

**BRICK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2010**

Location/Time: 3:40 PM Technology Training Center
101 Hendrickson Avenue, Brick, New Jersey

Present: Mr. Cuppari, Ms. Leone, Mr. Pifko,
Mr. Talty, Mr. Wolf and Ms. Terebush

Also present: Mr. Hrycenko, Superintendent of Schools
Ms. Lorusso, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Montenegro, Legal Counsel
and Mr. Edwards, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Ms. Terebush opened the meeting with a salute to the flag, moment of silence and roll call.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT NOTICE

Mr. Edwards announced: "The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon." In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Brick Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be posted on the Administration Office Bulletin Board, the official District website and Channel BTV-20, and sent to the Asbury Park Press and Municipal Clerk's Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At 3:42 PM, Ms. Kight asked a question regarding e-mails being forwarded to the Board of Education Attorney. Is Mr. Montenegro paid to receive e-mails? Ms. Terebush answered – no.

BOARD RETREAT

At 3:45 PM, Ms. Maryanne Friedman of the New Jersey School Boards Association conducted the Board Retreat and discussion of Board and District Goals.

At 5:35 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Ms. Leone, and with a unanimous show of hands, the Board recessed.

At 5:55 PM, a motion was made by Ms. Leone, seconded by Mr. Cuppari, and with a unanimous show of hands, the Board reconvened the Board Retreat.

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INTERVIEW OF SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

The Board interviewed the following four candidates: Mr. Lawrence Reid, Mr. Robert Merola, Mr. Douglas Tyler and Mr. David Fischer.

At 7:00 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Ms. Leone, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of filling a vacancy on the Board of Education. The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Wolf	No
Mr. Talty	No
Ms. Leone	Yes
Mr. Cuppari	Yes
Mr. Pifko	Yes
Ms. Terebush	Yes

At 7:20 PM a motion was made by Ms. Leone, seconded by Mr. Wolf, and with a unanimous show of hands, the Board approved returning the Public Session

Ms. Leone stated that all four candidates were wonderful. The other applicants did a wonderful job as well.

A motion was made by Mr. Talty, seconded by Mr. Wolf, nominating Mr. Reid to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. With the following roll call, the motion failed.

Mr. Wolf	Yes
Mr. Talty	Yes
Ms. Leone	No
Mr. Cuppari	No
Mr. Pifko	No
Ms. Terebush	No

A motion was made by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Mr. Wolf, nominating Mr. Merola to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education. With the following roll call vote, the Board of Education approved Mr. Merola to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education, as follows:

Mr. Wolf	No
Mr. Talty	No
Ms. Leone	Yes
Mr. Cuppari	Yes
Mr. Pifko	Yes
Ms. Terebush	Yes

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Discussion:

Mr. Pifko stated that Mr. Merola is committed to the community – is a long term member of the community.

Mr. Wolf stated he was impressed with the people who wanted to be considered adding that the quality makes it tough to select only one - It is not a political job. A letter should go to all candidates to say that the Board is grateful and that they should continue their interest.

Ms. Terebush indicated that she is thrilled that 15 individuals were interested. It is a thankless job requiring lots of time and commitment. The Board has made goals and will need to take actions. We need to thank the people who put their names in for their willingness to spend time.

Mr. Pifko commended Mr. Tyler on speaking about efficiencies and agreed with Mr. Reid that if you complain, you need to do something about it. He commended Mr. Fischer who ran in April and had the courage to come out again.

Mr. Cuppari commended the candidates indicating that they are excellent and it is a shame that this is not televised. He encouraged them to try again because they have a lot to offer.

At 7:35 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Cuppari, seconded by Mr. Pifko, to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel matters. The motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Wolf	Yes
Mr. Talty	Absent for vote but returned immediately thereafter
Ms. Leone	Yes
Mr. Cuppari	Yes
Mr. Pifko	Yes
Ms. Terebush	Yes

Mr. Wolf departed at 7:50 PM

At 8:48 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Pifko, seconded by Ms. Leone, and with a unanimous show of hands, the Board of Education approved returning to Public Session.

Ms. Terebush discussed agenda changes for the upcoming meeting. Mr. Pifko departed at 9:00 PM.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, at 9:20 PM a motion was made by Mr. Cuppari, seconded by Mr. Talty, and with a unanimous roll call vote, the Board of Education **adjourned** this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Edwards, Jr. CPA
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary