

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

The Special meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Moiso on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ocean City High School Community Room, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Moiso announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Ocean City Sentinel and the Atlantic City Press.

President Moiso led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were H. James Bauer, Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Raymond Clark, Jacqueline McAlister, Thomas R. Oves, Jr., J. Tiffany Prettyman and Brenda Moiso. Also present were Kathleen Taylor, Ed.D., Superintendent, Pat Yacovelli, Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Michael Stanton, Esquire. Members absent were Kim Breckley, Jill Casaccio, H. Lloyd Hayes, William Holmes and Student Representatives Maham Ahmad and Lauren Vetter. There were members of the public present.

Mr. Stanton reviewed the procedures on filling the vacancy.

Mrs. Moiso reviewed the interview procedures and stated that there should not be follow up by Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

INTERVIEWS OF BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES:

Mr. Stanton reviewed the State qualifications for Board of Education members.

The Board interviewed the following four candidates individually for the open one-year unexpired term Board seat effective January 8, 2014:

Dale F. Braun, Jr.
Michael D. Foster, Ed.D.
Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes
David Powell

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. Bauer, seconded by Mr. Oves and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into Executive Session.

President Moiso stated: WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private sessions; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean City Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Approval of School Choice Waiver as well as matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: Deliberate on the applicants for the Board of Education seat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will return to open session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:02 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING:

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Raymond Clark, seconded by Mr. Bauer and carried unanimously by roll call vote to appoint Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes to the Board effective January 8, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. Raymond Clark, seconded by Mr. Oves and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Yacovelli
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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OCEAN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2013

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Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Approval of School Choice Waiver.

Dr. Taylor informed the Board of an issue with the School Choice lottery.

The Board was in consensus with Dr. Taylor's recommendation.

Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically: Deliberate on the applicants for the Board of Education seat.

Discussion of the Board candidates.

Motion by Mr. Raymond Clark, seconded by Mr. Joseph Clark and carried unanimously to close executive session and return to open session.

The Executive Session ended at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Yacovelli
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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