

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Work Session meeting on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in the Randolph High School Library, Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President, Gregory Mark, called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

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 Randolph Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in The Daily Record. It is also posted in all district schools as well as the Randolph Township Municipal Building.

### **Roll Call**

The following board members were present: Ms. Christine Carey, Ms. Barbara Levinson, Ms. Tammy MacKay, Ms. Maria Martorana, Mr. Al Matos, Ms. Amy Sachs, Ms. Jeanne Stifelman and Mr. Gregory Mark.

Board member Mr. Ethan Blynn was absent.

The following administrators were present: Mr. Owen Snyder, Superintendent, Dr. David Browne, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Theresa Schiffenhaus, Director of Special Services and Mr. Michael Neves, Business Administrator / Board Secretary.

### **Closed Session – 7:15 p.m.**

Board member Ms. Amy Sachs made a motion seconded by Ms. Barbara Levinson and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt the following with an exception:

Board member Mr. Ethan Blynn was absent.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph will hold a closed session regarding Personnel, Litigation and Negotiations. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

The board reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Review of Board Minutes**

Closed Session Minutes, 02-16-10

Board Business Session, 02-16-10

Board Special Session, 02-20-10

### **Public Discussion**

Randolph resident reviewed a recent editorial with the board concerning school taxation theory and its economical consequences to local property values.

### **Correspondence**

- a. RHS Student Correspondence
- b. Susquehanna-Roseland Electric Reliability Project
- c. Budget:
  - i. Presentation to the Board Request
  - ii. RHS Health Office (2)
  - iii. Nursing Staff
  - iv. School Enrichment & Other Ideas
  - v. Budget cuts
  - vi.-vii Enrichment-Gateway Programs (2)

### **President's Report**

Mr. Mark commented on the beginning of the budget season and the budget presentations done to date. Mr. Mark commented on the pending announcement of state aid figures and its potential impact on the district's budget.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Commented on the BBC visit to the middle school to look at budget constraints facing school districts and the British school system can learn from them. They will also be reviewing the RMS presentation of the music man.

### **Committee Reports**

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## **Student Council Representative Report**

Miss Erica Borgo, Student Council Representative updated the board on current activities and fundraisers for the student council.

### **New Business**

#### **Communications:**

Board member Ms. Tammy McKay made a motion, seconded by Mr. Al Matos and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the following motion with an exception:

Board member Ms. Maria Martorana voted NO and Mr. Ethan Blynn was absent.

**MOTION** to approve the use of Monday, April 5, 2010, as a make-up school day, because the district has exceeded the three snow days allotted in the 2009-2010 school year calendar. Any student who is unable to attend school that day will not be penalized for his/her absence.

#### **Personnel and Administration March 9, 2010**

Board member Ms. Christine Carey made a motion seconded by Mr. Al Matos and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt the following with an exception:

Board member Ms. Barbara Levinson voted NO on I.D.1 and Mr. Ethan Blynn was absent.

**Motion** to approve the superintendent's recommendation for the following personnel items:

### **I. Teachers/Professional Staff**

#### **D. Stipends**

1. Approve the appointment of **Colleen Suflay** as assistant girls' lacrosse coach for the 2009-2010 school year at the stipend of \$7,182 (Step 4).
2. Approve the appointment of **Robyn Zeek** as assistant girls' lacrosse coach for the 2009-2010 school year at the stipend of \$6,219 (Step 1).
3. Approve the appointment of **Mitch Dorfman**, to receive ½ of the assistant fencing coach stipend of \$3,324.50 (Step 3) for the 2009-2010 school year. (Note: Mr. Dorfman as been previously approved for half this stipend along with another coach who has resigned. He has fulfilled the entire coaching duties and is now entitled to the full stipend).

4. Approve the appointment of **Paul Ottavinia** as assistant baseball coach for the 2009-2010 school year at a stipend of \$7,182 (Step 4).

#### **H. Volunteer Coach**

1. Approve the appointment of **Jeffrey Todd** as a volunteer assistant baseball coach for the 2009-2010 school year.

#### **Public Discussion**

Randolph resident asked when ballots will be available – 4/3/2010.

Another Randolph resident remarked that district should not eliminate the Director of Personnel position.

Another resident requested clarification on the strategy of using a second question.

Board member Ms. Jeanne Stifelman left at 9:30 p.m.

Another resident commented on the extra curricular policy which he is against and further commented that the Board should not be parenting students.

Another resident spoke in favor of instituting an extra curricular disciplinary policy.

#### **Adjournment**

Board member Mr. Al Matos made a motion seconded by Ms. Tammy McKay and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m. with the following exception:

Board members Mr. Ethan Blynn and Ms. Jeanne Stifelman were absent.

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael S. Neves  
Board Secretary