

**PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES –JANUARY 9, 2014**

The reorganization meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Pittsgrove, County of Salem, New Jersey, was held on Thursday, January 9, 2014, 6:30 P.M., Arthur P. Schalick High School.

Present: Mr. Henry Bermann, Superintendent; Mrs. Suzanne R. Fox Abdill, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Yvette DuBois, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Priscilla Ocasio-Jimenez, Principal, Middle School; Ms. Patty Gaburo, Principal, Olivet, Elmer, Norma Schools; the press, staff members, and the public.

ROLL CALL

Business Administrator/Secretary, Mrs. Suzanne R. Fox Abdill, opened the meeting at 6:32 P.M., leading the group in the pledge to the flag and reading the following statement:

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by notifying the Clerk of the Township of Pittsgrove and having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building, Today's Sunbeam, The Daily Journal and the Elmer Times.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

Business Administrator/Secretary, Mrs. Suzanne R. Fox Abdill, read the District Mission Statement:

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Pittsgrove Township School District promotes the academic and personal growth of all students to the best of their abilities with a rigorous program that supports personal strengths and self-sufficiency, inspiring an ethic of lifelong learning. We strive to instill traditional values and a diversity of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills necessary to succeed in global environment.

Board Secretary, Mrs. Suzanne R. Fox Abdill, administered the oath of office for the following individuals:

OATH OF OFFICE

- Tracy Penven - Three-Year Term
- Marlene Smith - Three-Year Term
- Peter Lawlor - Three-Year Term

Members Present: Mrs. Conover, Mrs. Hayman, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Miletta, Mrs. Penven, Mr. Rump, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Wentzell

ROLL CALL

Members Absent: Elmer vacancy

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ELECTION OF  
PRESIDENT

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Election of President

Moved by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board of Education approve to open nominations for the position of President of the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education.

Unanimously approved

Moved by Mr. Rumpp and seconded by Mrs. Snyder to nominate Mrs. Conover to serve as President of the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education.

Moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Lawlor to nominate Mr. Miletta to serve as President of the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education.

Being no further nominations, it was moved by Mrs. Conover and seconded by Mr. Wentzell that nominations for the position of President of the Board of Education be closed.

Unanimously approved

Mrs. Conover declined the nomination for President.

Mr. Miletta accepted the nomination for President.

Board Secretary called for a roll call vote on the election of Mr. Miletta as the President of the Board of Education for a term of one year, commencing January 9, 2014 and until their successor is elected and shall qualify.

Roll Call: Ayes: (6) Mrs. Hayman, Mr. Miletta, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Penven, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Wentzell

Noes: (3) Mrs. Conover, Mr. Rumpp, Mrs. Snyder                      Abstain: (0)

Motion Carried

The Board Secretary then declared Mr. Miletta the President of the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education and yielded the chair to the President. The President asked that the Board Secretary continue through the reorganization agenda.

Election of Vice President

Moved by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board of Education approve to open nominations for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education.

Unanimously approved

Moved by Mr. Rumpp and seconded by Mrs. Conover that the Board of Education nominate Mrs. Snyder to serve as Vice President of the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education

Moved by Mr. Lawlor and seconded by Mr. Miletta that the Board of Education nominate Mrs. Smith to serve as Vice President of the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education.

Being no further nominations, it was moved by Mr. Rumpp and seconded by Mrs. Conover that nominations for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education be closed.

Unanimously approved

Mrs. Snyder declined the nomination for Vice President.

Mrs. Smith accepted the nomination for Vice President.

MR. MILETTA,  
PRESIDENT

ELECTION OF  
VICE  
PRESIDENT

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Board Secretary, Mrs. Fox Abdill, called for a roll call vote on the election of Mrs. Smith as Vice President of the Board of Education for a term of one year, commencing January 9, 2014 and until their successor is elected and shall qualify.

MRS. SMITH,  
VICE  
PRESIDENT

Roll Call: Ayes: (6), Mrs. Hayman, Mr. Miletta, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Penven, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Wentzell.

Noes: (3) Mrs. Conover, Mr. Rump, Mrs. Snyder Abstain: (0)

Motion Carried

The Board Secretary then declared Mrs. Smith as the Vice President of the Pittsboro Township Board of Education, then yielded the chair to the President.

**APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS**

Moved by Mrs. Hayman and seconded by Mr. Lawlor that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Mr. Miletta, Pittsboro Township Board of Education member as the NJSBA Delegate.

APPOINTMENT  
OF NJSBA  
DELEGATE

Unanimously approved

Moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Miletta that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Board member, Mr. Lawlor, as the SCSBA Representative to Delegate Committee.

APPOINTMENT  
OF SCSBA  
DELEGATE

Unanimously approved

Moved by Mr. Rump and seconded by Mr. Lawlor that the Board of Education approve the schedule of Board of Education meeting dates, for the 2014 calendar year. All meetings will begin at 6:30 P.M. (*See page 221*)

SCHEDULE OF  
MEETING  
DATES FOR  
THE 2014  
CALENDAR  
YEAR

Unanimously approved

**PRESENTATIONS**

*New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics* packets were handed out to all Board members. The following presentations were made:

New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics

- Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mrs. Suzanne R. Fox Abdill, reviewed the Board policies on ethics.
- Terry Lewis, Field Representative, lead a discussion on ethics issues and reviewed the NJSBA Code of Ethics with Board members.

CODE OF  
ETHICS

Moved by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Rump that the Board of Education adopt the New Jersey School Boards Association Member Code of Ethics as the official code for the Board's actions. (*See pages 221-222*)

ADOPTION OF  
NJSBA CODE  
OF ETHICS

Unanimously approved

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION I**

Comments included the mention of PAF Jazz tickets, \$65.

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RECESS INTO  
CLOSED SESSION

**CLOSED SESSION I**

Moved by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Rump that the Board of Education, by Resolution, adjourn into Closed Session, from which the general public will be excluded, to discuss:

1. Attorney Client Privilege

The results of this session will be made public immediately after, or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached if permitted by law. (7:24 P.M.)

Unanimously approved

ADJOURN FROM  
CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Rump that the Board of Education adjourn from Closed Session. (8:19 P.M.)

Unanimously approved

**BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS**

OLD BUSINESS – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

SCHOOL BOARD  
RECOGNITION  
MONTH,  
JANUARY 2014

Moved by Mrs. Smith and seconded by Mr. Lawlor that the Board of Education approve, by Resolution, *School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey, January 2014. (See pages 222-223)*

Roll Call: Ayes: (8) Mrs. Conover, Mrs. Hayman, Mr. Miletta, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Penven, Mr. Lawlor, Mrs. Snyder, Mr. Wentzell

Noes: (1) Mr. Rump

Abstain: (0)

Motion Carried

The appointment of a Negotiations Committee is held until the January 23, 2014 Board meeting.

Mr. Miletta, Board President, thanked Melissa Conover for her service as Board President.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Snyder and seconded by Mr. Rump that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. (8:35 P.M.)

Unanimously approved