

MINUTES

Date of Meeting: May 13, 2008

Type of Meeting: Executive Session

Place of Meeting: Administration Building – Conference Room

Members Present: President Franklin R. Alvarado
Vice President Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Ruth Kaleko
Board Member Roy Lester
Board Member Lynn Gergen

Members Absent: none

Others Present Dr. Robert Greenberg, Superintendent
Dr. Randie Berger, Assistant Superintendent – Personnel
General Administration
Ms. Helen Cheliotas, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and
Instruction
Mr. Frank Ruggiero, Assistant Superintendent – Business
Ms. Eileen Lilly, District Clerk

President Alvarado called for a motion to go into executive session at 6:25 PM to interview candidates for the director positions.

Motion by: Board Member Kaleko
Seconded by: Board Member Lester
Approved: 5-0

At 7:50 PM President Alvarado called for a motion to adjourn the executive session.

Motion by: Board Member Lester
Seconded by: Board Member Gergen
Approved: 5-0

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Date of Meeting: May 13, 2008

Type of Meeting: Budget Hearing and Regular Session

Place of Meeting: Middle School - Cafeteria

Members Present: President Franklin R. Alvarado
Vice President Patrick E. Gallagher
Board Member Roy Lester

Members Absent: Board Member Ruth Kaleko – due to illness
Board Member Lynn Gergen – absent personal business

Others Present Dr. Robert Greenberg, Superintendent
Dr. Randie Berger, Assistant Superintendent – Personnel
General Administration
Ms. Helen Cheliotas, Assistant Superintendent – Curriculum and
Instruction
Mr. Frank Ruggiero, Assistant Superintendent – Business
Ms. Eileen Lilly, District Clerk

**I. Pledge of Allegiance and Opening Remarks –
President Alvarado**

- Called the meeting to order at 8:00 PM and led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance
- Announced that Mrs. Kaleko is recovering and sends her regards
- Ms. Gergen is absent due to personal business.
- Presentation of Certificates by Dr. Mary Tatem and Ms. Valerie Bertinelli

Call to Order and Opening Remarks
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II. Overview of the Use of SMART Boards in the Schools by Mr. Mike Richez, Mr. Keith Harvey and Ms. Ellen DeFilippis

Overview of the Use of SMART Boards in the Schools

III. Report of Superintendent of Schools – Dr. Robert Greenberg

Superintendent's Report

- Thanked Messrs. Richez and Harvey and Ms. DeFilippis.
- Announced that Mr. Ruggiero will retire in November 2008 and that he will see us through budget and audits through the summer.
- Indicated a question has been raised about college level courses at the High School. The District has asked our attorneys for an opinion regarding the necessity for a contractual arrangement with these colleges and universities: Long Island University – C.W. Post, SUNY Albany, Syracuse University, Five Towns College and Adelphi University. Mr. Gallagher is a consultant for Syracuse University. He has championed college level courses here in the District. The issue is whether these contractual arrangements require Board action. Dr. Greenberg will report back and recommend appropriate action.
- Invited all to attend the Envisioning meeting on June 10 when the Board and the Steering Committee will develop and refine the Smart Goals setting plans for the District in the next several years.
- Please vote on May 20.

IV. President Alvarado called for Questions and Comments from the Public – Items on Tonight's Agenda Only.

Questions and Comments from the Public – Tonight's Agenda Only

There were none.

V. President Alvarado called for Board Comments.

Board Comments

President Alvarado

- Thanked Messrs. Richez, Harvey and Ms. DeFilippis for their expert presentation

- Regarding the question of contractual arrangements with colleges and universities providing college level courses, it is important to cross our "T's" and do due diligence. We do not pay universities for any of this. No money is changing hands. We are going to our attorneys to make sure there are no improprieties.
- We have sent a letter of interest to get feedback on the Inter Baccalaureate Program.

Vice President Gallagher

- Indicated he has strongly supported college courses at the High School. In light of his consulting role in Public Policy 101, he will recuse himself from voting on this subject. He has no stake or interest and does not benefit financially because Long Beach is involved.

Board Member Lester

- Thanked tonight's Smart Board presenters

Dr. Greenberg

- Informed that the Board and Steering Committee will meet on June 10 to develop and refine the Smart Goals. The community is invited to attend.
- Added two names to the list of inspectors on tonight's agenda: Kayla Manning and Kathy Herricks as election inspectors

VI. President Alvarado called for Presentations of the Superintendent

**Presentations of
the Superintendent**

Dr. Greenberg recommended the following:

**1. APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INSPECTORS
OF ELECTION: SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION – MAY 20, 2008**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education authorizes the appointment of additional Inspectors of Election at the rate of \$72.00 per day, as well as \$15.00 an hour for the one hour training session for the Annual School Election scheduled for May 20, 2008.

The following people are in addition to the list:

Kayla Manning and Kathy Herricks

President Alvarado called for a motion.

Motion by: Board Member Lester

Seconded by: Vice President Gallagher

Approved: 3-0

- VII. Review of the Budget as approved by the Board of Education and which will be voted on by the community on Tuesday, May 20, 2008.**

**Budget
Review**

- VIII. President Alvarado called for Questions and Comments from the Public.**

**Questions and
Comments**

Ms. Paula Wall

650 East Chester Street

- Expressed concerns about bullying

Mr. Michael Miciotta

215 West Olive Street

- Inquired about honors program at the Middle School

The Honorable Samuel Levine, Retired Chief Judge Nassau County

711 Shore Road

- Commented on the budget

- IX. President Alvarado called for Board Comments**

Board Comments

Board Member Lester requested a copy of report referred to by Judge Levine.

Vice President Gallagher thanked the Judge for his comments.

President Alvarado reminded the community about upcoming initiatives regarding the Master Plan – Focus Groups on June 17 and 19, Envisioning Goals on June 10, and thanked Judge Levine for his comments.

- X. **President Alvarado called for a motion to adjourn at 9:45 PM.**

Adjournment

Motion by: Vice President Gallagher
Seconded by: Board Member Lester
Approved: 3-0

Minutes submitted by: *Eileen Lilly*

Eileen Lilly, District Clerk
June 23, 2008