

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 8, 2018

AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE FRANKLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRESENT: Kevin Blondina, Kathleen Clohessey, F. Cliff Graham
Shane Hrbek, Ronald Neal, Jeanine Paszkiel, Sarah Zydon
John R. Giacchi, Chief School Administrator
5 Members of the Public

ABSENT: Louise Murphy, Suzanne Ross

Mr. Graham, Board President, **opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.**, with the Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance, which was followed by the following statement:

The Board Secretary has advised me this meeting is being conducted in compliance with the "Open Public Meeting Act-Chapter 231-Public Laws of 1975." Advance written notice of at least 48 hours was given specifying the time, date, and to the extent known, the agenda and stating whether formal action may or may not be taken and has been properly posted at the school, sent to the Clerk/Administrator, sent to the N.J. Herald, the Sunday Herald, and the Star-Ledger.

The Board Secretary reported that this meeting was originally scheduled for Wednesday 7 March 2018 and the meeting had to be canceled due to inclement weather.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS

On motion by Mrs. Paszkiel, seconded by Mrs. Clohessey, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, **opened the meeting to the public for agenda items at 7:01 p.m.**

Mr. Graham read the following statement:

At this time, members of the public are invited to address the Board. Please note that public comments on the agenda items will be made in accordance with Policy 0167 - Public Presentation at Board meetings. Each statement made by all participants may be limited to three minutes in duration. If you would like to address the Board, please raise your hand to be called upon. Once called, please come to the front and state your name, municipality of residence and/or group affiliation.

Please let the record reflect that the Board of Education does not endorse comments nor will the Board of Education be held liable for comments made by a member of the public about a staff member that the staff member may consider defamatory and/or libelous, as that individual retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against you.

No one addressed the Board.

On motion by Mr. Neal, seconded by Mr. Hrbek, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, **closed the meeting to the public for agenda items at 7:01 p.m.**

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NEW BUSINESS

On motion by Mrs. Zydon, seconded by Mr. Neal, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, **accepted Mrs. Louise Murphy's resignation from the Board of Education effective 1 March 2018 [Document A], with regrets.**

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

On motion by Mr. Blondina, seconded by Mr. Neal, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, **opened the meeting to the public for non-agenda items at 7:07 p.m.**

Mr. Graham read the following statement:

At this time, members of the public are invited to address the Board. Please note that public comments on the agenda items will be made in accordance with Policy 0167 - Public Presentation at Board meetings. Each statement made by all participants may be limited to three minutes in duration. If you would like to address the Board, please raise your hand to be called upon. Once called, please come to the front and state your name, municipality of residence and/or group affiliation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ruiz addressed the Board for the need to have an armed police officer in the building during the school day.

Mr. Graham responded.

On motion by Mr. Hrbek, seconded by Mrs. Clohessey, and carried unanimously by roll call vote, **closed the meeting to the public for non-agenda items at 7:12 p.m.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Mrs. Zydon, seconded by Mr. Blondina, and carried unanimously by voice vote, **the following resolution was adopted:**

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education may exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting at which the Board discusses any of the matters described at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(1)-9;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education shall forthwith enter into closed session to discuss the following matter(s) concerning:

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- ☐ Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law
- ☒ **Personnel – Grievance**
- ☐ Appointment of a public official
- ☐ Matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- ☐ Pending or anticipated litigation
- ☐ Pending or anticipated contract negotiations
- ☐ Protection of the safety or property of the public
- ☐ Matters which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy
- ☐ Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States Government
- ☐ Matters concerning collective negotiations and/or the negotiation of terms and conditions of employment of employees of the Board of Education
- ☐ Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said discussion may be disclosed to the public when the reasons for discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exist.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:23 p.m.

On motion by Mrs. Zydon, seconded by Mr. Neal, and carried unanimously by voice vote,
adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Sabo
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary