# THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION <br> BOARD ORGANIZATION <br> PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15213 <br> Administration Building <br> 341 South Bellefield Avenue <br> December 3, 2012 

## AGENDA

ROLL CALL:
ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Temporary Organization1. Election of Temporary President
2. Election of Temporary Secretary
Permanent Organization

1. Election of President ..... Roll Call
2. Election of Vice Presidents ..... Roll Call
GENERAL BUSINESS - RESOLUTIONS
3. Election of Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries and Setting of Bonds
4. Election of School Treasurer and Setting of Bonds

# ELECTION OF SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARIES AND SETTING OF BONDS 

RESOLVED, That Linda Lane, be elected as Secretary of the Board of Public Education in addition to her 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 Ira Weiss, Esquire, Peter J. Camarda and Pamela R. Capretta be elected Assistant Secretaries of the Board of Public Education in addition to their other duties as Solicitor, Chief Financial and Operations Officer 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.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PITTSBURGH BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION BOARD ORGANIZATION MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

5:35 P.M. ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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BEFORE:
SHARENE SHEALEY, PRESIDENT THOMAS SUMPTER, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT WILLIAM ISLER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT MARK BRENTLEY
THERESA COLAIZZI
JEAN FINK SHERRY HAZUDA REGINA HOLLEY
FLOYD MCCREA

ALSO PRESENT:
DR. LINDA LANE MR. IRA WEISS
MR. PETER J. CAMARDA
MR. MARK CAMPBELL
DR. PAULETTE PONCELET
DR. JEANNINE FRENCH
DR. JERRI LIPPERT
MS. JODY SPOLAR
MR. RONALD JOSEPH
MS. LISA FISCHETTI

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MRS. HAZUDA: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I would like to call the December 3, 2012

Pittsburgh Board of Public Education Organization Meeting to order.

I would like to ask you that you please turn off all cell phones or pagers or put them on vibrate.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.
(Flag saluted.)
MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you.
Mr. Weiss, may we have a roll call,
please?
MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley. MR. BRENTLEY: Here. MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi. MRS. COLAIZZI: Here. MR. WEISS: It's good to hear your voice, Mrs. Colaizzi.

MRS. COLAIZZI: Thank you. MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink. MRS. FINK: Here. MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley. DR. HOLLEY: Here. MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler.

MR. ISLER: Present.
MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea.
MR. MCCREA: Here.
MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey.
MS. SHEALEY: Here.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter.
MR. SUMPTER: Present.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda.
MRS. HAZUDA: Here.
MR. WEISS: All members present.
MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you, Mr. Weiss.
At this time, we need to elect a temporary
president of the Board so that we can proceed with the election.

Is there a motion on the floor for a temporary president? Mrs. Fink.

MRS. FINK: I would like to nominate
Mr. McCrea.
MRS. COLAIZZI: Second.
MRS. HAZUDA: Fink, Isler.
MS. SHEALEY: Mrs. Colaizzi.
MRS. HAZUDA: No. He put up his hand before she said it.

MS. SHEALEY: I'm sorry.
MRS. FINK: It doesn't matter.

MRS. HAZUDA: Okay. All those in favor? (Thereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.) MRS . HAZUDA: Opposed?
(No response.)
MRS. HAZUDA: Mr. McCrea, please come up and take the president's seat. MR. MCCREA: Thank you. The first order of
business then is to elect a temporary secretary.
MRS. HAZUDA: I nominate Dr. Lane.
MS. SHEALEY: Second.
MR. MCCREA: Any other nominations?
(No response.)
MR. MCCREA: All those in favor, signify by
saying aye?
(Thereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)
MR. McCREA: Opposed? Abstain?
(No response.)
MR. McCREA: Very well. At this time, we
will elect the next president.
Do we have any nominations for president?
Mrs. Hazuda.

MRS. HAZUDA: I would like to nominate Sharene Shealey.

MR. MCCREA: Is there a second?
MR. WEISS: You don't need a second.

MR. McCREA: I'm sorry. Any other nominations? Mr. Brentley.

MR. BRENTLEY: Yes. I would like to
nominate Dr. Regina Holley.
MR. McCREA: Thank you.
Any other nominations?
(No response.)
MR. MCCREA: I believe we need a roll call
vote, Mr. Weiss.
MR. WEISS: We have to close nominations.
MR. MCCREA: I'm sorry. We have to --
Is there a motion to close nominations?
MR. ISLER: So moved.
MRS. FINK: Second.
MR. McCREA: Okay. And a roll call vote?
MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley.
MR. BRENTLEY: Mr. Weiss, can we have an
opportunity to say a few words before the vote?
MR. WEISS: This is to close nominations.
This is not --
MR. BRENTLEY: I'm sorry. Yes. Close the
vote.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi.
MRS. COLAIZZI: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink.

MRS. FINK: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda.
MRS. HAZUDA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley.
DR. HOLLEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler.
MR. ISLER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea.
MR. McCREA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey.
MS. SHEALEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter.
MR. SUMPTER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Okay. The nominations are closed.

MR. McCREA: We'll take comments at this time. Mr. Brentley.

MR. BRENTLEY: Yes. I wanted to just take a moment to suggest and to, of course, endorse Dr. Regina Holley, and I want to remind my colleagues that I think it is very, very important that we begin to practice the word that we often hear about, transparency.

I've been on this Board for 14 years, and I cannot remember ever having an educator on the Board
with the kind of experience and skillset that Dr. Regina Holley brings to the table. I think it would be a great decision for the Board to be able to give her a vote of confidence by electing her to this position.

More importantly, I think that we would begin to see a difference in the moral in our staff. With all the changes over the last two and a half to three years, our staff, there are some serious, serious moral issues. Often times what's shared with me is that we as a Board make decisions, but we don't know what happens in the classroom and to those who are on the front lines, and so I am -- I agree. There's no question.

I've been here for 14 years, second in seniority tying with Mr. Isler. I would love an opportunity to be president of this Board, but Dr. Holley is the most qualified person to be on this Board, and so I'm only asking that we would match up those skillsets with an opportunity, and let's allow this District to move in a direction where we can slowly gain some of the confidence back from our staff, as well as those who are taxpayers in the City of Pittsburgh. Thank you.

MR. MCCREA: Thank you.

Mrs. Colaizzi, any comments? I'll go around the table. MRS. COLAIZZI: No. MR. McCREA: Thank you. Mrs. Fink.

MRS. FINK: Just to correct some seniority
issues, guys, I've been here for, let's see, about
36 years now, so, you know.

MR. BRENTLEY: I said second tying with

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Mr. Isler.
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MRS. FINK: I thought you said -- all
right.
MR. BRENTLEY: No. We know that you're the one who put the sign out there on the bulletin board. You've been here.

MRS. FINK: Probably. I laid the cornerstone, Mark.

MR. BRENTLEY: Agree.
MR. MCCREA: Thank you.
Dr. Holley, any comments?
DR. HOLLEY: Yes, just a few. I would like for the Board and the public to know that my interest in becoming the Board president came about from several conversations with some of my colleagues and also with people in general throughout the community.

There is a need I do believe for a paradigm shift in what we are doing at the District level. I'm looking at this economic cliff that we are about to -that we're coming very close to and not understanding -- and understanding exactly how we got here.

There is a need for us to look beyond these walls for support in making sure that we stop this decline, and looking at some of the work from the Westinghouse alumni, looking at some of the work from the Hill District Education Committee, also looking for -- looking at these grass roots organizations that are throughout the City, they are willing and able to help us to meet our goals, and I want to make sure that all of those groups are accounted for when we make decisions about the School District.

I caution people that if the School District should fail in terms of going over this financial cliff and taking the academic cliff with them, we are going to be -- the City is going to suffer deeply because of that.

I'm really interested in working with whomever becomes the president. I think that I did that well with the former president, may not have always agreed, but I do respect the position, and I
respect the person who is in that position, so I'm hoping that you will look at me favorably in terms of this position. Thank you.

MR. McCREA: Thank you.
Mr. Isler.
MR. ISLER: No comments. Thank you.
MR. MCCREA: Mrs. Hazuda.
MRS. HAZUDA: I would like to say that I nominated Ms. Shealey because I feel that in the past year she has demonstrated leadership on the Board, concern for educating all children. She is very welleducated herself and a positive role model. She is willing to work with all Board members and build consensus because as we've often discussed, no one Board member can speak for the Board. It is the Board as a whole.

And I think it's very important that as much as possible we build consensus within ourselves. I think the Board and the Administration have taken major steps the past two years. They've been very, very challenging.

Since I became president two years ago, we hired Dr. Lane. We've had major financial problems that we have worked to try to resolve. Is it complete? No, but we have taken major steps. We have
designed a new education delivery model to -- in an effort to educate all of our children equitably, as cost effectively as possible. And, again, is this the end of it? No. We still have a lot more difficult, challenging work to do.

But I feel that the work that Ms. Shealey has done this past year has been very instrumental in helping us to attain these goals, so I would like to see her be our next president.

MR. MCCREA: Thank you.
Mr. Sumpter.
MR. SUMPTER: No comment. Thank you.
MR. MCCREA: Ms. Shealey.
MS. SHEALEY: No comment.
MR. MCCREA: At that point then, Mr. Weiss, we'll have a roll call vote.

MR. WEISS: We'll have a roll call, and each Board member should vote for the candidate by name. Mr. Brentley.

MR. BRENTLEY: Dr. Holley. MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi. MRS. COLAIZZI: Ms. Shealey. MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink. MRS. FINK: Sharene Shealey. MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda.

MRS. HAZUDA: Sharene Shealey. MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley. DR. HOLLEY: Regina Holley. MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler. MR. ISLER: Sharene Shealey. MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea. MR. McCREA: Sharene Shealey. MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey. MS. SHEALEY: Sharene Shealey. MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter. MR. SUMPTER: Dr. Regina Holley. MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey is elected
six/three.

MR. McCREA: Thank you.
(Applause.)
MR. MCCREA: We have to go for the first vice president.

MS. SHEALEY: Thank you.
MR. MCCREA: At this time, I'll take nominations from the floor for first vice president. Dr. Holley.

DR. HOLLEY: I would like to nominate Mr. Tom Sumpter.

MR. ISLER: Second.
MR. MCCREA: Any other nominations?
(No response.)
MR. McCREA: I believe we just do an aye
vote?

MR. WEISS: You have to close nominations.
MR. McCREA: Sorry.

Motion to close nominations?

MRS . HAZUDA: So moved.
MRS. COLAIZZI: So moved.
MS. SHEALEY: Second.

MR. McCREA: Very well. It's been moved
and seconded.
Roll call? Or all those in favor, aye?
(Thereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)
MR. McCREA: Opposed? Abstentions?
(No response.)
MR. McCREA: All right. Very well. And then we'll vote for the first vice president. Then we'll do by roll call then or --

MR. WEISS: Maybe we can do this. Can we have a unanimous vote for Mr. Sumpter for first president?

MR. MCCREA: Mr. Brentley, do you have a comment?

MR. BRENTLEY: Yes. I abstain. MR. WEISS: Okay. Why don't we have a roll
call then to make sure the minutes are correct.
Mr. Brentley.

MR. BRENTLEY: Abstain.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi.
MRS. COLAIZZI: Yes. I guess you want to
say yes or do you want me to say Mr. Sumpter?
MR. WEISS: Yes is fine.
Mrs. Fink.
MRS. FINK: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda.
MRS. HAZUDA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley.
DR. HOLLEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler.
MR. ISLER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea.
MR. McCREA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey.
MS. SHEALEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter.
MR. SUMPTER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter is elected eight
yes, one abstention.
MR. MCCREA: Congratulations.
(Applause.)

MR. McCREA: At this point, I'll take nominations for second vice president. Mrs. Fink.

MRS. FINK: I would like to nominate
Bill Isler.

MS. SHEALEY: Second.
MR. MCCREA: Are there any other nominations?

DR. HOLLEY: Yes. I would like to nominate Mr. Mark Brentley.

MR. BRENTLEY: I withdraw.
MR. McCREA: Okay. Hearing no other
nominations, motion to close nominations?
MRS. HAZUDA: So moved.
MS. Shealey: Second.
MR. McCREA: Moved and seconded. Just a --
MR. WEISS: Voice vote.
MR. MCCREA: Voice vote. I'm sorry.
MR. BRENTLEY: I would like to make some comments.

MR. MCCREA: Very well.
MR. WEISS: On closing nominations?
MR. BRENTLEY: No. I'm sorry.
MR. McCREA: Okay. We're closing
nominations. All those in favor --
MR. WEISS: All those in favor of closing
nominations, please say aye.
(Thereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)
MR. WEISS: Okay. Nominations are closed.
MR. MCCREA: Okay. We have comments.
Mr. Brentley.
MR. BRENTLEY: Yes. I want to make some comments, and it is time -- and I will direct my comments to the acting president, but my comments are concerning my colleague, Mr. Isler. It is just time to allow new leadership, new opportunities for Board members.

We've already around this table in terms of leadership positions -- first, second and now third for some individuals, and when we talk about the lack of opportunities for all, this is a clear example of it, and it would be the honorable thing for Mr. Isler --

Look, you were president for five years. You served also I believe as part of the executive committee before. You have managed to have the extreme influence on this Board, this Board's leadership, as well as relationships with corporate America. My god, would you allow us -- would you allow some of us an opportunity without going through all of the changes of being a part of this wonderful

Board, please?
And besides that, one of the things we have had on this Board in the past, you couldn't serve on this Board as part of executive committee in some cases if you weren't white or if you weren't out of or coming from or in support of Catholic schools. That has slowly started to change for the last seven years, and now we're coming back around and allowing some second and third chances at the apple.

And I'm only asking - I know it is difficult because of leadership and power, but this District is predominantly African-American. No law that says no one else can serve, but it would be about time that we would allow others, especially, AfricanAmericans who can bring something to the table.

So it is a challenge. It is a challenge to Mr. Isler to just, if you would let some of the power and allow some, and if you decide to withdraw and pull your name out, I would like to put Dr. Holley there. How can you move forward and not find a leadership position for the most highly-skilled and highlyqualified person at this table? It makes absolutely no sense.

And so that is the challenge if there is a will, to remove your name.

MR. McCREA: Any comments? Mrs. Colaizzi. MRS. COLAIZZI: I'm sorry. I cannot hear
you.
MR. McCREA: Any comments?
MRS. COLAIZZI: No.
MR. McCREA: Mrs. Fink.
MRS. FINK: No.
MR. McCREA: Dr. Holley.
DR. HOLLEY: No.
MR. McCREA: Mr. Isler.
MR. ISLER: No.
MR. McCREA: Mrs. Hazuda.
MRS. HAZUDA: No.
MR. McCREA: Mr. Sumpter.
MR. SUMPTER: No.
MR. McCREA: Ms. Shealey.
MS. SHEALEY: No.
MR. McCREA: At this point, we'll do a roll
call vote.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley.
MR. BRENTLEY: No.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi.
MRS. COLAIZZI: With all due respect,
Mr. Weiss, I have no idea what I'm voting on.
MR. WEISS: Well, you're voting to elect

Mr. -- whether you want to vote yes or no on Mr. Isler to be second vice president.

MRS. COLAIZZI: Thank you. I lost track of
exactly what we were at. Mr. Isler.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink.
MRS. FINK: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda.
MRS. HAZUDA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley.
DR. HOLLEY: I abstain.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler.
MR. ISLER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea.
MR. McCREA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey.
MS. SHEALEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter.
MR. SUMPTER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Okay. The vote is seven yes, one no, one abstention.

MR. McCREA: Congratulations, Mr. Isler. (Applause.)

MR. McCREA: Now, Ms. Shealey, you may have the hot seat.

MS. SHEALEY: Thank you. Thank you,
Mr. McCrea.
I will now read the resolution for
secretaries and assistant secretaries and the setting
of bonds.

Resolved, that Linda Lane be elected as Secretary of the Board of Public Education in addition to her other duties as Superintendent of Schools without additional salary and that bond for the office be set at $\$ 250,0000$, the bonds to be furnished at the cost of the Board.

Resolved further, that Ira Weiss, esquire, Peter J. Camarda and Pamela R. Capretta be elected Assistant Secretaries of the Board of Public Education in addition to their other duties as Solicitor, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operations Officer 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.

MR. MCCREA: Would you like a motion?
So moved.
MRS. HAZUDA: Second.
MS. SHEALEY: Mr. McCrea and Mrs. Hazuda.
Mr. Weiss, may we have a roll call vote?
MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley.
MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.

MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi.
MRS. COLAIZZI: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink.
MRS. FINK: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda.
MRS. HAZUDA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley.
DR. HOLLEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler.
MR. ISLER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea.
MR. McCREA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey.
MS. SHEALEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter.
MR. SUMPTER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Motion is approved unanimously.
MS. SHEALEY: Thank you, Mr. Weiss.
I will now read a resolution for election
school treasurer.
Resolved, that Margaret Lanjer, 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. MR. ISLER: So moved.

MR. MCCREA: Second.
MS. SHEALEY: Isler, McCrea.
Mr. Weiss, may we have a roll call vote?
MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley.
MR. BRENTLEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi.
MRS. COLAIZZI: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink.
MRS. FINK: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda.
MRS. HAZUDA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley.
DR. HOLLEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler.
MR. ISLER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea.
MR. McCREA: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey.
MS. SHEALEY: Yes.
MR. WEISS: Mr. Sumpter.
MR. SUMPTER: Yes.
MR. WEISS: The motion is approved. That completes the agenda, Madame President.

MS. SHEALEY: Thank you, Mr. Weiss.
This concludes the Board Organization

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Meeting. Do I have a motion to adjourn?
    MR. ISLER: So moved.
    MRS. FINK: Second.
    MS. SHEALEY: Isler, Fink.
    All in favor, say aye.
    (Thereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)
    MS. SHEALEY: Opposed?
        (No response.)
    MS. SHEALEY: This meeting is adjourned.
    (Thereupon, at 5:54 p.m., the Board
    Organization Meeting was concluded.)
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I, Melissa L. Fenster, 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 Board Organization Meeting held in the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, Administration Building, on Monday, December 3, 2012.
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Melissa L. Fenster, Court Reporter

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