

BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Blairstown, New Jersey 07825

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, November 12, 2020 Special Meeting

6:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cook Called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL by Matthew P. Herzer, Business Administrator

Present: Mr. Cook, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Gerhardt, Mrs. Inscho, Ms. Klein, Mrs. Rolph and Mrs. Sikkes

Absent: Mr. Karolchyk and Mrs. Shaffer

D. NOTICE OF MEETING

This is a special Meeting of the Blairstown Township Board of Education. Notice of the time and place of this meeting was provided and copies of that resolution were forwarded to the official newspapers as designated by the Board of Education and to the Township Clerk, and a copy of the notice was posted on the bulletin board of the Board of Education offices as well as on the front door of the Blairstown Elementary School in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Due to the public health emergency in the State of New Jersey, as declared in Executive Order 103, the Board will be suspending its normal meeting procedures this evening and conducting a virtual meeting. Directions for BOE members for accessing the virtual public meeting were emailed. Members of the public are invited to attend virtually.

E. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with home and community, Blairstown Elementary School is dedicated to the mission of providing an engaging, comprehensive education.

A passion for learning is ignited through an enriched learning environment. While celebrating individuality, our students develop confidence, competence and character.

All students have the opportunity to achieve their highest potential on a quest of lifelong learning to succeed in a global, 21st century.

F. EXECUTIVE ORDER 103

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Blairstown Township Board of Education hereby approves the suspension of its normal meeting procedures pursuant to By-Law 131, and authorized this meeting to be conducted as a virtual meeting, as described in the Statement of Public Notice, due to the public health emergency declared in Executive Order 103.

Voice Vote:

Motion by Mrs. Gerkhardt, second by Mrs. Sikkes

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Karolchyk and Mrs. Shaffer

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Blairstown Township Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

Conducting Superintendent Candidate Interviews

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The Minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOVLED that the Board of Education will return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

Voice Vote:

Motion by Mrs. Sikkes, second by Mrs. Inscho to go into executive session at 6:07 pm.

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Karolchyk and Mrs. Shaffer

H. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Voice Vote:

Motion by Mrs. Gerhardt, second by Mrs. McElroy to leave executive session at 10:13 pm.

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Karolchyk and Mrs. Shaffer

I. PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

J. ADJOURNMENT

Voice Vote:

Motion by Ms. Klein, second by Mrs. Sikkes to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 pm.

Against: None Abstained: None Absent: Mr. Karolchyk and Mrs. Shaffer

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew P. Herzer

School Business Administrator