

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The Combined Conference & Regular Meeting of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education was called to order on Thursday, March 23, 2009 at 6:00 PM in the Hamilton Terrace Media Center 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, Mr. Smalley, Ms. Walsh and Mrs. Williams(8:00). Also present were Mrs. Rattner, Mrs. Qualshie and Mrs. Felezzola.

STATEMENT

Mr. Beisser read the following statement:

On February 5, 2009, this body by resolution adopted the schedule for this meeting. The time, date and location of this meeting were accurately set forth therein.

On February 11, 2009, 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 Dr. Crisonino 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 Matter.

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 Mrs. Kirsch that the Board of Education return to Public Session. Motion carried.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:00 PM in the Hamilton Terrace Multi Purpose Room.

FLAG SALUTE

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

REPORT OF THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

John McNamara reported on the following:

Scheduling classes for next year has begun.

Upcoming spring break.

Afternoon ceremony honoring Mrs. McMillin.

Governor Livingston Clubs: Journalism Workshop and Film Appreciation Club.

Wendy Lin reported on the following:

The musical, "Kiss Me, Kate," is being held this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Debates at the Junior Statesman of America Convention.

Spring sports season training.

LIAISON REPORT

Dr. Crisonino reported that the Berkeley Heights Education Foundation raised approximately \$8,400.00 at the annual faculty basketball game and the annual house tour is scheduled for May 15, 2009.

PRELIMINARY CITIZENS HEARING

There was no one who wished to be heard at this time.

FINANCE

- A. APPROVAL OF BOARD SECRETARY’S REPORT** It was moved by Mr. Reinstein and seconded by Mr. Sincaglia that the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.3, certifies that as of February 28, 2009, after review of the Board Secretary’s monthly financial report (appropriations section) and upon consultation with appropriate district officials, to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.3, and sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the year.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.
- B. APPROVAL OF TRANSFERS** It was moved by Mr. Reinstein and seconded by Mr. Sincaglia that the Board of Education authorize transfers for February, 2009.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.
- C. APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT** It was moved by Mr. Reinstein and seconded by Mr. Sincaglia that the Board of Education accept the financial reports of the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Funds for the month ending February 28, 2009.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.
- D. PAYMENT OF BILLS** It was moved by Mr. Reinstein and seconded by Mr. Sincaglia that the Board of Education approve for payment the bills as listed on the bill lists as follows:

2/27/2009	Payroll	\$1,388,895.30
3/13/2009		1,770,027.61
2/26/2009	Accounts Payable	1,352,141.27
3/9/2009		27,498.25
3/23/2009		601,241.90
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		\$5,139,804.33

A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Rattner welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting and joining the district in honoring Mrs. Mary Kay McMillin by renaming the Hamilton Terrace School in her honor.+

Mr. Kenny Sack sang a song he wrote in honor of Mrs. McMillin.

Speeches honoring Mrs. McMillin were given by Ms. Jessica Goldstein, a former student of Mrs. McMillin’s, Ms. Karen Bocian, a teacher at Hamilton Terrace, and former superintendents Dr. Robert Stowell and Dr. Richard Bozza.

The audience viewed a slide show of memories of Mrs. McMillin and a clip of the children singing at the afternoon assembly.

Mrs. Rattner paid tribute to Mrs. McMillin and announced the renaming of Hamilton Terrace to The Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center.

Mr. Beisser paid tribute to Mrs. McMillin.

Mrs. Kirsch spoke of the McMillin family.

ADMINISTRATION

- A. APPROVE RE-NAMING OF HAMILTON TERRACE SCHOOL** It was moved by Mrs. Kirsch and seconded by Mr. Sincaglia that the Board of Education officially change the name of the school building, currently known as The Early Childhood Center at Hamilton Terrace School, to The Mary Kay McMillin Early Childhood Center, effective July 1, 2009.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

FINAL CITIZENS HEARING

Ms. Aimee Kaufman of Holly Glenn Lane commented on Mrs. McMillin's life and read a letter she sent to the Independent Press in memory of Mrs. McMillin.

Mrs. Carol Cunningham of Westminster Presbyterian Church and the BHEF president spoke of the contributions Mrs. McMillin made to the community.

It was moved by Mr. Sincaglia and seconded by Mr. Reinstein that the Final Citizens Hearing be closed.
Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Beisser thanked Mrs. Rattner for organizing the events memorializing Mrs. McMillin.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Reinstein and seconded by Mrs. Kirsch that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Felezzola
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary