

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

MINUTES

Meeting of: September 19, 2012

Call of the Meeting: Special Legislative Meeting

Members Present: Mark A. Brentley, Theresa Colaizzi, Jean Fink,
Sherry Hazuda, Regina Holley, William H. Isler,
Floyd L. McCrea, and Thomas H. Sumpter

Members Absent: Sharene Shealey

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 19, 2012

SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

AGENDA

ROLL CALL

Committee on Personnel

[Roll Call]

We are an equal rights and opportunity school district.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Special Legislative Meeting of September 19, 2012

From the Superintendent of Schools
to
The Board of Public Education

Directors:

Your Committee on Human Resources recommends that you accept the resignation of Robert Lellock, School Police Officer, effective September 11, 2012. The resignation is at the request of the District in lieu of termination.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Linda S. Lane
Superintendent of Schools

1 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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3 PITTSBURGH BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
 4 SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
 5 WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012
 6 6:35 P.M.
 7 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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9 BEFORE:

10 SHERRY HAZUDA, BOARD PRESIDENT
 11 DR. DANA WARE ALLEN
 12 MARK BRENTLEY
 13 THERESA COLAIZZI
 14 JEAN FINK
 15 WILLIAM ISLER
 16 FLOYD McCREA
 17 THOMAS SUMPTER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
 18 DR. REGINA B. HOLLEY

19 MEMBERS ABSENT:

20 SHARENE SHEALEY, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

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22 ALSO PRESENT:

23 DR. LINDA LANE	MR. IRA WEISS
24 LISA FISCHETTI	DR. PAULETTE PONCELET
25 DR. CHRISTIANA OTUWA	MS. JEANNINE FRENCH
DR. JERRI LIPPERT	MR. PETER CAMARDA
MR. MARK CAMPBELL	MR. RONALD JOSEPH
MS. LINDA BAEHR	

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27 REPORTED BY: DEBORAH L. ENDLER
 28 PROFESSIONAL COURT REPORTER

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

2 MRS. HAZUDA: Good evening, ladies and
3 gentlemen, and welcome to the September 19, 2012
4 Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, Special
5 Legislative Meeting.

6 Before we begin this evening I'd like to
7 ask everyone to please turn off all cell phones or
8 pagers or put them on vibrate.

9 Would everyone please rise so we can salute
10 the flag?

11 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

12 MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you. Mr. Weiss, can we
13 please have a roll call?

14 MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley?

15 MR. BRENTLEY: Here.

16 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi?

17 MRS. COLAIZZI: Here.

18 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink?

19 MRS. FINK: Here.

20 MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley?

21 DR. HOLLEY: Present.

22 MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler?

23 MR. ISLER: Present.

24 MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea?

25 MR. MCCREA: Here.

1 MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey? Absent.
2 Mr. Sumpter?
3 MR. SUMPTER: Present.
4 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda?
5 MRS. HAZUDA: Here.
6 MR. WEISS: 8 members present.
7 MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you, Mr. Weiss. The
8 committee report on personnel is before you. Are
9 there any questions or comments on this item?
10 Mr. Brentley?
11 MR. BRENTLEY: Yes, I do. I want to take a
12 second before we vote on this item. I do want to say
13 that I am going to be putting on my parent's hat this
14 evening. This issue has my stomach in knots. And so
15 I will be standing with parents. I will be voting no
16 for this item. Quite a few things -- I'm sorry?
17 MRS. HAZUDA: You are going to vote yes.
18 MR. BRENTLEY: I can do that, too. Whatever
19 vote does not support what's before us.
20 Information, for me as a Board Member, just
21 has not flowed the way it should have. I'm getting my
22 information from the newspapers. And I'm a director
23 here. You know, I just don't -- my feelings with the
24 parents. Counseling? What's going on? Did it
25 happen? Could it possibly have been much more?

1 So I will not have my game face on today in
2 putting the best foot forward. I do not want to be a
3 part of anything that can look like it's misleading
4 the public or just putting a great PR campaign
5 together.

6 I'm going -- my vote today is a vote coming
7 from a father of five, and if I would have been,
8 received that information, 10 years later from one of
9 my children.

10 So I am not -- I am not with it today. So
11 I want to clarify what a no vote, or a yes vote,
12 coming from me today.

13 The other concerns, too, is that with our
14 timing. This item is dated the 11th. Today is the
15 19th. I mean it goes back. And there are so many, so
16 many questions here.

17 So I needed to say that for the record so
18 the community will understand my position. Also, for
19 the fact that I'm unable to share with the community
20 because the way information is not being shared here.

21 I understand an investigation, but we are a
22 Board. We have to find a way to continue to gain the
23 confidence of the community. And I think the best
24 source of gaining anyone's confidence is the truth and
25 let the information flow, and I just don't believe it

1 has happened this far. Thank you.

2 MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you, Mr. Brentley.

3 Mrs. Colaizzi?

4 MRS. COLAIZZII: No.

5 MRS. HAZUDA: Mrs. Fink?

6 MRS. FINK: No.

7 MRS. HAZUDA: Dr. Holley?

8 DR. HOLLEY: No.

9 MRS. HAZUDA: Mr. Isler?

10 MR. ISLER: No.

11 MRS. HAZUDA: Mr. McCrea? Mr. Sumpter?

12 Mr. Weiss, can we have a roll call vote, please?

13 MR. BRENTLEY: For clarification,

14 Mr. Weiss, a "yes" vote means what and a "no" vote

15 means what?

16 MR. WEISS: Yes vote means you are voting
17 to accept the resignation of this person in lieu of
18 termination. And no vote means you're voting not to
19 accept it.

20 MR. BRENTLEY: My vote is no.

21 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi?

22 MRS. COLAIZZII: Yes.

23 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink?

24 MRS. FINK: Yes.

25 MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley?

1 DR. HOLLEY: Yes.

2 MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler?

3 MR. ISLER: Yes.

4 MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea?

5 MR. McCREA: Yes.

6 MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey? Ms. Shealey is
7 absent. Mr. Sumpster?

8 MR. SUMPTER: Yes.

9 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda?

10 MRS. HAZUDA: Yes.

11 MR. WEISS: Motion carried 7 to 1.

12 Mrs. Hazuda, that completes the business on the agenda
13 for the special meeting.

14 MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you. And Mr. Brentley,
15 I apologize for confusing when you knew what you
16 wanted to do. I misunderstood. So, thank you.

17 There being no other agenda items before us
18 this evening, is there a motion to adjourn?

19 MRS. COLAIZZI: So moved.

20 MR. ISLER: Second.

21 MRS. HAZUDA: Colaizzi, Isler. All those
22 in favor?

23 (Chorus of ayes.)

24 MRS. HAZUDA: Meeting adjourned. Thank you
25 very much.

1 (THEREUPON, at 6:45 p.m., the Special
2 Legislative Meeting was concluded.)

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2 I, Deborah L. Endler, the undersigned, do hereby
3 certify that the foregoing seven (7) pages are a true
4 and correct transcript of my stenotypy notes taken of
5 the Special Legislative Meeting, held in the
6 Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, Administration
7 Building, Board Committee Room, on Wednesday,
8 September 19, 2012.

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Deborah L. Endler, Court Reporter

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