

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMBINED CONFERENCE & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MAY 8, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education was called to order on Thursday, May 8, 2007 at 7:08 PM in the Clausen Administration Building by the Board President, Mr. Beisser.

ROLL CALL

A roll call indicated the presence of the following members:

Mr. Beisser, Dr. Crisonino, Mrs. Kirsch, Mr. Lisk, Mr. Reinstein, Mr. Sincaglia and Mr. Smalley. Also present were Mrs. Rattner and Mrs. Qualshie. Mrs. Williams was absent.

STATEMENT

Mr. Beisser read the following statement:

On April 28, 2008, this body by resolution adopted the schedule for this meeting. The time, date and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.

On April 29, 2008, a copy of said schedule was posted at the Town Hall, the Public Library, the Railroad Station and the Administration Building. On the same date a copy was mailed to the Independent Press, Courier News, all PTO Presidents and delivered to the BHEA President, all schools, all Supervisors and filed with the Municipal Clerk. The meeting was also announced on the District Sign at Columbia School.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Smalley and seconded by Mr. Reinstein that the Board of Education adjourn to executive session,

WHEREAS, the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A.10:4-1 et seq.) expressly provide that a public body may move into Executive Session and exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which the public body discusses any of the nine areas set forth in N.J.S.A.10:4-12b; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Heights Board of Education has determined it necessary to move into Executive Session to discuss the following subjects, all of which are included in the aforesaid exceptions:

Personnel, student issues.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Berkeley Heights Board of Education that it does hereby move into Executive Session pursuant to N.J.S.A.10:4-12b to discuss the aforesaid matters; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforesaid discussions shall be made public either at the Public Meeting following said Executive Session or at such time as any litigated or personnel matters are concluded; or upon conclusion of any negotiations or related discussions; or as otherwise specified; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect pursuant to law.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Sincaglia and seconded by Mr. Smalley that the Board of Education return to public session. Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:55 PM in the Columbia Middle School Gymnasium.

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Beisser led the Board and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be presented to the Board at this time.

Reception for “Teachers of the Year”

Mrs. Rattner welcomed all to the meeting and thanked them for coming. She then introduced Ms. Maryann McAdam, Vice-Principal of Governor Livingston High School.

Ms. McAdam, as a member of the Teacher of the Year selection committee, briefly explained the process for selecting the Teachers of the Year.

Mrs. Rattner then introduced Dr. Crisonino.

Dr. Crisonino introduced each of the recipients with a brief synopsis of their careers.

Hamilton Terrace School	Lorraine Knight
Mountain Park School	Stacey Saravay
Thomas P. Hughes School	Ellen Masters
William Woodruff School	Cheryl McKinney
Columbia Middle School	Jeanmarie Ringwood
Governor Livingston H.S.	Dr. Meredith Morgan

Each recipient expressed their thanks for the honor and explained why teaching is so important to them.

The Board took a 15 minute recess.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Trevor Hain reported on the following:

- The “Safety Bug,” a car that imitates the effects of alcohol, will be visiting the school on May 30, 2008.
- Class clash is coming up
- Track team just completed the conference championship

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Rattner stated that Education Commissioner Lucille Davy visited William Woodruff School, in particular Mrs. Delatour, in recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. Mrs. Davy was presented with a commemorative book made by the students of Mrs. Delatour’s class.

Mrs. Delatour stated that Mrs. Davy corresponded with her about the day and she was impressed with Woodruff School.

Mrs. Rattner reported that she received results from the state regarding the NJQSAC. Mrs. Rattner stated that she was appealing some of the findings and would report the final outcome as soon as those items are addressed.

It was moved by Mrs. Kirsch and seconded by Mr. Lisk to accept the Superintendent’s report.

A voice vote indicated unanimous approval.

LIAISON REPORTS

Mr. Sincaglia reported that he attended a tri-county board meeting representing Morris, Essex and Union Counties where a presentation was made by “Dollar\$ and Sense,” an advocacy group for school districts trying to influence the Department of Education and legislators of New Jersey.

Mr. Smalley announced that the Union County School Boards Annual Spring Meeting is May 14, 2008.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mr. Beisser reported on the auditorium project.

PRELIMINARY CITIZENS HEARING

There were no citizens that wished to be heard at this time.

ADMINISTRATION

- A. APPROVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS/TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT** It was moved Mr. Smalley and seconded by Mr. Lisk to amend Attachment A to include Mrs. Kirsch as a participant in the Union County School Board Association Spring Dinner on May 14, 2008 at a cost of \$10.00. A roll call indicated unanimous approval. Mrs. Kirsch abstained.

It was moved by Mr. Sincaglia and seconded by Mr. Lisk that the Board approve professional development days and travel reimbursement for district staff members, as indicated on Attachment A.

A roll call indicated unanimous approval. Mrs. Kirsch abstained.

- B. APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** It was moved by Mr. Sincaglia and seconded by Mr. Lisk that the Board approve the Special Education Settlement Agreement and General Release (Attachment B), as recommended by Dr. Patricia Martino, District Director of Special Services, and District Counsel. A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

EDUCATION

There were no education items to be presented to the Board.

PERSONNEL

- A. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF TENURED PERSONNEL** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board approve the re-employment of the tenured professional and support staff members listed on Attachment C for the 2008-2009 school/fiscal year, as applicable. A roll call indicated unanimous approval.
- B. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF NON-TENURED SUPPORT STAFF** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board approve the re-employment of the non-tenured support staff members listed on Attachment D for the 2008-2009 school/fiscal year, as applicable. A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

- C. RE-EMPLOYMENT OF NON-TENURED TEACHERS** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board approve the re-employment of the following non-tenured teachers for the 2008-2009 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lindsay Liguori	Thomas P. Hughes School Grade 2 Teacher	\$47,642 Step 3a
Vicki Malan	Thomas P. Hughes School Grade 5 Teacher	\$53,367 Step 3c
Gina Piccirillo	William Woodruff School Grade 5 Teacher	\$48,973 Step 4a
Elierzer Quinonez	Elementary Schools Teacher of Spanish (substitute/replacement)	\$47,642 Step 3a
Lindsey Sheppard	Mountain Park School Grade 2 Teacher	\$47,642 Step 3a
Lori Shulman	William Woodruff School Grade 2 Teacher	\$55,205 Step 8a

A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

- D. RESIGNATION OF DR. JENNIFER MARTINO** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Dr. Jennifer Martino from her position as Teacher of Science at Governor Livingston High School, effective June 30, 2008.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

- E. REVISE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT DATES** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board approve the revision of employment contract dates for the following personnel, as indicated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Revised Employment Contract Dates</u>
Donna DeLuca-Whitsitt	Teacher of Computers Elementary Schools (substitute/replacement)	11/29/2007 through 5/2/2008
Scott Neigel	Assistant Principal Governor Livingston High School	7/15/2008 through 6/30/2009

A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

- F. APPROVE COMPENSATION FOR TEACHER AIDES** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board approve compensation for the following Classroom/Special Education Teacher Aides for their participation in three (3) hours of professional training during May in connection with their assignment in the ABA/Preschool Disabilities Program at Hamilton Terrace School: Kirsten Colder, Regina Colligan, Michelle Martino. Each of the aforementioned Teacher Aides will be paid at their regular 2007-2008 hourly rate for their participation in this training; funds from the FY 2008 IDEA grant will cover this cost to the school district.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.
- G. RETIREMENT OF LORRAINE KNIGHT** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board accept, with regret, the retirement of Lorraine Knight from her position as Kindergarten Teacher at Hamilton Terrace School, effective July 1, 2008.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.
- H. RESIGNATION OF CHRIS GEORGE** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Chris George from his position as Teacher of Special Education at Governor Livingston High School, effective June 30, 2008.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.
- I. RESIGNATION OF PHYLLIS ZAHORODNY** It was moved by Mr. Lisk and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the Board accept, with regret, the resignation of Phyllis Zahorodny from her position as Teacher of Special Education at Governor Livingston High School, effective June 30, 2008.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

BUSINESS

- A. TAX LEVY MONIES** It is was moved by Mrs. Kirsch and seconded by Mr. Sincaglia that the Board of Education approve the request for payment of tax levy monies for the 2008-2009 fiscal year from the Township of Berkeley Heights as follows:

July, 2008	\$2,965,839.00
August	2,965,839.00
September	2,965,838.00
October	2,965,838.00
November	2,965,838.00
December	2,965,838.00
January, 2009	2,965,838.00
February	2,965,838.00
March	2,965,838.00
April	2,965,838.00
May	2,965,838.00
June	2,965,838.00
Total Tax Levy	\$35,590,058.00

A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

FINAL CITIZENS HEARING

There were no citizens that wished to be heard.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to be presented at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Sincaglia and seconded by Mr. Smalley that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Felezzola
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary