Duquesne Light Energy.

9 There is a resolution that I would like to
10 read for the record.

11 (Mrs. Colaizzi read from prepared
12 material.)

13 MS. COLAIZZI: Mr. Weiss, may we have a
14 roll call on this item, please.

15 MR. WEISS: Dr. Allen?

16 DR. ALLEN: Yes.

17 MS. COLAIZZI: I'm sorry, if I may.

18 Does anybody have any questions, or
19 comments on this?

20 Mr. Weiss -- I mean, Mr. Isler.

21 MR. ISLER: You know, I don't know if we
22 look that much alike, Mr. Weiss, but what are you
23 going to do.

24 Okay. Just a quick question to
25 Mr. Berdnik. How does this compare to where we are

1 now?

2 MR. BERDNIK: That's a great question.

3 Our fixed price is what our bid was, and
4 every year PJC, the grid adjusts what the pass through
5 charges are.

6 We, including the pass through charges, are
7 7.01 cents per kilowatt hour on our current contract,
8 so our extension will be cheaper.

9 The estimated savings for a three year
10 period, is close to \$200,000.

11 The most important piece, I would point
12 out, is versus your ten-year forecast, it's a huge
13 improvement.

14 And I put a graphic on the wall so the
15 Board can understand why now, you can see, this is a
16 graphic that goes from Jan. 1 of 2007 to the present
17 time, this is a great time to lock in some electricity
18 forward pricing.

19 MR. ISLER: Thank you.

20 And thank you to you and your staff for
21 this.

22 The reason I did ask the question, is
23 because we are paying less now than we were in the
24 past one.

25 Thank you, Mrs. Colaizzi.

1 MS. COLAIZZI: Thank you, Mr. Isler.

2 Does anybody else have any questions or
3 comments?

4 Seeing none, may we have a roll call,
5 Mr. Weiss.

6 MR. WEISS: Dr. Allen?

7 DR. ALLEN: Yes.

8 MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley, do you care to
9 vote on this? Or are you -- this is the --

10 MR. BRENTLEY: I'm sorry, voting on --

11 MR. WEISS: This is the business item on
12 the electrical contract.

13 MR. BRENTLEY: Okay.

14 MR. WEISS: Well, we will pass, and we will
15 come back in case --

16 MR. BRENTLEY: Okay. All right. Thank
17 you.

18 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda?

19 MS. HAZUDA: Yes.

20 MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler?

21 MR. ISLER: Yes.

22 MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea?

23 MR. McCREA: Yes.

24 MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter?

25 MR. SUMPTER: Yes.

1 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi?

2 MS. COLAIZZI: Yes.

3 MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley, do you choose to
4 vote, or --

5 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes, I would. Just one
6 question: What do you say about this, Chris, yes or
7 no?

8 MR. BERDNIK: Yes.

9 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

10 MS. HAZUDA: Wow.

11 MS. COLAIZZI: Thank you, Mr. Weiss.

12 MR. WEISS: The motion is approved seven to
13 two -- well, 7-0, and two absent.

14 MS. COLAIZZI: Thank you.

15 MR. WEISS: That completes the business,
16 Mrs. Colaizzi.

17 MS. COLAIZZI: Thank you.

18 Having no more business at this time, the
19 special legislation session is adjourned.

20 Thank you.

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23 (Thereupon, at 6:07 p.m., the Special
24 Legislative meeting was concluded.)

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I, Eugene C. Forcier, the undersigned, do hereby
certify that the foregoing six (6) pages are a true
and correct transcript of my stenotypy notes taken of
the Special Legislative meeting, held in the
Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, Administration
Building, Board Committee Room, on Wednesday,
September 16, 2009.



Eugene C. Forcier, Court Reporter
