

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008 IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY, BUTLER, NEW JERSEY

Mrs. Lakawicz, President, called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, Roche, Sokoloff, and Lakawicz

Members absent: Puglise, Devadan (Bloomingdale Rep.)

Others present: Ms. Debra Naley-Minenna, four staff members, and two members of the public

Mrs. Lakawicz stated the purpose of the meeting and summarized the process of hiring the Superintendent. There were 44 candidates, who were narrowed down to "the best."

Mrs. Lakawicz introduced Mario Cardinale. Mr. Cardinale stated that he is looking forward to his employment here and thanked the Board for the opportunity.

Mrs. Lakawicz mentioned that Elaine Baldwin has been serving as the interim Superintendent.

At 7:13 p.m., the Board adjourned for a brief recess.

PERSONNEL/EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

On motion of Mrs. Lakawicz and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, it was moved to appoint **Mario D. Cardinale** as Superintendent of Schools, for a term commencing on or before November 1, 2008 and expiring on July 1, 2013, at a salary of \$178,000. prorated for the 2008-2009 school year; pursuant to a contract agreed upon by both parties.

At this point, Mr. Puglise entered the meeting.

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

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 appoint **Jillian Lee, Special Education teacher at Butler High School**, pending certification and criminal history review. **BA – Step 1 \$47,375.** 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 appoint **Rebecca J. Marcelliano, Teacher of Art at Richard Butler School**, pending certification and criminal history review. **BA+20 – Step 1 - \$49,050.** 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 appoint **Maura Pisarczyk, Basic Skills teacher at the Richard Butler School**, pending certification and criminal history review. **BA – Step 2 - \$47,875.** for the 2008-2009 school year, per salary guides in the 2008-2011 negotiated agreement with the Butler Education Association.

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

PRIVATE SESSION

On motion of Mrs. O'Shea and seconded by Mr. Puglise, it was moved **at 7:45 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 roll call vote the motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

On motion of Mr. Knapp and seconded by Mrs. O'Shea, it was moved to **return to Public Session at 8:07 p.m.**

On a roll call vote the motion carried.

The Board has been in executive session for the past 22 minutes for the purpose of discussing confidential pupil matters. The matters that were discussed will be disclosed to the public as soon as possible once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Naley-Minenna,
Board Secretary