



TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES
November 26, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

The November 26, 2012 Special Meeting of the Board of Education, Township of Pequannock, County of Morris, was called to order in the Auditorium of Pequannock Township High School, 85 Sunset Road, Pompton Plains, New Jersey, at 7:02 p.m. by William Sayre, Board President. The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this special meeting, for the purpose of obtaining input from the public regarding full day kindergarten and the possibility of changing the grade level configuration of the schools within the district, has been properly advertised in the designated newspaper, and been posted, with its agenda at the appropriate locations, and a copy has been filed with the Pequannock Township Clerk. NO FORMAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Joseph Cropanese	James Farrell
	Kenneth Hardaker	Robert Lee
	Kimberley Quigley	David Swezey (arrived 7:14)
	Matthew Teng	William Sayre

ABSENT: John Buonomo

ALSO PRESENT: Victor P. Hayek, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Rosalie Winning, Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATION

The President noted that at the Board Retreat, there was discussion regarding the possibility of the district moving to full day kindergarten as well as changing the grade level configuration in the schools. The Board is asking for the community's input on these issues after the presentation.

The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent conducted a presentation outlining short and long-term options for the district, addressing core curriculum content standards and potential demographic changes.

BOARD DISCUSSION

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- Traffic implications
- Time constraints with four schools
- Costs
- Common Core Curriculum Standards
- Transitions for students from one grade level school to the next level
- Scheduling
- Mentoring
- Parent Volunteers
- Art and Music on a cart
- Self-contained classroom vs. middle school model

OPEN TO PUBLIC AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any agenda item during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President or Acting President. Depending on the nature and the complexity of the question, it may or may not be answered during the meeting and, if so, only after the member of the public has completed their comments or reached their allotted time.

Janelle McGowan, 32 William Street

- In favor of option 4 and full day kindergarten
- Grade 4/5 cluster helps transition to grade 6
- Asked about before and after care

Scott Arnold, 12 Post Road

- Full-day kindergarten is important
- Clustering works well professionally but concerned about his child transitioning multiple times

Gary Struble, 35 Tilley Avenue

- In favor of large grade level spans per building, not reconfiguring

Rich Dygos, 9 Van Riper Avenue

- Concerned about traffic
- Asked for due diligence

Ann Moore, 12 West Parkway

- Against clustering, neutral on full day kindergarten
- Concerned about time constraints to get to multiple schools
- Requested another Community Forum

Alberta Alleva, 75 West Parkway

- Clustering is advantageous

Tom Salerno

- Declining enrollment needs to be addressed
- Essential to have full day kindergarten
- Burden to taxpayers is counterproductive to grow a community

Craig McSweeney, Libby Avenue

- Against clustering and full day kindergarten
- Concerned about lack of parent involvement

Vince Pompeo, 34 Greenview Drive

- Would like to implement Option 1 in phases

Kay Collins, 21 Romandt Drive

- Wants presentation to be made public on the website
- Against music and art on a cart

Vincent Tirri, 80 Jackson Avenue

- Favors Option 2; important to invest in facilities

Cormac McGowan, 32 William Street

- Concerned about teachers and principals being moved to other schools if they have strengths with certain grade levels
- Favors Option 4

John Capara, 2 Reynolds Road

- Strongly favors full day kindergarten
- Option 1 is best for immediate results
- Option 2 should be on a referendum for 2014 because construction costs are at an all-time low
- Option 4 is OK

Dr. Brittany Ryan-Berzins, 498 Newark-Pompton Turnpike

- In favor of full day kindergarten but not transitions for small children

Rob Cascone, 504 Chatfield Drive

- Favors neighborhood schools
- Does not want campus environment of Option 2

Rocco Salluce, 153 Jacksonville Avenue

- Good presentation
- Keep searching for better options while we are not "under the gun"

Louise Marchese, 16 Roland Road

- Neutral on clustering
- Favors full day kindergarten
- Maintain schools to maintain real estate

Melissa Stasek, 30 Libby Avenue

- Favors option 1

Christine Bodowski, 16 Jacksonville Road

- Likes neighborhood schools
- Don't rush to a decision

Erik Mc Hugh, Kimble Court

- Against clustering
- Do more research
- Moved here for neighborhood schools

Kathy Van Duyne, Van Ness Avenue

- Questioned how many top 25 schools are reconfigured schools
- Difficult to get volunteers with Option 4
- Good programs may be eliminated with Option 4

Karleen Lunetta, 25 Sunset Road

- Does not favor full day kindergarten; it is not childcare
- Lose character development if not K-5

Rob Singer, 7 Sanders Place

- Asked if a gym will be built at SJG regardless of the Options
- Favors Option 2 but OK with Option 1 to start and then move to 2 or 3

Allison La Gates, 19 Tilley Avenue

- Favors neighborhood schools for property values
- Asked if school choice is tied in with Options
- Concerned about SNAPP programs if teachers are split up

Ann Maier, 51 Slingerland Avenue

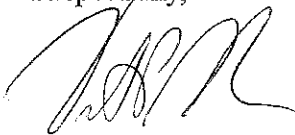
- Discussed timing of decisions for Options
- Wants parity between schools
- Likes how PVMS handles transitions

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourned the Special Board Meeting of November 26, 2012 at 10:07 p.m.

Motion: Cropanese	Second: Tengi	Roll Call Vote: 8 - 0
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Respectfully,



Victor P. Hayek
Superintendent of Schools

FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

- December 3, 2012 HILLVIEW
- December 19, 2012 (Wed.) PTHS
- January 14, 2013 SJG
- January 28, 2013 PTHS