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.
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
TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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

BEFORE:

SHERRY HAZUDA, BOARD PRESIDENT
DR. DANA WARE ALLEN
MARK BRENTLEY
THERESA COLAIZZI
JEAN FINK
WILLIAM ISLER
FLOYD McCREA
THOMAS SUMPTER, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT
DR. REGINA B. HOLLEY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

SHARENE SHEALEY, FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

ALSO PRESENT:

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

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

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

Would everyone please rise so we can salute the flag?

(Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

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

MR. WEISS: Mr. Brentley?

MR. BRENTLEY: Here.

MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi?

MRS. COLAIZZI: Here.

MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink?

MRS. Fink: Here.

MR. WEISS: Dr. Holley?

DR. HOLLEY: Present.

MR. WEISS: Mr. Isler?

MR. ISLER: Present.

MR. WEISS: Mr. McCrea?

MR. McCREA: Here.
MR. WEISS: Ms. Shealey? Absent.

Mr. Sumpter?

MR. SUMPTER: Present.

MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda?

MRS. HAZUDA: Here.

MR. WEISS: 8 members present.

MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you, Mr. Weiss. The committee report on personnel is before you. Are there any questions or comments on this item?

Mr. Brentley?

MR. BRENTLEY: Yes, I do. I want to take a second before we vote on this item. I do want to say that I am going to be putting on my parent's hat this evening. This issue has my stomach in knots. And so I will be standing with parents. I will be voting no for this item. Quite a few things -- I'm sorry?

MRS. HAZUDA: You are going to vote yes.

MR. BRENTLEY: I can do that, too. Whatever vote does not support what's before us.

Information, for me as a Board Member, just has not flowed the way it should have. I'm getting my information from the newspapers. And I'm a director here. You know, I just don't -- my feelings with the parents. Counseling? What's going on? Did it happen? Could it possibly have been much more?
So I will not have my game face on today in putting the best foot forward. I do not want to be a part of anything that can look like it's misleading the public or just putting a great PR campaign together.

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

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

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

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

I understand an investigation, but we are a Board. We have to find a way to continue to gain the confidence of the community. And I think the best source of gaining anyone's confidence is the truth and let the information flow, and I just don't believe it
has happened this far. Thank you.

MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you, Mr. Brentley.

Mrs. Colaizzi?

MRS. COLAIZZI: No.

MRS. HAZUDA: Mrs. Fink?

MRS. FINK: No.

MRS. HAZUDA: Dr. Holley?

DR. HOLLEY: No.

MRS. HAZUDA: Mr. Isler?

MR. ISLER: No.

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

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

MR. BRENTLEY: For clarification,

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

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

MR. BRENTLEY: My vote is no.

MR. WEISS: Mrs. Colaizzi?

MRS. COLAIZZI: Yes.

MR. WEISS: Mrs. Fink?

MRS. FINK: Yes.

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 absent. Mr. Sumpter?
7 MR. SUMPTER: Yes.
8 MR. WEISS: Mrs. Hazuda?
9 MRS. HAZUDA: Yes.
10 MR. WEISS: Motion carried 7 to 1.
11 Mrs. Hazuda, that completes the business on the agenda for the special meeting.
12 MRS. HAZUDA: Thank you. And Mr. Brentley, I apologize for confusing when you knew what you wanted to do. I misunderstood. So, thank you.
13 There being no other agenda items before us this evening, is there a motion to adjourn?
14 MRS. COLAIZZI: So moved.
15 MR. ISLER: Second.
16 MRS. HAZUDA: Colaizzi, Isler. All those in favor?
17 (Chorus of ayes.)
18 MRS. HAZUDA: Meeting adjourned. Thank you very much.
(THEREUPON, at 6:45 p.m., the Special Legislative Meeting was concluded.)
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I, Deborah L. Endler, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing seven (7) 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 19, 2012.

Deborah L. Endler, Court Reporter

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