

NOVEMBER 29, 2011

A Special Public Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Teaneck, County of Bergen, New Jersey, was held in the 3rd Floor Cheryl Miller-Porter Student Center at the High School, 100 Elizabeth Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey, on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at 7:05 p.m. Dr. Ardie D. Walser, Board President, presided.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESIDING OFFICER'S MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

"I hereby call to order the Special Public Meeting of the Teaneck Board of Education, held on Tuesday, November 29, 2011, in the 3rd Floor Cheryl Miller-Porter Student Center at the High School, 100 Elizabeth Avenue, Teaneck, New Jersey. Adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to The Record, filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Teaneck and posted inside the Teaneck Board of Education, One Merrison Street, on Friday, November 25, 2011."

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Mr. Herbert Burack
Dr. David Diuguid
Mrs. Margot Fisher
Dr. Henry Pruitt
Mrs. Gervonn Rice
Mr. Sebastian Rodriguez
Mr. Howard Rose
Dr. Ardie Walser
Mrs. Clara Williams

Absent:

Others Present: Ms. Barbara Pinsak, Interim Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert S. Finger, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Vincent McHale, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
and Instruction
Mr. Philip Stern, Board Attorney

PRESENTATION - Ms. Pinsak presented to the public and Board the facts to date regarding the Garden State Virtual Charter School application

Dr. Walser made his comments, Philip Stern made his comments.

Opened to the public for comments at 7:35 pm

Julia Rubin – Save Our Schools – almost 4,000 members, public school supporters, parents. Working toward Charter School reforms, oppose school vouchers, support fully funding state school aid, support local vote for a new charter school. New Jersey only state that allows DOE to create charter schools without local approval. Please sign petition to require local voter’s approval of new charter schools. Do not support virtual charter schools, until the law is changed.

The following people addressed the Board concerning the Garden State Virtual Charter School;

Barbara Ostroth, Kevin Barksdale, Julia Rubin, Ralph Pieavie, Tom Papaleo, Colleen Deshin, Karen Diuguid, Reggie Pitman, Jean Beranian, Paula Rogovin, Luan Harbow, Art Vatsky, Laura Manser, Naomi Kramer, Erica Gottfried, Mark Fisher, Norma Goetz, Amy Ebbett, Fred Gibbons, Jocelyn Ortega, Tany Stowers, Sanaa (student at TJMS), Shelly Worell, Lynn Roberts and Bernard Pearson.

Recessed – 9:46 pm

Reconvened – 10:00 pm

PUBLIC HEARING ON MEETING AGENDA

The public hearing on matters appearing on this meeting’s business agenda commenced at 10:00 p.m. No one wished to address the Board and the hearing was declared closed.

FORMAL BUSINESS AGENDA

The Board of Education took the following actions on the business agenda items for this meeting.

Motion made by Dr. Diuguid seconded by Mr. Rose;

102. the Board approved the **attached** list of **Travel and Conferences** for the staff indicated for professional improvement or development, as approved by and recommended by the Superintendent.

EXPLANATION: The New Jersey State Department of Education requires approval by the Superintendent and the Board of Education for all attendance and reimbursement for attendance at seminars and conferences. Total approved amount is **\$993.90** of which **\$243.90** is district funded with the balance of **\$750** from grants/other funds.

Roll call on Finance & Budget Motion #102; Motion approved 9-0.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Diuguid and seconded by Mr. Rodriguez, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert S. Finger, CFE, CGFM
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Professional Development

Name: Betty Medina, Linda Disken, Aretha Blake Arroyo
School or Department: Hawthorne, Lowell, Whittier
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: One Day Blended Course
Location: Glen Ridge, NJ
Dates: December 13, 2011
Estimated Cost: \$750 – Substitutes Required **(NCLB Funded)**

Name: Melanie Koteen-Coleman, Karla Starks
School or Department: EF Business/Board Office
Conference/Seminar/Workshop: Review of the Local Public and Public School Contract Laws
Location: Neptune, NJ
Dates: December 9, 2011
Estimated Cost: \$243.90 – Substitute Not Required **(District Funded)**
