NEW PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 7, 2025

The Special Meeting of the New Philadelphia Board of Education was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by President Gallentine at the Administration Office with the following members present: Ms. Fontana, Mr. Gallentine, Mr. MacMath, Mr. Ricklic and Mrs. Schrock. Also present were Mrs. Erwin and Mrs. Wentworth. Mr. Williams was absent.

Approval of Agenda 31-25

Mrs. Schrock moved, Mr. MacMath seconded to approve the Special Meeting agenda including any additions or deletions to the agenda.

Roll call:	Ayes:	Schrock, MacMath, Fontana, Gallentine, Ricklic	(5)
	Nays:		(0)

Motion carried.

Recommendation 32-25

Mrs. Schrock moved, Ms. Fontana seconded to replace the proposed agenda policy with the substitute Board Policy JEFB - Release Time for Religious Instruction.

Roll call:	Ayes:	Schrock, Fontana, Gallentine, MacMath, Ricklic	(5)
	Nays:		(0)

Motion carried.

Recommendation 33-25

Mrs. Schrock moved, Ms. Fontana seconded to approve the Board substitute policy JEFB - Release Time for Religious Instruction.

Roll call:	Ayes:	Schrock, Fontana, Gallentine, MacMath, Ricklic	(5)
	Nays:		(0)

Motion carried.

Discussion for RTRI:

- *Concerns and clarification on background check procedures were discussed:*
    - Only verified adults can pick up students.
    - Students must return on time and cannot distribute RTRI materials/snacks.
- *Support expressed for transportation and inclusion of students with disabilities.*
- *Clarification requested about BCI/FBI checks:*
    - Substitute policy requires both BCI and FBI checks.
    - A Verification Report of the RAPBACK notifications must be provided annually.
    - Use of the RAPBACK system ensures real-time alerts for offenses.
- *Clarification that while FBI checks are good for five years, annual verification and monitoring via RAPBACK provides ongoing oversight.*
- *Final point: the policy committee may need to update the district's overall background check policy for consistency for all staff.*

Recommendation 34-25

Mrs. Schrock moved, Ms. Fontana seconded to approve the Resolution in Support of the Fair School Funding Plan.

Roll call:	Ayes:	Schrock, Fontana, Gallentine, MacMath, Ricklic	(5)
	Nays:		(0)

Motion carried.

Discussion for Fair School Funding:

Ms. Fontana thanked everyone for all of their efforts working on funding public school districts. People have been attending conferences, writing letters, and meeting with legislators.

Adjournment

Mr. MacMath moved, Mr. Ricklic seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

Roll call:	Ayes:	MacMath, Ricklic, Fontana, Gallentine, Schrock	(5)
	Nays:		(0)

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

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President

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