

Sayreville, New Jersey  
May 12, 2014  
6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to notice posted at the Board Offices, given to each Board member, one local newspaper, and the Borough Clerk as required by Chapter 231, Public Law 1975, the Board of Education of the Borough of Sayreville held a Special Meeting on May 12, 2014. An Executive Session took place at 6:00 P.M. The meeting was held in Dr. Marie Parnell Library/Media Center of Sayreville War Memorial High School.

Mr. Ciak called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members present were Mr. Balka, Mrs. Batko, Mr. Brodzinski, Mrs. DePinto, Mr. Macagnone, Mrs. Trapp, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ciak. Mrs. Bloom was absent.

Motion by Mrs. Depinto, second by Mr. Walsh. Roll call vote. Eight yes votes recorded. Motion carried. Yes votes recorded by Mr. Balka, Mrs. Batko, Mr. Brodzinski, Mrs. DePinto, Mr. Macagnone, Mrs. Trapp, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ciak. The Board went into Executive Session at 6:07 P.M. in accordance with the following Resolution.

#### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, this public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Borough of Sayreville, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of and action upon the hereinafter specified subject matters.
2. The general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is as follows:

#### PERSONNEL

- Superintendent Interviews
  - Discussion of Superintendent Finalists and Next Steps
3. It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matter shall be made public at such time as the need for non-disclosure no longer exists.
  4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

As part of the discussion prior to adopting the foregoing resolution, Mrs. Batko requested to discuss an item which was brought up at Educational Council that the committee had agreed to on behalf of the Board in closed session.

Mr. Ciak asked Mrs. Batko which executive session section the item would fall under and Mrs. Batko indicated it was personnel and had to do with the administration of the NJASK.

Mr. Ciak indicated that no one had been provided a rice notice for this meeting, and therefore executive session discussion of personnel would be inappropriate at this time.

Mrs. Batko indicated that she believed that the Board could discuss this matter in executive session if names were not used.

Mr. Ciak indicated that this is correct only under the stipulation that the individuals involved were not readily identifiable by their position title.

Mrs. Batko indicated that she would withdraw the item and speak to Dr. Alfano in the morning and have the affected staff members provided a rice notice for the next meeting.

Mr. Ciak indicated that this approach would be fine, but only the Superintendent or Board President could agree to have a staff member provided with a rice notice and that individual board members could not give this direction on their own.

Mrs. Batko indicated that when Mr. Jankowski was the Board Attorney, he indicated that individual board members could do that.

Mr. Ciak indicated that to the best of his knowledge, this was not correct and it had to be done through the Board President. He also indicated that the Board had new legal counsel now and that Mrs. Batko did not support Mr. Jankowski as Board attorney.

Mrs. Batko clarified that she had no issues with Mr. Jankowski as Board attorney but did not prefer some of the other individuals from his firm who regularly attended meetings on his behalf and this was one of the reasons that factored into her decision to change legal counsel

Mr. Macagnone indicated that he thought if a board member wanted a staff member riced that the Board President should honor the request regardless of what protocol was utilized.

Mrs. Batko indicated she would speak to Dr. Alfano in the morning and the Board could discuss the item at the next meeting in public without any references to personnel.

Mrs. Gwen Thornton, Superintendent Search Consultant, arrived at the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

The Board adjourned the Executive Session at 7:59 P.M.

The Board reopened the meeting to the public at 7:59 P.M.

Members present were Mr. Balka, Mrs. Batko, Mr. Brodzinski, Mrs. DePinto, Mr. Macagnone, Mrs. Trapp, Mr. Walsh and Mr. Ciak.

Mrs. Gwen Thornton from the New Jersey School Boards Association was also present.

Motion by Mrs. DePinto, second by Mrs. Trapp. Roll call vote. Eight yes votes recorded. Motion carried. The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin E. Ciak  
Board President