

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES

TUESDAY OCTOBER 9, 2012  
7:30 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
1695 HYLTON ROAD

**CALL TO ORDER**

Advanced written notice of this meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education was sent to the Courier Post and Philadelphia Inquirer. 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. O'Brien as President, declared this to be a legal meeting of the Board of Education.

**ROLL CALL**

Those in attendance and answering roll call were Mr. Brown, Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Stargell, Mrs. James-Wilson, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Nguyen, Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Kofoet and Dr. Meloni were absent. Also in attendance were Mrs. Martinez Superintendent, Mr. Oberg Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Wrzeszcynski Director of Personnel, Mr. Piarulli Solicitor.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION #1**

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Nguyen to approve the following resolution.  
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, for the purpose of Personnel matters. 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.  
The motion was approved by a voice vote. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:32pm  
The Board returned to Public Session at 8:00pm.

**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.

Jonathan Taylor

- Previous basketball coach. Why wasn't he called back and what is the procedure. Mr. Wrzeszcynski replied.

Steven Cobb - support of basketball coach.

Seeing no further comment a motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mrs. James-Wilson to close public comment. The motion was approved by a voice vote.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION #2**

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Nguyen to approve the following resolution. 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, for the purpose of Personnel matters. 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. The motion was approved by a voice vote. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:15pm. The Board returned to Public Session at 10:30pm.

## **REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Stargell to approve items #1 and #2. The motion was approved by a roll call vote (7-0-0)

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Stargell to approved item #3. The motion was approved by a roll call vote (6-1-0) with Mr. O'Brien voting no.

1. ***BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken*** to rescind resolution #19 adopted at the Business Meeting on September 27, 2012.
2. ***BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken to*** approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Brian Barg of a six (6) day suspension and a voluntary five (5) day reduction in pay and preclusion from all paid extracurricular activity positions for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. ***BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken to*** approve the Superintendent's authority to offer the position of School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to Celeste Ricketts at a salary of \$134,000. Upon acceptance, submitting the contract to the County Executive Superintendent for approval, and the Board will then make permanent approval at their next available meeting.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Stargell to adjourn the meeting at 10:40pm. the motion was approved by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Oberg RSBA  
Interim Board Secretary