

MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 19, 2017
7 p.m.

The New Jersey School Boards Association Headquarters
Trenton, NJ

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A regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Friday, May 19, 2017 at the NJSBA headquarters, Trenton, NJ.

Executive Committee members present were Donald Webster, Jr., president; Daniel Sinclair, vice president for county activities; Michael R. McClure, vice president for finance; Jason A. Jones, vice president for legislation/resolutions; John Bulina, immediate past president, and Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod, executive director.

Association staff present were Frank Belluscio, deputy executive director/director of communications; Cynthia Jahn, Esq., general counsel; Michael Vrancik, director of governmental relations; Jane Kershner, director of field services; Vincent DeLucia, director of training and professional development/educator-in-residence; Michael Kaelber, director of legal and labor relations services; John Faford, director of budget and finance; Ray Pinney, director of member engagement; Kimberly Blum, director of human resources; Joseph Hsieh, director of information technology; Lou Scheminti, product and services specialist; Kristen Krulikowski, administrative/search assistant, and Ann Marie Smith, executive administrative assistant, executive office/communications.

The following members and alternates of the Board of Directors were present:

Atlantic	Not Represented	Passaic	Jeff Fischer
Bergen	Diane Holzberg	Salem	Eileen Miller
Burlington	Brandon Pugh (Alt.)		Dominick Miletta (Alt.)
Camden	Not Represented	Somerset	Lisa Weinstock (Alt.)
Cape May	Andrea Olenik-Hipkins	Sussex	Anthony Fasano (Alt.)
Cumberland	Tremanisha Stewart	Union	Not Represented
Essex	Sandra Mordecai Michael Heller (Alt.)	Warren	Not Represented
Gloucester	Pete Calvo Karen Vick (Alt.)	County Association	Cynthia Auberger Ginny Murphy (Alt.)
Hudson	Not Represented	Leadership	
Hunterdon	Laurie Markowski	Urban Boards	George Cook William Monk (Alt.) Jonathan Hodges, MD (Alt.)
Mercer	Gregory Stankiewicz Anthony Messina (Alt.)		
Middlesex	Deven Patel (Alt.)		
Monmouth	Mark Bonjavanni		
Morris	Irene LeFebvre Michael Scarnio (Alt.)	Vocational	Barbara Dawson
Ocean	John Barton (Alt.)	NSBA Rep.	Not Represented

Non-Members Present – Christine Kane, West Deptford Board of Education.

ROLL CALL

President Webster called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A roll call indicated five officers, 16 counties, urban boards, vocational boards and county association leadership were represented.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Webster asked for a moment of silence for the student at Bernard Township, who recently passed away.

FLAG SALUTE

President Webster led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MISSION STATEMENT

President Webster led the members in reciting the Association's Mission Statement.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Snyder spoke to the need for NJSBA to address the school funding proposals by Senate President Sweeney and Assembly Speaker Prieto, as the Legislature approaches the governor's 100-day deadline for developing a formula.

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS/OATH OF OFFICE

Michael Heller, representing Essex County, and Lisa Weinstock, representing Somerset County, were sworn in to their respective positions. Deven Patel was sworn in as the alternate member representing Middlesex County.

RECOGNITION OF RETIRING MEMBERS

John Bulina, immediate past president, was recognized for his service to his local school board, county school boards associations, and NJSBA. He has been an NJSBA officer since 2006. The board also thanked Jason Jones for his service as vice president for legislation/resolutions.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's report focused on progress toward the goals of NJSBA's Strategic Plan, including bridging the student achievement gap; building relationships with other organizations to help us advocate effectively and support NJSBA programming such as advancing STEAM education, the Future Ready Schools program, and addressing the impact of labor-management collaboration on teaching and learning; successful advocacy such as the favorable action concerning the superintendent salary cap, two new laws that emanated from NJSBA's school security and special education reports, legislation expanding the number of schools eligible to receive reimbursement for lead testing, and the increasing number of legislators attending county school boards association meetings; the Executive Director's visits to all 21 county school boards associations; increased training and direct services, including online Governance Training, regional programming and new programs such as the Student Achievement conference scheduled for May 30, 2017 and the Opioid Conference held on May 3; and NJSBA's continuing efforts to increase non-dues revenue through public-private partnerships.

Board of Directors members received a presentation on the need to replace the chiller on the HVAC system and on NJSBA's BoardDocs program.

Advocacy Update - The advocacy update included a report on the impact of the proposed funding formulas on school districts and the state Legislature's recognition that the solution to

the school funding challenges will be more difficult than initially thought. The state senate and assembly are beginning to realize that there is no easy fix and that long-term planning is what is needed.

ACTION ITEMS

Roll Call Agenda Items

1. Approval of the purchase and installation of a chiller component to the HVAC system.

President Webster called for a motion to approve the appropriation of \$225,000 to replace a 20-year-old chiller, a major HVAC component at the Headquarters building. The unit has exceeded its life expectancy. Replacement will avert additional repairs and potential shut-down of the system.

Ms. LeFebvre moved to APPROVE appropriation of \$225,000 to replace the 20-year-old chiller. The motion was duly seconded and carried. Vote was unanimous.

2. Approval of a donation to Sustainable Jersey for Schools

President Webster called for a motion to approve a \$50,000 donation to Sustainable Jersey for Schools to support the program's continued service to local school districts.

Ms. Hipkins moved to APPROVE the \$50,000 donation to Sustainable Jersey for Schools to support the program's continued service to local school districts. The motion was duly seconded and carried. Vote was unanimous.

Consent Agenda Items

1. Open session minutes of the March 3, 2017 meeting

President Webster asked for a motion to approve the open session minutes of March 3, 2017.

Ms. LeFebvre moved to APPROVE the minutes of the March 3, 2017 meeting. The motion was duly seconded and carried. Abstentions: Ms. Hipkins, Ms. Dawson, Ms. Holzberg, Mr. Barton, Mr. Bonjavanni and Ms. Stewart.

2. Legislative Committee Appointments

President Webster asked for a motion to approve the Legislative Committee appointments.

Mr. Calvo moved to APPROVE the Legislative Committee appointments. The motion was duly seconded and carried. Vote was unanimous.

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION

Members shared their district's experience with environmental concerns and requirements including carbon monoxide detectors, lead testing, mercury and radon.

RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

President Webster asked for motion to go into a closed session to review the Executive Director's evaluation.

Ms. LeFebvre moved to go into closed session. The motion was duly seconded and carried. The Board of Directors went into closed session at 9:05 p.m.

President Webster asked for a motion to go back into open session.

Ms. LeFebvre moved to go back into open session. The motion was duly seconded and carried. The Board of Directors went back into open session at 9:15p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Members requested that the Association push for a unified movement to get legislators to address the issue of what defines special needs and the cost of addressing the needs of special education students.

Members also sought guidance on developing public private partnerships to help fund district programs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Mr. Pugh moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence S. Feinsod, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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