

JACKSON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 2016
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

A Special Meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Education was held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and was called to order by the President of the Board, Sharon Dey, at 5:30 p.m. on November 29, 2016 in the Public Meeting Room of the Administration Building.

Present: Mr. Burnetsky
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Colucci
Mr. Hanlon
Mrs. Fiero
Mrs. Dey

Absent: Ms. Grasso

Also present: Dr. S. Genco, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. D. Baginski, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. M. Richardson, Business Administrator, Mr. N. Montenegro, Board Attorney.

On a motion by Mrs. Fiero, seconded by Mr. Burnetsky, the Board of Education adjourned to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, personnel and negotiations, no action to be taken by acclamation. The Board would reconvene at approximately 5:45 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room of the District Administration Building for Public Session at which time action would be taken.

The Special Meeting of the Jackson Township Board of Education reconvened in the Public Meeting Room of the District Administration Building in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and was called to order by the President of the Board, Sharon Dey, at 5:45 p.m.

Present: Mr. Burnetsky
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Colucci
Mr. Hanlon
Mrs. Fiero
Mrs. Dey

Absent: Ms. Grasso

Also present: Dr. S. Genco, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. D. Baginski, Assistant Superintendent; Ms. M. Richardson, Business Administrator; N. Montenegro, Board Attorney, staff members and township residents.

After the salute to the flag and the Certification of the meeting according to the tenets of the Open Public Meeting Law, the Chair made the following statement: "This meeting is in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law and has been advertised in the newspaper as an Official Meeting."

Board President Statement

Mrs. Dey stated Ms. Grasso is not here this evening due to illness.

On a motion by Mr. Burnetsky, seconded by Mr. Hanlon, based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education adopted the Agenda and Addendum as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Mr. Burnetsky
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Colucci
Mr. Hanlon
Mrs. Fiero
Mrs. Dey

MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Genco stated first and foremost he hopes everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving; we're in the midst of the holiday season and wished everyone well for the holidays.

Dr. Genco addressed policies and explained it is not usual that we would suspend our by-law and policy regarding policies for two readings, however, a new state mandate has come out recently and we are required by December 10th to have a policy in place that allows children that are put in foster care in the Jackson School District or whatever home district they are in to attend school there. It's a new mandate and it's required to be part of our policy by December 10th, therefore we have to suspend our two reading policy and approve it tonight.

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Dr. Genco thanked the Board for coming out tonight to a special meeting because we do have a retirement of our long time Director of Transportation, Mr. Al Olkowitz. In order to fill that position, we are hiring a seasoned Director of Transportation from another district and she will have to give her 60 days notice and in order for us to make it work, we need to have this special meeting and thanked the Board for that.

Dr. Genco continued we also have an addendum tonight reflecting a similar situation. We had a Guidance Counselor retire from Goetz and we are hiring another established Guidance Counselor from another district and we do want to give her the opportunity to start the clock on her resignation. These are the two reasons for the special meeting and again thanked the Board for coming out and thanked Ms. Spence for being here.

Dr. Genco turned the meeting over to Mrs. Dey

Mrs. Dey thanked Dr. Genco for clarifying all their questions.

POLICIES:

1. The Board of Education on a motion by Mr. Hanlon, seconded by Mrs. Fiero, suspended the rules of Bylaw 0131-Bylaws and Policies and adopts Policy Guide 2415.30 on First Reading so Policy can be effective for December 10, 2016.

First Reading/Adoption

Policy 2000	PROGRAMS	Table of Contents (revised)
Policy 2415.30	PROGRAMS	Title I – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care (M) (new)

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Mr. Burnetsky
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Colucci
Mr. Hanlon
Mrs. Fiero
Mrs. Dey

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC FORUM

On a motion by Mr. Burnetsky, seconded by Mr. Hanlon, the public forum was opened by acclamation.

Mr. Hanlon joked the meeting has to be at least an hour.

There being no response, on a motion by Mrs. Fiero, seconded by Mr. Hanlon, the public forum was closed by acclamation.

RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION

Based on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resolutions were presented for formal approval by the Board of Education.

Dr. Genco noted Mr. Burnetsky has two relatives in transportation and must abstain on transportation items.

PERSONNEL:

On a motion by Mr. Burnetsky, seconded by Mr. Hanlon, the Board of Education approved the following motions:

1. The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepted with best wishes, the resignation of the following employee, due to retirement:
 - a. Al Olkowitz, Transportation Administrator/Transportation, revised retirement date, effective February 1, 2017.
2. The Board of Education approved the employment of the following substitute staff members for the 2016-2017 school year, as per the dates indicated:
 - a. Susan Spence, Substitute Director of Transportation/Transportation, effective January 30, 2017 or sooner through January 31, 2017, salary \$87,090.00 pro-rated, pending fingerprint approval.
 - b. Susan Kratz, Substitute Guidance Counselor/Goetz, effective January 3, 2017 or sooner through January 27, 2017, salary \$56,732.00 pro-rated, pending fingerprint approval.

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3. The Board of Education approved the employment of the following personnel:
- a. Susan Spence, Director of Transportation/Transportation (11-000-270-160-08-250304), replacing Al Olkowitz (retiring) (PC #943), effective February 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, salary \$87,090.00 pro-rated, as per Step 11A of the 2016-2017 JANS contract.
 - b. Susan Kratz, Guidance Counselor/Goetz (11-000-218-104-02-210300), replacing Julia Costello (retired) (PC #940), effective January 30, 2017 or sooner through June 30, 2017, salary \$56,732.00 pro-rated, as per MA Step 6 of the 2016-2017 JEA contract.

Roll Call Vote: Yes: Mr. Burnetsky (Abstained on Motions #2a and #3a)
Mr. Sargent
Mr. Colucci
Mr. Hanlon
Mrs. Fiero
Mrs. Dey

MOTIONS CARRIED

The Board congratulated Ms. Spence and Ms. Kratz.

There being no further comment, on a motion by Mrs. Fiero, seconded by Mr. Sargent, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Richardson
Business Administrator/Board Secretary