

# WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR SESSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 4, 2016**

**7:30 PM**

The Regular Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township School Library, Belvidere, NJ with the following members in attendance at roll call: Mrs. Rowe, Mr. Boehm, Mr. Rader, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Martowicz, Mrs. Lensi, Mrs. Sroka, Ms. Lee and Mr. Abrams. Michael Slattery, Superintendent and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance as well as Dawn Werkheiser, Principal, Alison Walsh, BSI Teacher and six members of the public.

Mrs. Huff opened the meeting at 7:33 and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised and the public properly notified through notification to The Express-Times, Star Ledger and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

#### **RESULTS OF THE ELECTION**

- ✓ 3 Year Term – Mark Boehm  
Kathleen Martowicz  
Dave Rader
- ✓ 1 Year (unexpired) Term – Tracy Rowe

Mrs. Huff swore in the re-elected members.

#### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to open the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mr. Abrams to nominate Tracy Rowe for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Lee to nominate Mark Boehm for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 0, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mr. Abrams to close the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 0, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

The vote for President was as follows: Mr. Abrams – Mrs. Rowe; Ms. Lee – Mr. Boehm; Mrs. Sroka – Mr. Boehm; Mrs. Lensi – Mr. Boehm; Mrs. Martowicz – Mrs. Rowe; Mr. Panetta – Mrs. Rowe; Mr. Rader – Mrs. Rowe; Mr. Boehm – Mr. Boehm and Mrs. Rowe – Mrs. Rowe.

Tracy Rowe is elected President of the White Township Board of Education.

#### **Mrs. Rowe presides.**

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mr. Boehm to open the nominations for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Rader to nominate Frank Panetta for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Ms. Lee and seconded by Mrs. Martowicz to nominate Mark Boehm for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Martowicz to close the nominations for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

The vote for Vice President was as follows: Mr. Abrams – Mr. Panetta; Ms. Lee – Mr. Boehm; Mrs. Sroka – Mr. Boehm; Mrs. Lensi – Mr. Boehm; Mrs. Martowicz – Mr. Boehm; Mr. Panetta – Mr. Panetta; Mr. Rader – Mr. Boehm; Mr. Boehm – Mr. Boehm; Mrs. Rowe – Mr. Boehm.

Mark Boehm is elected Vice President of the White Township Board of Education.

### **BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE OF ETHICS**

Mrs. Rowe read and discussed the Board member code of ethics and asked Board members to sign the forms and return them to Mrs. Huff indicating that they have read the code of ethics and that they understand it.

### **APPROVE A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2016 YEAR**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Rader to approve the 2016 meeting schedule as listed below. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **2016 MEETING SCHEDULE**

\*January 4, 2016 – Reorganization

January 25, 2016

February 22, 2016

\*March 21, 2016

April 25, 2016

May 23, 2016 – Reappointment

June 27, 2016

July 25, 2016

August 22, 2016

September 26, 2016

October 24, 2016

November 28, 2016

\* December 19, 2016

\* January 9, 2017 - Reorganization

Regular Meetings will be held the fourth Monday of the month (\* exceptions noted). All meetings will begin at 7:30 P.M. and will be held in the White Township Municipal Building, 555 C.R. 519, Belvidere, New Jersey 07823. Action may be taken at all meetings.

### **APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BELVIDERE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Martowicz to appoint Dave Rader to serve on the Belvidere Board of Education as the White Township Board of Education representative for the 2016 year. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 9, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

### **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS - PARCC Presentation**

Mrs. Werkheiser, Principal, along with Mrs. Walsh, BSI Teacher, presented an overview of the PARCC and NJ ASK testing results for the district. Mrs. Werkheiser reminded the group that in 2015 New Jersey adopted the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) to replace previous assessments in the elementary and middle school in language arts and mathematics.

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**PARCC Presentation - continued**

Mrs. Werkheiser reviewed the PARCC student outcomes in english language arts literacy and mathematics for grades 3 through 8. Mrs. Walsh provided an overview of the 2015 NJASK Science scores for grades 4 and 8.

**PERSONNEL**

**Motion – Personnel**

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Rowe to approve the following agenda item #1. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Abrams – yes, Ms. Lee – yes, Mrs. Sroka – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Martowicz – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mr. Rader – yes, Mr. Boehm – yes and Mrs. Rowe – yes.

1. Approve a Suspension with Pay

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, and with prior approval of the Board President, resolved to approve the suspension, with pay, of employee #550, effective December 21, 2015.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Lee discussed a new business and multimedia degree program that Centenary College will be offering.

Mrs. Rowe asked members to email their interest in committee assignments to her by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Mulligan discussed a dyslexia certification program that she has signed up for. Mrs. Mulligan feels that she will gain valuable information from this program that she can turnkey to the rest of the staff. Mrs. Mulligan expressed dismay that Mr. Slattery was unable to approve the program fees because they don't meet the criteria as set forth in the teacher contract. Mrs. Mulligan appealed to the Board for consideration of the cost of the program so she doesn't have to absorb the cost personally. Mrs. Rowe asked that the Personnel Committee consider Mrs. Mulligan's request and give a recommendation to the full Board on the matter.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mr. Panetta to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 8, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Huff  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary