

MINUTES

for

EMERGENCY MEETING

JUNE 9, 2022

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Linden, New Jersey**

Dr. Marnie Hazelton
Superintendent of Schools

Denise Cleary
Assistant Superintendent

Kathleen A. Gaylord
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

Dr. Karen Baldwin
Human Resources Manager

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as follows:

On June 7, 2022, adequate notice was sent to the Home News Tribune, and on June 8, 2022 to the Star Ledger, Union County Local Source, and the Clerk of the Municipality.

NO SMOKING NOTICE:

BY STATE LAW, THERE IS NO SMOKING PERMITTED IN THIS BUILDING AT ANY TIME.

ROLL CALL 7:12 p.m.:

Board Members		Others	
Ms. Cintron	7:15 p.m.	Dr. Hazelton	P
Mr. De La Cruz (online)	P	Mrs. Cleary	A
Mrs. Flemming	P	Ms. Gaylord	P
Ms. Guillaume (online)	P	Dr. Baldwin	A
Mr. Martucci (online)	P	Attorney, J. Garcia	P
Ms. Pino	7:15 p.m.		
Ms. Thomas	P		
Dr. Berghammer	A		
Mr. Rivas	P		

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

None.

AGENDA:

Attorney update regarding personnel matters and potential litigation.

As this is a matter of private discussion, Mr. Rivas asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. Mrs. Flemming made a motion at 7:15 p.m. to go into Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Thomas.

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Cintron			X		
Mr. De La Cruz			X		
Mrs. Flemming	X		X		
Ms. Guillaume			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Pino			X		
Ms. Thomas		X	X		
Dr. Berghammer			Absent		
Mr. Rivas			X		

Motion carried.

At 7:56 p.m. Mrs. Flemming made a motion to return to Public Session, seconded by Ms. Pino.

MOTION:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Cintron			X		
Mr. De La Cruz			X		
Mrs. Flemming	X		X		
Ms. Guillaume			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Pino		X	X		
Ms. Thomas			X		
Dr. Berghammer			Absent		
Mr. Rivas			X		

Motion carried.

NEW/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Rivas had concerns that Soehl M.S. did not have an elevator. Dr. Hazelton said she did some research and found that in the past, students and teachers with disabilities were sent to McManus M.S. Mr. Rivas demanded that this project be added to the summer projects. Mr. Garcia explained the timelines, which included an RFP for an architect, plans, bids, etc. Discussion ensued.

1. Motion to construct an elevator at Soehl Middle School at the earliest convenience, following all procedures.

MOTION 1:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Cintron			X		
Mr. De La Cruz			X		
Mrs. Flemming			X		
Ms. Guillaume			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Pino		X	X		
Ms. Thomas			X		
Dr. Berghammer			Absent		
Mr. Rivas	X		X		

Motion 1 carried.

Ms. Thomas asked to bring back the item which was on last month's agenda to appoint the property and casualty, worker's compensation liability agency. She said she had a recommendation and asked to provide that information. Mr. Garcia recommended a motion to take it off the table and then vote on it. He also said he believes that the NJSIG would need a letter this week advising who the broker would be.

Ms. Thomas then made the following motion:

2. Motion to bring back the item to appoint a property, casualty, liability and worker’s compensation broker. She asked to un-table that item. (As per attorney).

MOTION 2:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Cintron			X		
Mr. De La Cruz			X		
Mrs. Flemming			X		
Ms. Guillaume					X
Mr. Martucci					X
Ms. Pino			X		
Ms. Thomas	X		X		
Dr. Berghammer			Absent		
Mr. Rivas		X	X		

Motion 2 carried.

Mr. Garcia explained the motion as some board members were not sure they fully understood what was being voted on. Ms. Guillaume asked why this wasn’t put on the agenda? Mr. Garcia said that a special meeting needs 48 hours’ notice of an agenda to the extent known, and sometimes things come up.

Ms. Thomas let the board know at this time that her recommendation is Fairview Insurance Agency Associates. Mr. Rivas then asked if there were any other recommendations. Since there were none, he asked Ms. Thomas to make a motion.

3. Motion to appoint Fairview Insurance Agency Associates, Verona, NJ, as Insurance Broker of Record for Property/Casualty, Liability and Worker’s Compensation Services provided, for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, based on RFP received May 5, 2022.

MOTION 3:

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Cintron			X		
Mr. De La Cruz		X	X		
Mrs. Flemming			X		
Ms. Guillaume				X	
Mr. Martucci				X	
Ms. Pino			X		
Ms. Thomas	X		X		
Dr. Berghammer			Absent		
Mr. Rivas			X		

Motion 3 carried.

Mr. De La Cruz asked why the LEA members will not be getting retro pay until September? Mr. Garcia said contract negotiations are not discussed in Public Session. It may be discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Rivas asked if Mr. De La Cruz wanted this to be added to the next agenda and he responded, yes.

There being no further items to discuss, Mrs. Flemming made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Ms. Pino.

Roll Call:

Board Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain
Ms. Cintron			X		
Mr. De La Cruz			X		
Mrs. Flemming	X		X		
Ms. Guillaume			X		
Mr. Martucci			X		
Ms. Pino		X	X		
Ms. Thomas			X		
Dr. Berghammer			Absent		
Mr. Rivas			X		

Motion carried.

Kathleen A. Gaylord
Business Administrator/Board Secretary