

# WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## REGULAR SESSION MEETING

### MINUTES

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 9, 2017**

**7:30 PM**

The Reorganization 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: Mr. Boehm, Mr. Rader, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Nikolopoulos, Mrs. Lensi, Mr. Orchard and Ms. Lee (7:36). Michael Slattery, Superintendent and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance as well as nine members of the public. Mrs. Sroka and Mrs. Martowicz were unable to attend.

Mrs. Huff opened the meeting at 7:30 and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised and the public properly notified through notification to The Express-Times, Star Gazette and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

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

- ✓ 3 Year Term – Michele Lee  
Rachel Nikolopoulos  
Dorissalba Sroka
- ✓ 1 Year (unexpired) Term – Aaron Orchard (write-in)

Mrs. Huff swore in the new and re-elected members.

#### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to open the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mr. Panetta to nominate Frank Panetta for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mr. Panetta to nominate Mark Boehm for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mr. Panetta to close the nominations for President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

The vote for President was as follows: Ms. Lee – Mr. Boehm; Mr. Orchard – Mr. Panetta; Mrs. Lensi – Mr. Boehm; Mrs. Nikolopoulos – Mr. Panetta; Mr. Panetta – Mr. Panetta; Mr. Boehm – Mr. Boehm; and Mr. Rader – Mr. Boehm.

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

**Mr. Boehm presided.**

#### **ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Nikolopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to open the nominations for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Lee to nominate Michele Lee for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

A motion was made by Mr. Boehm and seconded by Mr. Rader to nominate Frank Panetta for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to close the nominations for Vice President. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

The vote for Vice President was as follows: Ms. Lee – Ms. Lee; Mr. Orchard – Mr. Panetta; Mrs. Lensi – Ms. Lee; Mrs. Nikolopoulos – Mr. Panetta; Mr. Panetta – Mr. Panetta; Mr. Boehm – Mr. Panetta; and Mr. Rader – Mr. Panetta.

Frank Panetta is elected Vice President of the White Township Board of Education.

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

The Board read the Board member code of ethics. Mr. Boehm asked Board members to sign the acknowledgment form and return it to Mrs. Huff indicating that they read the code of ethics and that they understand it.

### **APPROVE A MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE 2017 YEAR**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to approve the 2017 meeting schedule as listed below. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

#### **2017 MEETING SCHEDULE**

\*January 9, 2017 – Reorganization

\* January 30, 2017

February 27, 2017

\*March 20, 2017

April 24, 2017

May 22, 2017 – Reappointment

June 26, 2017

July 24, 2017

August 28, 2017

September 25, 2017

October 23, 2017

November 27, 2017

\* December 18, 2017

\* January 8, 2018 - Reorganization

Regular Meetings are usually held the fourth Monday of the month (\* exceptions noted). All meetings will begin at 7:30 P.M. and are usually 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 Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to appoint Dave Rader to serve on the Belvidere Board of Education as the White Township Board of Education representative for the 2017 year. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Huff noted an addendum to the agenda for a personnel motion.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Boehm asked members to email him with their preferences for Committee assignments by next week.

**PERSONNEL**

**Motion – Personnel**

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

1. Approve a Part-time Paraprofessional

To approve Brittany Moyle as a part-time paraprofessional January 13 – June 30, 2017, not to exceed 4 hours per day, Step 1 ND, \$11.83/hour.

**APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WHITE TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to approve an agreement between White Township Board of Education and White Township Education Association for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 and authorize the Business Administrator to pay employees of the district at the 2016-2017 negotiated salaries based on the negotiated 3 year agreement salary guides and pay retro monies for the period July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Motion carried as follows: Mr. Orchard – yes, Mrs. Lensi – yes, Mrs. Nikolopoulos – yes, Mr. Panetta – yes, Mr. Boehm – yes. Ms. Lee and Mr. Rader are conflicted and were therefore not included in this vote.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Heller asked about changing the format in the district from a shared service for Superintendent to a different model. Mrs. Heller noted she recalled that the shared service committee was meeting and wondered if members had received minutes from the committee meeting. Members noted that the Committee meeting was held right before the last Board meeting, so while there were no minutes shared, the Chairperson of that Committee had reported to the Board that the shared agreement for Superintendent and Business Administrator was working well for both districts. Mrs. Heller noted that a neighboring district is working with a CSA and Vice Principal model and they are an exemplary team that is working very well for their district and, wondered why our district wasn't considering this. The Board noted discontinuing the share was not discussed at the recent Committee meeting. Mrs. Heller further noted that she has reviewed the districts per pupil legal fees and wondered why they are so high compared to other districts in the County. Mr. Boehm encouraged Mrs. Heller to email him with any other questions or concerns she has.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Rader and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Huff  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary