

MINUTES

of the

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 20, 2020

4 p.m.

VIRTUAL MEETING

The New Jersey School Boards Association Headquarters

Trenton, NJ

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The NJSBA Board of Directors held a remote meeting on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 4 p.m. in compliance with State and Federal guidelines issued about the COVID-19 pandemic limiting gatherings to no more than 10 individuals. The meeting was held for the exclusive purpose of changing the date of the upcoming Delegate Assembly on May 16 to Saturday, June 27, 2020. Board of Directors members participated in the meeting via remote WebEx or called into the meeting via teleconference.

Executive Committee members present were Michael McClure, president, Dr. Karen Cortellino, vice president for legislation/resolutions, and Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod, executive director.

Association staff present were Frank Belluscio, deputy executive director/director of communications; Michael Kvidahl, digital marketing specialist; and Ann Marie Smith, administrative assistant, executive office/communications.

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

Atlantic	Dr. Anne Erickson	Passaic	Jeff Fischer
Bergen	Sheli Dansky	Salem	Not Represented
Burlington	Harry Litwack		
Camden	Not Represented	Somerset	Robert Morrison
Cape May	Not Represented	Sussex	William Kehoe (Alt.)
Cumberland	Michelle Kennedy	Union	Not Represented
Essex	Not Represented	Warren	Not Represented
Gloucester	Not Represented		
Hudson	Not Represented	County	Ginny Murphy
Hunterdon	Laurie Markowski	Association	
Mercer	Dana Krug	Leadership	
Middlesex	Deven Patel (Alt.)		
Monmouth	Mark Bonjavanni	Urban Boards	Rita Martin (Alt.)
Morris	Irene LeFebvre		
Ocean	Melanie Biscardi	Vocational	Not Represented

ROLL CALL

President McClure called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. A roll-call indicated two officers, 15 counties, and urban boards were represented.

Non-BOD Members Attending: Pamela Tomas, member, Lopatcong Board of Education, Warren County.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments

OATH OF OFFICE

Laurie Markowski, member representing Hunterdon County, took the oath of office.

ACTION ITEMS

Roll Call Agenda Item:

Background: The NJSBA Delegate Assembly has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 16, 2020. It is highly probable that the meeting, which draws more than 150 participants, will not take place on that date in order to comply with the State and Federal mandates limiting gatherings to no more than 10 individuals. Therefore, to avoid a last-minute cancellation of the Delegate Assembly and to ensure that the staff has sufficient time to finalize facility arrangements, it is proposed that the meeting be postponed to Saturday, June 27, 2020. The usual venue, The Conference Center at Mercer, is currently available on that date.

NJSBA Bylaws (Article IV, Section 4) require the Association to conduct two Delegate Assemblies each year, with the spring meeting taking place in May or June. That same provision states that, “in the event of an emergency which requires cancellation of an already scheduled meeting, the Board of Directors shall fix the time for said meeting...”

President McClure asked for a motion to approve the recommendation to cancel the May 16, 2020 Delegate Assembly and fix the date of the meeting as June 27, 2020.

Ms. Biscardi moved to APPROVE the request from the recommendation to cancel the May 16, 2020 Delegate Assembly and fix the date of the meeting as June 27, 2020. The motion was duly seconded and carried, with 17 members voting in the affirmative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Fischer asked if the NJSBA is prepared to conduct the June 27 meeting remotely if the current health crisis continues. Dr. Feinsod responded that he will continue to monitor the situation and consider all options as necessary as the date draws near.
- Ms. Murphy asked that the NJSBA distribute additional instructions on participating in remote meetings via WebEx.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, *Mr. Bonjavanni moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was duly seconded and carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Lawrence S. Feinsod, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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