

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF
THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2008 IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BUTLER, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Roche, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mrs. Roche, Vice-President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Mrs. Roche 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, Luciani, Marion, O'Shea (arrived after meeting started), Puglise, Roche, Sokoloff, and Lakawicz (arrived after meeting started)

Members Absent: Lee, Devadan (Bloomingdale Rep.)

Others Present: Ms. Elaine Baldwin, Mr. Mario Cardinale, Ms. Debra Naley-Minenna, Steve Janoski of the Suburban Trends

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Ms. Baldwin reported that the transition with Mario Cardinale is going well. She stated that it was a pleasure to work with the Butler Board.
- All committee meetings have been held to review format.
- The Violence and Vandalism Report will be given Monday.
- She is happy for the community that the referendum passed.

Mrs. Roche thanked Elaine for serving here.

REPORT ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 REFERENDUM

- Andrea Kahn has asked if the Board would like to re-present the ADS Field Question, for \$350,000 bond, to the public at the April school board election. Debt Service allocation will be held by the State until we decide. The project will be financed by the issuance of temporary notes until Board or voters decide on questions, then bonds will be issued.
- First Meeting – attorney has received and approved final contract document with architect (see committee report) to sign Monday.

The Board reviewed the Agenda – questions and discussion

The Policy Committee shared two policies that will be presented Monday night for first reading.

There will be a Town Council meeting on October 28. Elaine Baldwin and Mario Cardinale will both be there.

Lisa O'Shea reported that there will be a Police Advisory meeting.

PRIVATE SESSION

On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. Roche, it was moved **at 8:53 p.m. to approve the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning litigation; 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 Mrs. O'Shea and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved to **return to Public Session at 9:08 p.m.**

On a voice vote the motion carried.

The Board has been in executive session for the past 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing litigation. The matters that were discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

The Board discussed the "Make-A-Difference" Award Program.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Lisa O'Shea presented a thank-you gift to Elaine Baldwin.

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 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,
Board Secretary