

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Board of Education Meeting

30 Coopers Folly Road

Atco, NJ 08004

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting was given to all Board Members and Associates in a notice dated **04/29/10**. It was advertised in the Courier Post, Philadelphia Inquirer and posted in all schools, the Administration Office, the Municipal Building, the Library, Bud Duble Center and Winslow Township Post Offices.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The **Mission** of the Winslow Township School District, a large diverse and growing community, is to educate all students to become independent, life-long learners, critical thinkers and caring and confident members of their community. The District, in partnership with the community, and in a climate of cooperation and mutual respect, will provide an academic environment which values excellence and diversity, encourages students to strive for personal excellence, and assists them in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to contribute positively to a rapidly changing world.

III. ROLL CALL – In roll the following Board members were noted present:

Present	Mark Benjamin, Sr.	Aleta Sturdivant
	Dino Capaldi	Angelia M. Tutt
	Christopher McGinnis	Cheryl Pitts
	Julie A. Peterson	Deborah Yanez

Also Present H. Major Poteat, Ed.D., Superintendent
Ann F. Garcia, Ed.D., Business Admin./Board Secretary

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION – TEAM CHARTER

1. **At all Times:** Maintain confidentiality; Follow the chain of command; Maintain an open-mind; Listen and speak with respect for others.
2. **Before a Meeting:** Be prepared for board meetings by reading packets prior to board meetings; Refuse to become involved (collectively, as individuals, or in our communities) in micro-management; Get the answers to questions and concerns prior to the board meeting.
3. **During a Meeting:** Listen and speak with respect for others at all times; Vote with conviction; Align our actions as closely as possible to stated goals and objectives; Create an open, problem-solving management climate in which differences and problems are met head-on and clarified rather than swept under the rug or smoothed over; Promote mutual involvement and interdependency rather than selfish competition or subversive rivalry.
4. **After a Meeting:** Develop trust; Uphold all decisions made by the Board; Periodically follow-up on district, board and CSA goals; Understand and respect the separate roles and responsibilities of the board and the administration to confine activities within the boundaries of those roles.

If any board member feels that another board member has violated any provision of this agreement, that board member shall personally talk with the offending board member in an attempt to resolve the issue. If the

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attempt fails, the board member who feels that another board member has violated this agreement shall bring the matter to the attention of the entire board. Any grievances that arise should be dealt with at the earliest practical opportunity.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time Limited)

A motion was made by Ms. Tutt, seconded by Ms. Pitts, to open the meeting for Public Comments at 6:15 p.m.

Notation of Public Comments on Agenda Items – The Board President will recognize those individuals in the audience who wish to comment. Please respect the following procedures:

1. State your full name and address.
2. Please limit your comments to five minutes.

<i>Voice Vote: All in Favor</i>

Ellery Karl spoke before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Benjamin, Sr., seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn Public Comments at 6:17 p.m.

<i>Voice Vote: All in Favor</i>

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session Resolution A motion was made by Mr. Benjamin, Sr., seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve adoption of the Executive Resolution and adjournment to Executive Session at 6:29 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education will entertain a motion to adjourn into Executive/Closed Session for the purpose of:

- Student Hearings
- Personnel Matters
- Legal Matters

The information discussed in Executive/Closed Session may be disclosed to the public after formal action is taken by the Board of Education on these issues. Certain information that will be discussed in Executive/Closed Session is not to be disclosed to the Public; however, the Board may contemplate taking action at the conclusion of Executive/Closed Session.

<i>Roll Call:</i>			
Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	yes	Ms. Sturdivant	yes
Mr. Capaldi	yes	Ms. Tutt	yes
Mr. McGinnis	yes	Ms. Pitts	yes
Ms. Peterson	yes	Ms. Yanez	yes
<i>Motion Carried</i>			

PRESIDENT

Business Administrator/Board Secretary

VII. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (RFP) INTERVIEWS

Time	Company
6:00 p.m.	Parker McCay
6:45 p.m.	Schwartz Simon Edelstein Celso & Zitomer
7:30 p.m.	Wade, Long, Wood & Kennedy

**Return to
Public Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Benjamin, Sr., seconded by Ms. Peterson, to return to Public Session at 9:00 p.m.

III. Appointment of Legal Services

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, Sr., to approve the appointment of Parker McCay for legal services to include Solicitor and Special Education for the 2010/2011 school year.

<i>Roll Call:</i>			
Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	yes	Ms. Sturdivant	yes
Mr. Capaldi	yes	Ms. Tutt	yes
Mr. McGinnis	yes	Ms. Pitts	yes
Ms. Peterson	yes	Ms. Yanez	yes
<i>Motion Carried</i>			

ADDENDUM

I. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Capaldi, seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve Action Item # 1 as recommended by the Business Administrator.

Board of Education Member - Resignation

Approve the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. John J. Tomasello, Board of Education Member, effective April 28, 2010.

<i>Roll Call:</i>			
Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	yes	Ms. Sturdivant	yes
Mr. Capaldi	yes	Ms. Tutt	yes
Mr. McGinnis	yes	Ms. Pitts	yes
Ms. Peterson	yes	Ms. Yanez	yes
<i>Motion Carried</i>			

II. PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Ms. Tutt, seconded by Ms. Pitts, to approve Items # 1 and 2 with regards to Personnel.

1. Resignation

Approve the following Resignation for the 2009/2010 school year:

	Name	Position	School	Effective Date
A	Austin, Robert	Director of Facilities & Operations	Maintenance & Operations Bldg.	6/9/2010

2. Retirement

Approve the following Retirement for the 2009/2010 school year:

	Name	Position	School	Effective Date
A	Gurenlian, Thomas	Director of Elementary Education	MS	7/1/2010

<i>Roll Call:</i>			
Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	yes	Ms. Sturdivant	yes
Mr. Capaldi	yes	Ms. Tutt	yes
Mr. McGinnis	yes	Ms. Pitts	yes
Ms. Peterson	yes	Ms. Yanez	yes
<i>Motion Carried</i>			

Winslow Township Liaison Committee

A motion was made by Ms. Pitts, seconded by Ms. Peterson, to approve the Winslow Township Liaison Committee for 2010/2011 consisting of board members Aleta Sturdivant, Angelia M. Tutt, and Julia A. Peterson alternate Christopher McGinnis.

<i>Roll Call:</i>			
Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	yes	Ms. Sturdivant	yes
Mr. Capaldi	yes	Ms. Tutt	yes
Mr. McGinnis	yes	Ms. Pitts	yes
Ms. Peterson	yes	Ms. Yanez	yes
<i>Motion Carried</i>			

VIII. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Ms. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Capaldi, to adjourn the the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

<i>Voice Vote: All in Favor</i>

Ann F. Garcia, Ed.D.
Business Administrator/Board Secretary