

**CLIFTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLIFTON, NJ 07013
MINUTES**

SPECIAL MEETING: Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM

LOCATION: 745 CLIFTON AVENUE, CLIFTON, NJ 07013

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, NEGOTIATIONS AND/OR LITIGATIONS.

The meeting is opened by the Board President.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Fahim K. Abedrabbo
Mr. Tafari Anderson
Ms. Judith A. Bassford
Mr. James Daley
Ms. Lucy Danny
Mr. Lawrence Grasso
Mr. Frank W. Kasper
Mr. Gary Passenti – PRESIDENT
VACANCY - VICE PRESIDENT

ALSO PRESENT:

Richard Tardalo, Superintendent of Schools
Michael Ucci, Business Administrator /Board Secretary
Yusein Durakov, Assistant Business Administrator

MISSION STATEMENT:

THE MISSION OF THE CLIFTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN AN OPEN AND RECIPROCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP, IS TO PROVIDE ALL STUDENTS WITH A QUALITY EDUCATION TO DEVELOP THE SKILLS NECESSARY TO BECOME LITERATE, LIFE-LONG LEARNERS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS CONTRIBUTING TO A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IN AN EVER-CHANGING WORLD.

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...

The Clifton Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

TO FILL A BOARD MEMBER VACANCY FOR AN UNEXPIRED TERM

PUBLIC RECOGNITION:

Renee Cisneros, President of the Student Union, spoke about maintaining balance between school safety and student liberties. He commented to the candidates here tonight regarding the PARCC testing policy, potential budget decreases, concerns of students and the improvement of democracy.

Mr. Passenti opened the floor to the candidates here tonight to allow them to speak about their qualifications and to answer questions posed by the Board relative to their qualifications.

Arlene Agresti spoke about her service on the Board, her career with the Clifton Public Schools and her hopes for the district. She answered questions from Board members.

Florence Calise commented about her career with the district, her volunteer work over the years, school safety and students going to PCTI. She answered questions from Board members.

Joe Canova spoke about his professional experience, committees he serves on and what he has learned as an active parent of a School 3 student. He answered questions from Board members.

Malvin Frias spoke about being the commander of the Clifton Disabled American Veterans, his work with the Clifton Recreation Department and his military experience. He answered questions from Board members.

Michael Gross commented about his professional experience in the health industry and answered questions from Board members.

Brian Mayer commented about his professional experience in the energy industry and answered questions from Board members.

Franklin Montero spoke about his professional experience as an attorney and answered questions from Board members.

John Traier commented about his past service on the Board, his professional experience and difficulties passing the budget. He answered questions from Board members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 7:50 PM

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION to convene in Executive Session to discuss the candidates qualifications and to choose a new Board member. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President will announce that following Executive Session, the public will be advised of the nature of the discussion and/or notified when formal action may be taken.

MOTION BY Frank Kasper SECOND BY Judy Bassford VOTE all Board members verbally agreed

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION: 8:22 PM

Roll call upon return from executive session showed all present.

The candidates were thanked for coming tonight and for applying for the position.

Mr. Passenti asked for a motion to open the nominations for the unexpired Board member term.

MOTION BY Lucy Danny SECOND BY Frank Kasper

There was a motion to nominate Arlene Agresti to the position.

MOTION BY Lucy Danny SECOND BY Lawrence Grasso VOTE 7-0-1

YES: Abedrabbo, Kasper, Danny, Daley, Anderson, Grasso, Passenti

ABSTAIN: Bassford

ADJOURNED: 8:30 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Ucci
Board Secretary

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