

**CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLIFTON, NJ 07013
MINUTES – ORGANIZATION MEETING**

DATE: Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 745 CLIFTON AVENUE, CLIFTON, NJ 07013

The meeting was opened by the Board Secretary.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

- A. ADMINISTERING OATH TO ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS – Fahim Abedrabbo, Gary Passenti,
Rosemary Pino

Superior Court Judge Hany Mawla administered the oath to Fahim Abedrabbo
Passaic County Clerk Kristin Corrado administered the oath to Gary Passenti
Clifton Mayor James Anzaldi administered the oath to Rosemary Pino

- B. ROLL CALL BY THE SECRETARY

Mr. Fahim Abedrabbo
Ms. Arlene Agresti
Mr. Tafari Anderson
Ms. Judith A. Bassford
Mr. James Daley
Ms. Lucy Danny
Mr. Lawrence Grasso
Mr. Gary Passenti
Ms. Rosemary L. Pino

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Tardalo, Superintendent of Schools
Mark Tietjen, Asst. Superintendent of Schools
Edward J. Appleton, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Michael Ucci, Asst. Business Administrator/Asst. Board Secretary
Yaacov Brisman, Board Attorney

READING OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT:

“THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW WAS ENACTED TO INSURE THE RIGHT TO THE PUBLIC TO HAVE ADVANCE NOTICE OF AND TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF PUBLIC BODIES AT WHICH ANY BUSINESS AFFECTING THEIR INTEREST IS DISCUSSED OR ACTED UPON.”

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS CAUSED NOTICE OF THIS MEETING TO BE PUBLICIZED BY HAVING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE THEREOF POSTED AT THE CITY CLERK’S OFFICE, CLIFTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, SENIOR CITIZEN NUTRITION CENTER, ON CABLE TV, IN THE LOCAL PRESS, ON THE DISTRICT’S WEB SITE, AND MAILED TO PRESIDENTS OF PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATIONS.

THIS MEETING WILL BE TAPE RECORDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY – 0168 ...

B-1. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

A. Nomination for President of the Board of Education from January 4, 2017 until the next Organization Meeting.

MOTION TO ELECT Gary Passenti FOR PRESIDENT BY Tafari Anderson
SECOND Arlene Agresti

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS James Daley SECOND Lawrence Grasso VOTE: All agreed verbally

VOTE FOR Gary Passenti AS PRESIDENT VOTE: 9-0
YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Danny, Grasso, Passenti, Pino

B. Nominations for Vice President of the Board of Education from January 4, 2017 until the next Organization Meeting.

MOTION TO ELECT Arlene Agresti FOR VICE PRESIDENT BY James Daley
SECOND Lucy Danny

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS James Daley SECOND Tafari Anderson VOTE: 9-0

VOTE FOR Arlene Agresti AS VICE PRESIDENT VOTE: 9-0
YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Danny, Grasso, Passenti, Pino

At this tme, Gary Passenti, Board President, begins to conduct the meeting.

C. READING OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS, POLICY NO. 0142 (Attached)

D. DESIGNATON OF MEETINGS

RESOLVED, that the next meeting of the Board of Education shall be as follows in the meeting room at the Administration Building with a starting time of 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise specified.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 31, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.
745 Clifton Avenue, Clifton, NJ 07013

The schedule for other regular Board meetings for 2017 is to be determined. All Board members agreed verbally

E. SELECTION OF DELEGATES AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - TABLED

Delegate and Alternate of N.J. School Boards Association

Delegate _____ Alternate _____

Delegate and Alternate of Passaic County School Boards Association

Delegate _____ Alternate _____

Member Board of Directors to the Passaic County Educational Services Commission

Member _____ *

*Delegate may be either a Board Member or the Superintendent of Schools. Currently the Superintendent of Schools is the Board Delegate.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS - TABLED

PUBLIC RECOGNITION: None

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Abedrabbo – thanked all who came out tonight and spoke about the number of people supporting him. He will try his best. He thanked his team and mother and father. He remarked that public service is a privilege and an honor and he welcomes ideas.

Ms. Agresti – wished everyone a healthy New Year and the best for the children/students.

Mr. Anderson – wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated Mr. Abedrabbo, Mr. Passenti and Ms. Pino. He looks forward to working with the Board.

Ms. Bassford – congratulated the newly elected Board members and recommended that Board members attend as many workshops as possible.

Ms. Danny – wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated the new Board members.

Mr. Grasso – congratulated the newly elected Board members, President and Vice President and welcomed the students back to school.

Mr. Daley – congratulated the newly elected Board members and remarked that this will be a difficult year coming up.

Ms. Pino – thanked the citizens who have confidence in her by re-electing her to the Board and thanked those who put up lawn signs. She promises to do what is best for the children and community. Her family's support is important and she thanked her mother, children and husband. She looks to her colleagues on the Board for guidance and support.

Mr. Tardalo – congratulated the newly elected Board members and remarked there is much work ahead of them. He commended the district employees and spoke about the upcoming high school quarterly exams. He commented about upcoming fundraisers, NFL Pro's Basketball and Clifton Kicks Cancer. He would like to have a finance committee meeting tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. and said that a facilities committee meeting will be scheduled.

Mr. Passenti – commented that he is honored and humbled and is looking forward to the coming year. He has confidence in the Board members and spoke of the support of his family and friends. He thanked Kristin Corrado and commented about the need to support the Administration, teachers, students and community.

Mr. Abedrabbo made note of the Mustang Band fundraiser on January 13, 2017 at the Boys and Girls Club.

F. ADJOURNMENT: 7:53 PM

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY James Daley SECOND Arlene Agresti VOTE 9-0

YES: Abedrabbo, Agresti, Anderson, Bassford, Daley, Danny, Grasso, Passenti, Pino

[NOTE: This document is subject to additions, withdrawals, and modifications without notice.]

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. Appleton
Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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