

MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING OF
THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BUTLER, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Lakawicz, President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 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: Lee, Luciani, Marion, O'Shea, Puglise, Roche, Sokoloff, and Lakawicz

Members Absent: Knapp, Devadan (Bloomingdale Rep.),

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

REFERENDUM UPDATE

Interim Superintendent, Elaine Baldwin, reported on the September 15 Open House on the September 30 Referendum, which offered an opportunity for the community to speak with various professionals regarding the proposals.

Lisa O'Shea shared a PowerPoint presentation on the Referendum at the Richard Butler School Back-to-School Night. Rosemarie Lakawicz also made a presentation to the Booster Club.

There will be a PR meeting on Wednesday and next Tuesday. Wednesday is Back-to-School Night at Butler High School, and Thursday is Back-to-School Night at Aaron Decker School.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Ms. Baldwin shared that there are new regulations which are required to be detailed in Board policy, including contact with attorney.

HEARING ON BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S CONTRACT

This is the required hearing on the B.A. contract for the 2008-2009 school year. Contract to be voted on at the September 22, 2008 meeting.

PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

On motion of Mr. Marion and seconded by Mrs. O’Shea, it was moved to approve the following motions:

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the appointment of **Karen Freeman, short term replacement Special Education teacher at Butler High School**, pending certification and criminal history review, **effective September 1, 2008 through January 23, 2009, Step 1 MA+45 -- \$56,265 (prorated)** for the 2008-2009 school year, per salary guides in the 2008-2011 negotiated agreement with the Butler Education Association.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the appointment of **Michael F. Caruso, Supervisor Mathematics/Science at Butler High School**, pending certification and criminal history review, **Step 1, 10 month Supervisors Guide, \$71,782 (prorated)**, for the 2008-2009 school year, per salary guides in the 2008-2011 negotiated contract, effective on or before November 19, 2008.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the professional day(s) for the 2008-2009 school year as per attached listing.

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the re-appointment of the following custodial substitutes for the 2008-2009 school year, at \$10.00 per hour:

Tammy Dempsey Justin Shepard Cindy Tintle

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the appointment of the following district aide(s) for the 2008-2009 school year, pending criminal history review process:

Lisa Bergstrom 5.5 hrs/day – 5 days per week - \$9.50per/hr. (eff. 9-1-08)
Lori Wittman 2 hrs/day – 5 days per week - \$9.50per/hr. (eff.9-1-08)
Deanna Polons 3 hrs/day – 5 days per week - \$9.50 per/hr. (eff.9-22-08)

At the recommendation of the superintendent, move to approve the adjustment of hours for the following District Aides, for the 2008-2009 school year (effective 9-1-08):

Lisa Russo	From: 5.5 hrs per day	To: 4.5 hrs. per day
Katherine Nestico	From: 5.5 hrs per day	To: 6 hrs. per day
Tina Hasson	From: 4 hrs. per day	To: 4.5 hrs. per day

On a roll call vote, the motion carried 8-0.

PRIVATE SESSION

On motion of Mrs. O'Shea and seconded by Mr. Puglise, it was moved **at 9:03 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 Mrs. Luciani and seconded by Mr. Marion, it was moved to **return to Public Session at 9:57 p.m.**

On a voice vote the motion carried.

The Board has been in executive session for the past 54 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.

The Board discussed a vending machine that was placed at Memorial Field.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,
Board Secretary

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