

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Administration Building
1695 Hylton Road, Pennsauken, New Jersey 08110

BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION MEETING

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

7:30 PM

Pennsauken High School - Room 327

CALL TO ORDER – JOHN J. DESERABLE, BOARD SECRETARY PRESIDES

Advanced written notice of this meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education was sent to the Courier Post. Notice appeared in the legal notice section of the Courier Post stating the time, date, location and that formal action would be taken at that time. Notice was also posted with the Township Clerk.

Mr. Deserable, Interim Board Secretary, declared this to be a legal meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education.

FLAG SALUTE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

<u>Three-year Term</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
Deborah Olusa	1,141
Cheryl Duffy	1,714
Armando Diaz	1,070
Michael Hurley	1,421
Diane Johnson	1,348
Robert J. Brutschea	831

<u>One Year Term</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
Orlando Viera, Jr.	2,109

(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED)

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS – ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

Ms. Schneider, Board Solicitor, administered the Oath of Office to Cheryl Duffy and Orlando Viera, Jr., then to Diane Johnson and Michael Hurley.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Nicholas Perry	2016
Margaret Snyder	2016
JoAnn Young	2016
Allyson Meloni	2017
Leona Moss	2017
Orlando Viera, Jr.	2017
Cheryl Duffy	2018
Michael Hurley	2018
Diane Johnson	2018

Roll call showed the following Board Members in attendance:

Ms. Duffy, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Meloni, Ms. Moss, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Viera, Mrs. Young and Mr. Perry.

Also in attendance:

Dr. James Chapman, Superintendent
John J. Deserable, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Tracey Schneider, Board Solicitor

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Board Secretary Mr. Deserable called for nominations for President.

Dr. Meloni nominated Mr. Nicholas Perry President of the Board of Education

Ms. Moss nominated Dr. Meloni President of the Board of Education

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES ***Ms. Johnson, Dr. Meloni, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Viera, Mrs. Young and Mr. Perry***

NO ***Ms. Duffy, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Moss***

ABSENT ***-0-***

Mr. Nicholas Perry was elected President of the Board of Education.

The President, called for Nominations and Election of the Vice President.

Mrs. Young nominated Mrs. Snyder for Vice-President of the Board of Education

Mr. Hurley nominated Dr. Meloni for Vice President of the Board of Education

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES ***Two votes for Mrs. Snyder: Mrs. Young, Mr. Viera
Seven votes for Dr. Meloni: Ms. Duffy, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Meloni, Ms. Moss, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Perry***

NO ***Seven Votes for Mrs. Snyder: Ms. Duffy, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Meloni, Ms. Moss, Mrs. Snyder
Two votes for Dr. Meloni: Ms. Young, Mr. Viera***

ABSENT ***-0-***

Dr. Allyson Meloni was elected Vice-President of the Board of Education

ITEMS FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVAL

John J. Deserable, Business Administrator/Board Secretary read the Code of Ethics into the record.

A motion was made by Dr. Meloni and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to approve the following Coded of Ethics for School Board Members. The motion was approved by a roll call vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 9-0-0

A motion was made by Dr. Meloni and seconded by Mr. Hurley to approve item number 2. The motion was approved by a roll call vote with all Board Members present voting yes with the exception of Mrs. Young who voted no. 8-1-0

1. RECOMMEND the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken approve the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members.

18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

2. RECOMMEND the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken approve the Boys Basketball team to travel to LaSalle University and the Girls Basketball team to travel to Rowan University

respectively to attend games for Saturday, January 9, 2015. The tickets were donated and the cost to the District is for transportation only.

INFORMATIONAL (See Attachments)

2015 District Audit Documents – All Board Members were provided copies of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Auditors' Management Report on Administrative Findings, Financial Compliance and Performance for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.

PUBLIC COMMENT – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

The Pennsauken Township Board of Education recognizes that the schools are the concern of all members of the community. With this in mind, the Board of Education welcomes and solicits input from the public. During the regular monthly Business Meeting, members of the community are afforded an opportunity to express their views. It does, however, respectfully suggest that citizens attempt to resolve concerns by speaking directly to school administrators before bringing it to the Board. Individuals with a relevant interest in the functions or duties of the Board are invited to speak a maximum of five (5) minutes on any one issue. You are required to give your name and address before speaking.

- ***Mrs. Meloni – Congratulated the New Board of Education Members and thanked all members for their dedication and service.***

A motion was made by Dr. Meloni and seconded by Mrs. Young to close the Public Comment portion of the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 9-0-0

A motion was made by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Hurley to move the Board Meeting start time back to 7:00 p.m. from 7:30 p.m. which was a time adopted to accommodate a prior Board Member who is no longer on the Board, beginning with the January 2016 Conference Meeting. The motion was approved by a roll call vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 9-0-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken that it adjourn to Executive Session as prescribed under the “Sunshine Law”, if necessary, in order to discuss legal issues, contracts and personnel issues. Any discussion held by the Board of Education that need not remain confidential will be made public. Matters under discussion will not be disclosed to the public until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

A motion was made by Dr. Meloni and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to enter Executive Session, the Board will not be returning. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 9-0-0 (7:57 p.m.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

TOPICS:

1. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mrs. Young and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to close the Executive Session portion of the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 9-0-0

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Hurley to adjourn the Reorganization Meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote with all Board Members present voting yes. 9-0-0 (8:54 p.m.)