

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Board Meeting of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education was called to order on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM in the Columbia Middle School Music Room 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. Reinstein, Mr. Sincaglia and Mr. Smalley. Also present were Mrs. Rattner and Mrs. Felezzola. Mrs. Williams was absent.

**STATEMENT**

Mr. Beisser read the following statement.

The Board of Education has announced that a Special Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008 for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the board vacancy in public session, adjourning to executive session to discuss the candidates and returning to public session to appoint a candidate. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the Columbia Middle School Music Room, 345 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ. Action may be taken at this meeting.

On October 21, 2008 this notice was provided to Town Hall, the Public Library, the railroad station and posted at the Administration Building. On the same date a copy was mailed to Independent Press, Courier News, all PTO Presidents, the BHEA President, all schools and filed with the Municipal Clerk. The meeting was also announced on the District Sign at Columbia School.

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

Mr. Beisser reviewed the interview process and introduced the members of the Board of Education.

**INTERVIEW OF BOARD CANDIDIATES**

The Board interviewed each candidate individually with Mr. Reinstein asking the same set of questions to each candidate.

## **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:

Confidential Issues in Relation to Board Candidates

**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. Reinstein and seconded by Mr. Smalley that the Board of Education return to Public Session. Motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER**

The Board Members discussed the positive qualifications of the candidates.

It was moved by Mr. Reinstein and seconded by Mrs. Kirsch to appoint Ms. Mary Ann Walsh as new the new Board Member.

A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

Mr. Beisser thanked all the candidates.

Mr. Sincaglia announced that a Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2008 in the Columbia Middle School Music Room to discuss the elementary school budgets.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Reinstein and seconded by Dr. Crisonino that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Felezzola  
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary