

**BERKELEY HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 27, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Public Meeting of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education was called to order on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 8:00 AM 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, Mrs. Kirsch, Mr. Reinstein, Mr. Sincaglia and Mr. Smalley. Also present were Mrs. Rattner and Mrs. Felezzola. Dr. Crisonino, Ms. Walsh and Mrs. Williams were absent.

STATEMENT

Mr. Beisser read the following statement:

The President of the Berkeley Heights Board of Education has announced that a Special Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2009 at 8:00 AM for the purpose of awarding a contract for the "Mountain Park School/Woodruff School Ballfields Improvement Project." The meeting will be held in the Clausen Administrative Complex, 345 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ.

On August 18, 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.

FLAG SALUTE

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

PRELIMINARY CITIZENS HEARING

It was moved by Mr. Reinstein and seconded by Mr. Sincaglia that the Preliminary Citizens Hearing be open to the public.

No member of the public chose to address the Board at this time.

It was moved by Mr. Sincaglia and seconded by Mrs. Kirsch that the Preliminary Citizens Hearing be closed.

BUSINESS

AWARD CONTRACT FOR MOUNTAIN PARK/WOODRUFF SCHOOL BALLFIELDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT It was moved by Mr. Sincaglia and seconded by Mrs. Kirsch that the Board of Education award, subject to attorney review, a contract to Landscape Maintenance Services, Inc., Hillsborough, NJ for the Base Bid #1 price of \$43,288.00, Base Bid #2 price of \$40,050.00, Base Bid #3 price of \$3,486.00 and Alternate Bid#1 of \$450.00 to provide Ballfields Improvement at Mountain Park School and William Woodruff School.

Explanatory Note: Bids were opened on August 25, 2009, at 10:00 AM. Five additional bids were received as follows:

	Base Bid 1 Mt. Park Ballfield	Base Bid 2 Woodruff Ballfield	Base Bid 3 Extra clay as needed	Alt. Bid 1 Fencing at MP
J.A. Alexander, Inc	\$65,204.00	\$59,000.00	\$10,126.00	\$ 770.00
Country View	70,040.00	66,740.00	11,879.79	1,260.00
Georgia Golf Const.	76,964.00	63,344.00	7,470.00	3,400.00
Andy Matt, Inc.	82,134.00	81,634.00	12,450.00	2,500.00
Zenith Const. Serv.	99,000.00	88,000.00	16,185.00	1,000.00

The attorney and the engineering consultant are reviewing the bid documents.
A roll call indicated unanimous approval.

FINAL CITIZENS HEARING

It was moved by Mrs. Kirsch and seconded by Mr. Reinstein that the Final Citizens Hearing be open to the public.

There were no members of the public who wished to address the Board at this time.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

Mrs. Rattner reported that state wide tests results will not be available to be discussed at the September 24, 2009 Board Meeting.

Mrs. Rattner provided an update on the use of football helmets at the high school.

The Board discussed the parameters of using lights at Governor Livingston and the possibility of a night football game.

Mrs. Rattner updated the Board regarding issues related to the H1N1 flu.

The Board discussed a special executive committee meeting to discuss ethics and establish priorities.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Felezzola
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary