

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

Mrs. Lakawicz, President, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mrs. Lakawicz, President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Mrs. Lakawicz 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 May 2, 2008.

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, Lee, Luciani, Marion, O'Shea, Puglise, Roche, Sokoloff, and Lakawicz

Members Absent: Devadan (Bloomingdale Rep.),

Others Present: Mario Cardinale, Debra Naley-Minenna, Steve Janoski of the Suburban Trends

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Mr. Cardinale reported that he met with Bloomingdale regarding the contract.
- The January Board meeting will start at 6:30 p.m.
- It was decided to cancel the December 18 meeting and hold the Regular Meeting on December 15. A dinner gathering is planned on an alternate night.

**Discussion of Agenda**

A request was made to amend the existing Board Committee structure, adding "athletic" and removing "general." The Superintendent will look into the proper process to amend.

## **PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS**

\*On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, at the recommendation of the superintendent, it was moved to approve the professional day(s) for the 2008-2009 school year as per attached list.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 9-0.

## **POLICY**

Mrs. Sokoloff gave a Policy Committee report.

## **LIAISON - TOWN COUNCIL & BLOOMINGDALE**

Mr. Lee reported on the Joint Council Committee – Rec. Center issues; referendum issues; poison ivy, road construction and other issues. The next meeting is December 3 at 7:00 p.m.

## **LIAISON – PTA**

Mrs. Luciani reported that the PTA has 343 members.

## **N. J. SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION / LEGISLATION**

Mr. Marion and Mrs. Minenna reported on the Convention.

## **MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**

Mrs. Sokoloff reported that the Morris County Superintendent, Dr. Kathleen Serafino, spoke about the mandated consolidation issues.

## **PRIVATE SESSION**

On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved **at 9:12 p.m. to approve the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning personnel; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subject to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975 Chapter 231; it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in executive session by the Board and administrative staff at the conclusion of the public segment of this meeting and information pertinent there to will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

On a voice vote the motion carried.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, it was moved to **return to Public Session at 9:35 p.m.**

On a voice vote the motion carried.

***The Board has been in executive session for the past 23 minutes for the purpose of discussing personnel. The matters that were discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.***

**PUBLIC**

Discussion of the Borough assisting the Board in various projects.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. Roche, it was moved to **adjourn the meeting to the call of the chair**. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,  
Board Secretary