

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Administration Building
1695 Hylton Road, Pennsauken, New Jersey 008110

BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION MEETING
Friday, January 2nd, 2015

CALL TO ORDER - 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>
Allyson Meloni	<u>3,178</u>
Michael Stargell	2,490
Leona Moss	<u>2,737</u>
Danny O'Brien	<u>2,530</u>

<u>One Year Term</u>	<u># of Votes</u>
Armando Diaz	<u>2,131</u>
Stephanie James Wilson	2,022

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS – ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OF OFFICE

The Honorable Louis R. Meloni will administer the Oath of Office to Armando Diaz, Allyson Meloni, Leona Moss and Danny O'Brien.

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Rick Brown	2015
Armando Diaz	2015
Dung Nguyen	2015
Nicholas Perry	2016
Margaret Snyder	2016
JoAnn Young	2016
Allyson Meloni	2017
Leona Moss	2017
Danny O'Brien	2017

Roll call showed the following Board Members in attendance:

Those in attendance and answering roll call were Mr. Brown, Mr. Diaz, Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Snyder and Mrs. Young. Ms. Moss and Mr. O'Brien were absent.

Also in attendance:

Dr. Chapman, Superintendent
John Deserable, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Robert Lindsey, Director of Personnel
Monroe Logan, Director of Elementary
Frank Piarulli, Board Solicitor

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Board Secretary Mr. Deserable called for nominations for President.

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

Mrs. Young nominated Mr. Brown for President of the Board of Education

ROLL CALL VOTE: (starting with Mr. Perry for President)

YES Mr. Diaz, Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Snyder

NO Mr. Brown and Mrs. Young

ABSENT Ms. Moss and Mr. O'Brien

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

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

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES Mr. Brown, Mr. Diaz, Dr. Meloni, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. Perry, Mrs. Snyder

NO Mrs. Young

ABSENT Ms. Moss and Mr. O'Brien

Mr. Nguyen was elected Vice-President of the Board of Education

Recommend the Board approve the following item:

Mr. Deserale read 18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for School Board Members, Administration and Public and entertained questions, there were none.

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.

INFORMATIONAL – Voting Issues for Board of Education - Handout

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.

- ◆ No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Mr. Nguyen and seconded by Dr. Meloni to close the Public Comment Session of the meeting. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Report of New Business

- ◆ Dr. Chapman - Would like approval to post for two Instructional Coaches, one for Mathematics and One for Language Arts for the High School and would like to post as early as 1/5/15.

A motion was made by Dr. Meloni and was seconded by Mrs. Snyder. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

Report of Old Business

- ◆ Mr. Brown inquired about the denial of the use of PHS for the Track Meet held in May 2015. Dr. Chapman stated there was a list of issues regarding leaving the facilities in an unacceptable condition. The list was provided by Mr. Killion, Maintenance/Custodial Staff and a Pennsauken Police Officer. Without the list in front of him he could only generalize. Mr. Brown would like to see the vote rescinded.

A motion was made by Mrs. Young and seconded by Mr. Brown to rescind the defeated vote on 12/18/14, Addendum Item #13, use of the PHS facilities for the Camden Police Athletic League Track Meet on 5/9/15 and 5/16/15. The motion was defeated 3-1-3.

A motion was made by Mr. Nguyen and seconded by Dr. Meloni to approve Items 1 – 3. The motion was approved with all members voting yes with the exception of, Dr. Meloni who recused items 2 and 3 and Mrs. Young voting no on items 2 and 3.

1. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education to approve the fees of Sarah Lorraine for the following appointment:

Account #11-000-219-320-008-08

Student	Provider	Cost	Program
135418133	Sarah Lorraine	\$3,500.00	Comprehensive Psychoeducational Evaluation

2. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve the contract for Dr. James F. Chapman as Acting Superintendent of Schools from July 1st 2014 to September 30th 2014.
3. RECOMMEND that the Board of Education approve the contract for Dr. James F. Chapman as Interim Superintendent of Schools from October 1st 2014 to June 30th 2015.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Nguyen. The motion was approved by a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.