Organization Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 9, 2019
Time: 6:30 p.m
Location: Higgins Library, Forrestdale School

1. **Call to order**
The meeting was called to order by the Board Secretary at 6:35 p.m., in the Higgins Library of the Forrestdale School, Rumson, New Jersey.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Notice of Meeting**
Announcement of this meeting has been sent to the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times and an agenda has been posted in the Deane-Porter and Forrestdale Schools, Rumson Borough Hall and the Oceanic Library.

4. **Oath of Office to new members (administered by Athina Cornell, Board Attorney)**
- Dr. John Connors
- Dr. Charles H. Jones III
- Mrs. Melissa Ginsberg

5. **Roll Call**
Mrs. Beyer Absent
Mr. Binns Present
Mr. Caldwell Present

Mrs. Markiewicz Present
Mrs. Ginsberg Present
Dr. Jones Present
Mrs. Melia Present
Mrs. Swain Present

6. **Election of President**
MOTION for nominations for the Office of President:
Motion by: Mrs. Swain Nominee: Charles H. Jones III Seconded by: Russell Binns

MOTION to close nomination:
Motion by: Mrs. Swain Nominee: Charles H. Jones III Seconded by: John Connors

Vote for President: **Charles H. Jones III**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with NJSA 18A:15-1 and Board Policy the Board of Education of the Borough of Rumson elects **Charles H. Jones, III** as President effective January 9, 2019 for a term prescribed by law.

The Board Secretary turned over the meeting to the President.
7. **Election of Vice President**

   MOTION for nominations for the Office of Vice President:
   Motion by:  Kim Swain   Nominee: Elaine Melia   Seconded by:  Dr. Connors

   MOTION to close nomination:
   Motion by:  John Connors   Nominee: Elaine Melia   Seconded by:  Russell Binns

   Vote for Vice President: **Elaine Melia**

   THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with NJSA 18A:15-1 and Board Policy the Board of Education of the Borough of Rumson elects **Elaine Melia** as Vice President effective January 9, 2019 for a term prescribed by law.

8. **Welcome of Visitors**

9. **Correspondence** - None

10. **Ethics Training** - Ethics Training for Board Members by Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC

11. **Organization Items**

   The Board approved the following organization items (a-d), upon the recommendation of the Superintendent for 2018:

   **Moved: Mrs. Swain**   **Seconded: Dr. Connors**

   **Roll Call**: AYES: 8   Absent: Mrs. Beyer

   a. **Depositories and Signatures**

      Approved the following depositories for 2018, contingent upon receipt of Political Contribution Disclosure Form:

      - TD Bank
      - 1st Constitution Bank
      - New Jersey Cash Management

   **Authorization to Sign Warrants**

      Approved the following signatures for district bank accounts:

      - **Warrant**: Board President
        - Business Administrator
      - **Unemployment**: Business Administrator
      - **Agency**: Business Administrator
      - **Cafeteria**: Business Administrator
        - Secretary to Business Administrator
        - Secretary to Business Administrator
      - **Payroll**: Business Administrator
      - **Petty Cash**: Superintendent of Schools
        - Secretary to Supt. of Schools
        - Business Administrator
      - **Technology Reserve**: Business Administrator/Secretary to Business Administrator
      - **Student Activities**: Forrestdale Principal & Business Administrator
      - **Student Activities**: Deane-Porter Principal
        - Secretary to the Principal
b. **Appointments**

1. **Official Newspapers**
   
   Approved designating the Asbury Park Press and the Two River Times as the official newspapers for publications, advertisements and legal notices.

c. **2019 Board Meeting Dates**

   Approved the schedule of Board of Education meeting dates for 2018 as follows:

   - Wednesday, January 9, 2019 (Reorg Meeting) 6:30 pm
   - Wednesday, January 23, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, February 27, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, March 27, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, April 17, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, May 7, 2019 (Budget Public Hearing) 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, May 22, 2019 6:30 pm
   - Wednesday, June 19, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, July 24, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, August 28, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, September 25, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, October 30, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, November 20, 2019 7:30 pm
   - Wednesday, December 18, 2019 7:30 pm

d. **Reaffirmation of Board Policies and Regulations**

   The Board adopted and reaffirmed the policies, bylaws, and procedures and amendments thereto of the Rumson Board of Education heretofore adopted by previous Boards, as written in the Minutes of prior meetings.

12. **Committee Assignments**

   **RECOMMENDATION**

   The Board approved the following committee assignments:

   - **Education Committee** Maura Beyer, Chair (K. Markiewicz, K. Swain, C. Jones)
   - **Finance & Facilities Committee** Scott Caldwell, Chair (M. Beyer, J. Connors, C. Jones)
   - **Personnel Committee** Elaine Melia, Chair (R. Binns, K. Swain, C. Jones)
   - **Planning/Communications Committee** Kara Markiewicz, Chair (M. Ginsberg, E. Melia, C. Jones)
   - **Policy Committee** John Connors, Chair (R. Binns, M. Ginsberg, C. Jones)
   - **REF Liaison** Scott Caldwell
   - **PTO Liaison** Maura Beyer
   - **NJSBA/Garden State Coalition** Maura Beyer

   **Moved: Mrs. Swain  Seconded: Mr. Binns**

   **Roll Call: AYES: 8  Absent: Mrs. Beyer**

13. **Education Committee**

   - The Board approved the following consent agenda item (a) being presented for approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

   **Moved: Mrs. Melia  Seconded: Mrs. Swain**

   **Roll Call: AYES: 8  Absent: Mrs. Beyer**
a. Non-Resident Tuition Students

Approved the following tuition students:

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14. Personnel Committee

- The Board approved the following consent agenda items (a - b) being presented for approval, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent:

  Moved: Mrs. Swain  
  Seconded: Mrs. Melia  
  Roll Call: AYES: 8  
  Absent: Mrs. Beyer

  a. Family Medical Leave

  Retroactively approved the Family Medical Leave request from Jamie Wagner, Grade 4 Teacher to commence on 1/02/19 to return on/or about 2/01/19, using accumulated sick time to cover this leave.

  b. Leave Replacement

  1. Retroactively approved Therese Zambrano as the Leave Replacement for Rachel Hayes, commencing on 12/14/18 to on/or about 2/01/19, at $90/day for 20 days, and then from day 21 on at $200/day, being paid through Source 4 Teachers.

  2. Retroactively approved Sean Dwyer, as the Leave Replacement for Janet Scratchley, commencing on 1/08/19 to on/or about 2/19/19 plus 2 additional days for transition, at $90/day for 20 days, and then from day 21 on at $200/day, being paid through Source 4 Teachers.

  3. Retroactively approved Jennifer Deyo, as the Leave Replacement for Jamie Wagner, commencing on 1/08/19 to on/or about 2/01/19, at $90/day for 20 days, and then from day 21 on, at $200/day, being paid through Source 4 Teachers.

15. New Business

- 1/16/19 Ed Committee - 5:00 pm
- 1/16/19 Finance Committee - 6:00 pm
- 1/28/19 Tri-District/Ed Committee - Canceled

Mrs. Melia left the meeting at 7:24 pm

16. Communications

To permit the fair and orderly expression of comments, on agenda items, we ask for the public to:

- Wait to be recognized
- Preface comments with your name and address
- Direct all comments to the presiding officer
- Discuss only concerns that have been previously addressed through proper administrative channels
- Refrain from using any pupil or staff member’s name

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

All in favor: AYES: 7