

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Work Session meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 07:15 p.m. Randolph High School Library, 511 Millbrook Avenue Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President Tammy MacKay 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. Sheldon Epstein, Mr. Al Matos, Ms. Colleen Pascale, Mr. David Rosenblatt, Ms. Anne Standridge, Dr. Diana Thomas and Ms. Tammy MacKay.

The following administrators were present: Dr. David Browne, Miss Jennifer Fano, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Michael S. Neves, Business Administrator / Board Secretary and Board Counsel Marc H. Zitomer, Esquire was also present.

Closed Session – 07:20 p.m.

Board Vice President Al Matos made a motion seconded by board member Ms. Anne Standridge and carried by 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, Litigation and Negotiations. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

The Board returned to open session at 08:20 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Student Council Representative Report

Student council representative Miss Karsyn Wagner updated the Board on activities and fundraiser events that are planned.

Review of Board Minutes

- Closed Executive Session 2-11-14 and 2-18-14
- Work Session 2-11-14 and Business Session 2-18-14

Correspondence

- Snow Make-up Days
- Audit June 30, 2013
- Teamsters

President's Report

- Board Member Candidate Interview:

Ms. Lavin, Mr. Conti, Mr. Goldberg presented themselves for consideration. Mr. Zitomer updated the candidates on the length of the term they would be filling. Ms. MacKay asked questions of the candidates who had the opportunity to respond. Questions involved general background of the participant's and priorities of them if they were to become members, what the anticipated role of the member on the Board is and what challenges would the seated member face.

Closed Session – 08:55 p.m.

Board Vice President Al Matos made a motion seconded by board member Ms. Anne Standridge and carried by 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 the discussion of the qualifications of the candidates presented. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in closed session will be made public. Action will be taken upon our arrival back to the open board meeting.

The Board returned to open session at 09:15 p.m.

Mrs. MacKay thanked the exceptional candidates and announced the Board's intention to appoint Ronald Conti to the vacant Board seat. Mr. Conti will be sworn in at the March 18, 2014 Board meeting.

Superintendent's Report

HIB School District Report was presented to the full board by Dr. Browne. The report will be posted on the district's web site as well as the district's paperless website.

Committee Reports

- **Personnel** – None
- **Education:**
 - Ms. Anne Standridge requested more board member participation at committee meetings.
- **Policy:**
 - Mr. David Rosenblatt: Committee meetings will be scheduled quarterly but be flexible if current issues came to the forefront.
- **Finance, Facilities and Transportation**
 - Referred to policy committee the review of the practice of non-district's entities collecting gate receipts that are not directly accountable to the district.
 - Announced that the recently completed Facility Study will be deemed a security item with critical district infrastructure information and the information should not be used for public consumption
 - Discussed a proposed change to the traffic pattern at the high school. Drawing, safety issues and concerns would be looked at by the district administration and presented at the next FFT meeting.
 - Tentative Budget highlights were presented to the Board and future budget meetings were highlighted by the FFT Chair.
 - The board discussed the exchange of information and its availability between committees and board members.
 - The board discussed the reasonableness of what an appropriate tax levy should be. Board consensus is that the levy should remain at a 2% increase in the local tax levy.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Pascale updated the Board on a recent PAG meeting. She informed the Board of upcoming events sponsored by the special education department.

Public Discussion

Randolph resident was pleased to hear the tax levy will be 2%. He commented that future development planned in town will impact the school facilities and increase student enrollments. He commented on the function of Booster Clubs in the district and how they have benefited and enhanced the programs of the district. He expressed that if gate proceeds which currently go to the Boosters were directed to the general fund; the receipts could be diluted resulting in less impact to specific programs.

Another resident expressed disappointed that Board members are not as active at the committee level as she felt they should be. She encouraged the Board to be present during the Town Council meetings.

Former board member expressed concern that documents are not being shared with the full membership. She commented on her efforts with the Randolph Education Foundation and the recent success in raising approximately \$15,000 for the benefit of Smart Music at the middle school.

Another resident inquired about full day kindergarten and requested that the district actively pursue its implementation.

Old Business

Mr. Matos inquired about the benefit on GPA from AP courses. Dr. Browne updated the Board on the changing SAT and ACT testing requirements.

New Business

Mr. Matos requested more detail of the traffic pattern change at the high school. Dr. Browne requested Mr. Neves, Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Hurd to present the benefits to the FFT committee.

Motions:

Personnel Motion 1

Education Motion 1

PERSONNEL and ADMINISTRATION MOTION 1

March 11, 2014

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and on behalf of

the Personnel Committee, Board member Anne Standridge made a motion seconded by Mr. Sheldon Epstein and unanimously carried by roll call vote to approve Personnel Motion 1:

1. TEACHERS/PROFESSIONAL STAFF

A. New Hires

1. Approve the appointment of Joseph Kralovich as Teacher of Special Education at Randolph High School effective on or about March 26, 2014 pending New Jersey Department of Education Criminal History Review at the annual salary of \$60,810 (pro-rated), (BA +30, Step 4-5).

EDUCATION MOTION 1

MARCH 11, 2014

On behalf of Education Committee, board member Ms. Anne Standridge made a motion seconded by Mr. Sheldon Epstein and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve Education Motion 1:

1. Proclamations

a. **MOTION** to adopt the following resolution designating March 2014 as Youth Art Month:

WHEREAS, art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities;

WHEREAS, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities;

WHEREAS, art education gives students a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs;

WHEREAS, art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other subjects;

WHEREAS, art education interrelates student learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics; and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including arts experiences in all students' education.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Randolph Township School officially recognizes March as Youth Art Month and

encourages the support of quality school art programs for children and youth.
(ATTACHMENT 1)

- b. **MOTION** to adopt the following resolution designating March 2014 as Music in Our Schools Month:

WHEREAS, the study of music contributes to young people's development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity;

WHEREAS, music education in the schools includes a broad range of types of music and active musical experiences;

WHEREAS, music and the other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment;

WHEREAS, it is the stated objective of the public school to prepare children for a productive role in our society; and

WHEREAS, the National Association for Music Education has designated March as Music in Our Schools Month focusing on the theme "Music Makes Me".

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of Randolph Township Schools endorses the observance of Music in Our Schools Month as an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education and encourages teachers, parents, students, and all citizens to participate.
(ATTACHMENT 2)

BOARD MOTION 1

March 11, 2014

Appointment of Board Member Ronald Conti

Board Vice President Al Matos moved the following motion:

RESOLVED, that the Randolph Township Board Education hereby appoints Ronald Conti to the Board of Education, effective March 18, 2014, to fill the seat left vacant by Ms. Amy Sachs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Conti shall serve until the Board's Organizational meeting in January 2015, pursuant to State law.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Anne Standridge and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to appoint Ronald Conti to fill the vacant Board of Education seat effective March 18, 2014 through January 2015.

Adjournment

Board Vice President Al Matos made a motion seconded Mr. Sheldon Epstein and carried by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

The board adjourned the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Neves
Business Administrator /
Board Secretary