

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Business Session meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 07:00 p.m. Randolph High School Library, 511 Millbrook Avenue Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President Alfredo Z. Matos 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 Aulenbach, Mr. Jeffrey Braverman, Mr. Ronald Conti, Mr. Sheldon Epstein, Ms. Tammy MacKay, Ms. Anne Standridge, Dr. Diana Thomas and Alfredo Z. Matos.

Board member and Colleen Pascale was absent.

The following administrators were present: Miss Jennifer Fano, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Gerald M. Eckert, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Mr. Eric Burnside, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary and Board Counsel Marc H. Zitomer, Esquire was also present.

### **Closed Session – 07:05 p.m.**

Board Vice President Christine Aulenbach made a motion seconded by Board member Sheldon Epstein and carried by a roll call vote to adopt the following:

**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, Negotiations, Litigation and matters of Attorney-Client privilege. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

Board member Colleen Pascale was absent.

The Board returned to open session at 08:00 p.m.

Ms. Allison Freeman, Communications Coordinator / Community School Supervisor was also present.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

## **Review of Board Minutes**

Closed Executive Sessions: 03-02-16, 03-08-16 and 03-15-16

Work & Business Sessions: 03-08-16 and 03-15-16

## **Correspondence** - None

## **President's Report**

### *Superintendent Search:*

Mr. Matos displayed a PowerPoint presentation revealing the finalist for the Superintendent search. Ms. Jennifer Fano was announced as the finalist.

Ms. Fano read a statement thanking the Board for consideration as the finalist for the Superintendent.

## **MEETING OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:**

A concerned Randolph resident requested the Board consider the community school offer courses for adults.

A concerned Randolph resident asked if the decision was unanimous and how many other applicants there were. The resident also asked if the other applicant's qualifications will be available to the public.

A concerned Randolph resident asked if there will be another cost to perform a search for an Assistant Superintendent and is it typical to have only one finalist.

A concerned Randolph resident asked: is it possible the Board did not get the correct candidates apply for the superintendent position and does the district need somebody from the outside.

A concerned Randolph resident stated that she appreciates Ms. Fano's perspective and happy to see her as a finalist. The resident encouraged Ms. Fano continue discussion on a technology plan.

A concerned Randolph resident stated the Board seems to be heading in the right direction considering the lack of leadership in the past. Believes past leadership was problematic. The resident appreciates the transparency.

A concerned Randolph resident asked Ms. Fano what are the top three things need to be improved on that most are pressing before June. Ms. Fano replied they are morale, large policy issues such as homework policy and school start time surveys.

A concerned Randolph resident stated she is very proud and pleased Ms. Fano is a finalist.

### **Superintendent's Report** – None

### **Student Council Representative Report**

Student council representative Miss Molly O'Meara told the Board PARCC testing started this week. She asked if it is possible to take the PARCC on paper. Ms. Fano replied no, not that she is aware of. Ms. Fano stated there was a power outage and there were some glitches on the first day of testing.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Policy:*

Meeting Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Finance, Facilities and Transportation:*

Ms. MacKay updated the Board on the FFT meeting held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. The committee interviewed two insurance brokerage firms and discussed an I.T. security audit. Mr. Eckert explained there are funds in the budget to buy band uniforms this year. Ms. MacKay informed the Board the community school is looking at new software package. There is also consideration into changing from Honeywell to Blackboard for mass communication alerts. Mr. Eckert updated the Board on excess extraordinary aid; can possibly be used for the new Ironia fire alarm.

#### *Education:*

Ms. Aulenbach announced the next education committee meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm and Mr. Frank Perrone will be attending.

### **Liaison Reports**

Ms. Standridge attended New Jersey School Board Association (NJSBA) meeting. They talked about security, mandatory preschool, retired police schools, two percent cap and parents asking for children to be classified.

### **Public Discussion**

A concerned Randolph resident asked the Board where the Board is proposing to put a new maintenance garage. The resident also claimed she cannot hear people on the left side of the Board tables.

A concerned Randolph resident explained to the Board she is angry because she

believes the Board wasn't honest with her the last time she spoke about her child having a bean bag in her child's mouth.

A concerned Randolph resident asked if a situation like this happens in the future how it will be handled.

A concerned Randolph resident asked what Ms. Fano thinks about the bean bag incident.

A concerned Randolph resident asked if the \$100,000 for the Ironia fire alarm was in the previous budget. The resident also inquired; why do fire alarms cost \$290,000 and questioned what Hanover Research is.

A concerned Randolph resident asked what percentage of budget is on PARCC testing.

A concerned Randolph resident stated that start times have negatively impacted families in town, including her own, to have elementary school start at 9 am. The resident believes getting the opinion of teachers on school start times would be beneficial.

**Old Business** - None

**New Business**

**MOTIONS:**

**FINANCE/FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION 1 – 6**

**April 12, 2016**

On behalf of the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee, Board member Sheldon Epstein made a motion seconded by Board member Anne Standridge and carried by a roll call vote to approve Finance, Facilities and Transportation Motions 1 – 6 with an exception:

Board member Colleen Pascale was absent.

Board members present voted YES.

**1. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH, COUNTY OF MORRIS, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph, County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey (the "Board"), in the furtherance of its educational goals

and constitutional duties to provide a thorough and efficient education seeks to submit the following project: Ironia Elementary School Fire Alarm Replacement the New Jersey Department of Education, School Development Authority.

**WHEREAS**, the School District will not seek funding through the New Jersey Department of Education School Development Authority. The district will use “Other Capital” funding that is currently budgeted.

**WHEREAS**, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of the Projects.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph, County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-56.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves the preparation of schematic plans and educational specifications by Parette Somjen Architects LLC in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes and directs Parette Somjen Architects LLC to submit same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Morris County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of schematic plans to the Randolph Township Planning Board for its review, to the extent required.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves an amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Projects and approves the submission of such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Projects applications and authorizes Parette Somjen Architects LLC to submit such applications to the New Jersey Department of Education seeking approval.

Section 4. With respect to the Projects, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Interim Superintendent and the Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the project cost estimate sheets and all related project documents allow submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon Board approval.

**2. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH, COUNTY OF MORRIS IN THE STATE NEW JERSEY**

**AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED  
SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph, County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey (the "Board"), in the furtherance of its educational goals and constitutional duties to provide a thorough and efficient education seeks to submit the following project: New Maintenance Garage to the New Jersey Department of Education, School Development Authority.

**WHEREAS**, the School District will not seek funding through the New Jersey Department of Education School Development Authority. The district will use "Other Capital" funding that is currently budgeted.

**WHEREAS**, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of the Project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph, County of Morris, in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-56.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves the preparation of schematic plans and educational specifications by Parette Somjen Architects LLC in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes and directs Parette Somjen Architects LLC to submit same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Morris County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of schematic plans to the Randolph Township Planning Board for its review, to the extent required.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves an amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Projects and approves the submission of such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Projects applications and authorizes Parette Somjen Architects LLC to submit such applications to the New Jersey Department of Education seeking approval.

Section 4. With respect to the Projects, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Interim Superintendent and the Board Secretary, as applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the project cost estimate sheets and all related project documents allow submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 5. This resolution shall take place immediately upon Board approval.

**3. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RANDOLPH, COUNTY OF MORRIS, IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the “Board”), in the furtherance of its educational goals and constitutional duties to provide a thorough and efficient education seeks to submit the following project: Randolph High School Elevator Modernization to the New Jersey Department of Education, School Development Authority.

**WHEREAS**, the School District will not seek funding through the New Jersey Department of Education School Development Authority. The district will use “Other Capital” funding that is currently budgeted.

**WHEREAS**, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the planning and authorization of the Project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph, County of Morris in the State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-5.1 through 6A:26-56.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves the preparation of schematic plans and educational specifications by Parette Somjen Architects LLC in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes and directs Parette Somjen Architects LLC to submit same to the New Jersey Department of Education and to the Morris County Superintendent of Schools for review and approval. The Board further authorizes and directs the submission of schematic plans to the Randolph Planning Board for its review, to the extent required.

Section 2. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board approves an amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, as necessary, to reflect the Projects and approves the submission of such amendment to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 3. In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-2.2 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Projects applications and authorizes Parette Somjen Architects LLC to submit such applications to the New Jersey Department of Education seeking approval.

Section 4. With respect to the Projects, the Board hereby authorizes and directs the Board President, the Interim Superintendent and the Board Secretary, as

applicable, to execute the schematic plans and educational specifications, the amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan, the project cost estimate sheets and all related project documents allow submission of same to the New Jersey Department of Education.

Section 5. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon Board approval.

**4. RESOLUTION OF THE RANDOLPH TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVING INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH REGION 4 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, LEAD AGENCY FOR THE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING NETWORK (TCPN) FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR GOODS AND SERVICES**

A Resolution of the Randolph Township Board of Education, Township of Randolph, in the State of New Jersey, approving the term and conditions of the Interlocal Agreement between Region 4 Education Service Center, Lead Agency for The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN), providing for a cooperative purchasing program for goods and services; designating Gerald M. Eckert, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary as official representative of the Randolph Township Board of Education relating to the program.

**WHEREAS**, the Randolph Township Board of Education has been presented a proposed Interlocal Agreement by and between the Region 4 Education Service Center, lead agency for the Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN), and the Randolph Township Board of Education found to be acceptable and in the best interests of the Randolph Township Board of Education and its citizens and hereby in all things approved.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Randolph Township Board of Education, Township of Randolph, in the State of New Jersey.

Section 1. The Terms and conditions of the agreement having been reviewed by the Randolph Township Board of Education and found to be acceptable and in the best interests of the Randolph Township Board of Education and its citizens are hereby in all things approved.

Section 2. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Gerald M. Eckert of the Randolph Township Board of Education under the direction of the Randolph Township Board of Education is hereby designated to act for the Randolph Township Board of Education in all matters relating to The Cooperative Purchasing Network including the designation of specific contracts in which the Randolph Township Board of Education desires to participate.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.



**5. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTNER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HANOVER RESEARCH**

**RESOLVED**, that the Randolph Township Board of Education approve Partner Services Agreement with Hanover Research, located at 4401 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia for research services, twelve (12) month period, contract amount of \$35,700, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board Secretary is authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Board.

**6. RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE EMERGENCY EVACUATION USE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education hereby approves the Emergency Evacuation Use Agreement between the Board and the County College of Morris through June 30, 2016; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to execute a one-year renewal of said agreement for the term July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 upon the same terms and conditions.

**Closed Session – 09:53 p.m.**

Board Vice President Christine Aulenbach read the following motion. All in favor.

**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 and matters of Attorney-Client privilege. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

Board member Colleen Pascale was absent.

The Board reconvened to open session at 10:39 p.m.

Board President Alfredo Z. Matos made a motion, seconded by Board Vice President Christine Aulenbach and carried by a roll call vote to approve the following motion with an exception:

Board member Colleen Pascale was absent.

Board members present voted YES.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education hereby reverses the Administration's finding that the case presented during this evening's closed session was a substantiated case of H.I.B. within the meaning of Board policy and New Jersey Law; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board nevertheless wishes to express its disdain for the underlying conduct at issue and believes that appropriate action was taken to address it; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the affected parties shall be notified of this action.

**Closed Session – 10:43 p.m.**

Board Vice President Christine Aulenbach read the following motion. All in favor.

**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 third Closed Session regarding Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation and matters of Attorney-Client privilege. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

Board member Colleen Pascale was absent.

**Adjournment**

Board President Alfredo Z. Matos made a motion seconded by Board Vice President Christine Aulenbach and carried by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald M. Eckert  
Board Secretary