

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF
THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008 IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BUTLER, NEW JERSEY

Mr. Kovats, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Kovats, President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mr. Kovats made the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Butler Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Borough Hall, communicated to THE SUBURBAN TRENDS and THE DAILY RECORD, and filed with the Borough Clerk on April 26, 2007.

Chapter 8, P.L. 1995 provides for the representation of sending school district board of education members on the receiving school district board of education.

The Bloomingdale Board of Education representative has voting privileges on matters as outlined in Board Policy No. 0141.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Knapp, Lakawicz, Luciani, Marion, O'Shea, Roche, Soules
(Bloomingdale Rep.), and Kovats

Members Absent: Lee, Puglise

Others Present: Dr. René T. Rovtar, Ms. Debra Naley-Minenna, 8 residents and 6 staff
members

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rovtar presented an overview of the budget process.

PUBLIC

- Bob Norman questioned the \$1.8 million amount of reductions.
- Anne Schear, high school aide, spoke for 8 aides affected by Board's change in policy deleting benefits to family members and offering a different health policy to employees, and requested alternate compensation for loss of benefits.
- Bob White questioned finance committee review. He also questioned custodial and aide staff cuts.

PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve an increase in the hours for Angela Beck, district aide, from 2 hours per day to 5 hours per day effective March 4, 2008 through the end of the 2007-2008 school year. This increase is to accommodate the needs of a student's IEP.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the following teaching staff members to serve as supervisors for the Spring T.R.A.C.K. program to be offered from April 2 through June 4, 2008. The following supervisors are hereby appointed and will be assigned based on actual enrollment in the program:

Liz Benne Joe Duchensky Janet Kern

Supervisors will be paid at a rate of \$25.00 per hour for each of the sessions they work. Liz Benne will be compensated an additional \$125.00 for her coordination of the program. (The program will operate through Fund 51.)

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

GENERAL/ACTIVITIES/TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Mrs. O'Shea and seconded by Mrs. Luciani, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the Spring T.R.A.C.K. (to Run And Condition Kids) Program to be offered from April 2 through June 4 under the supervision of teachers to be appointed by the Board. Parents will pay a registration fee for their child's participation in the program. (The program will operate through Fund 51)

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 7-0.

Review of Regular Meeting Agenda

PUBLIC

- A question was raised regarding Spring Track.
- Bob Norman questioned the outcome of the joint meeting with Town Council.
- Peg Fett questioned the referendum.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, it was moved to **adjourn the meeting to the call of the chair.** Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,
Board Secretary