RAHWAY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2020

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Public Notice Announcement:

Public notice of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was given by the Board Secretary on February 4, 2019 by sending notices to the Home News Tribune, The Union County LocalSource, The Star Ledger, the City Clerk of Rahway, the Rahway Public Library, and by posting the notices on the Bulletin Board outside the Board of Education office on the second floor of the 7th and 8th Grade Academy.

Call To Order:

I. Ms. Patricia Wilson, Board Secretary, certifies that the following were elected to the Rahway Board of Education at the General Election held on November 5, 2019:

Three (3) Year Term:

JOHN DA SILVA
LAURA GIACOBBE
BRITTANY HALE

II. Administration of Oath of Office to new Board Members (Mr. Da Silva and Ms. Hale):

Margaret Miller, Board Attorney

Roll Call:
The Reorganization Meeting of the Rahway Board of Education was called to order by Ms. Patricia Wilson at 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria of the 7th and 8th Grade Academy, and upon Roll Call, the following Board Members were present:

Mr. John Da Silva, Mr. Carlos Garay, Ms. Brittany Hale, Mr. Ray Lopez, Mr. Eric Miles and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.
Members Absent: Ms. Deborah Bridges, Mrs. Laura Giacobbe, Mrs. Lori Kennedy

Also Present: Dr. Patricia Camp, Ms. Patricia Wilson, and Margaret Miller Esq.

III. Election of President:
The Board Secretary opened the floor for nominations for President of the Rahway Board of Education:

Ms. Hale nominated Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mrs. Kennedy
Motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Da Silva to close nominations for President
Roll Call on the nomination of Mr. Lopez: 6 Ayes, 3 Absent

The Reorganization Meeting was turned over to President Ray Lopez.

IV. Election of Vice President:
President Lopez opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of the Rahway Board of Education. Mr. Lopez nominated Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Ms. Hale.
Motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Da Silva, to close nominations for Vice President.

Roll Call on the nomination of Mr. O'Reilly: 6 Ayes, 3 Absent
V. MOTIONS:

1. Motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Garay, to resolve that the New Jersey “Code of Ethics for School Board Members” shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Rahway Public School District:

   CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

   a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, state board rules and regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

   b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

   c. I will confine my board action to policymaking, planning, and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

   d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.

   e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.

   f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.

   g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. But in all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

   h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.

   i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

   j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 3 Absent: Ms. Bridges, Mrs. Giacobbe, Mrs. Kennedy
2. Motion by Mr. Garay, seconded by Ms. Hale, to approve the following:

   a. **Establish Regular Meeting Place, Date, and Time:**
      To establish that the regular monthly meetings of the Rahway Board of Education are to be held in the Rahway Academy Cafeteria on the third (3rd) Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except where noted, with the Committee of the Whole meetings being held on the previous Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except where noted, in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meeting Room in the 7th and 8th Grade Academy as per the attached list.

   b. **Name Bank Depositories:**
      To name Bank of America, Wells Fargo Bank, RSI Bank, TD Bank, Northfield Bank, Bank of New York, Beneficial Bank, JP Morgan Chase, NJARM, and State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund, as bank depositories for the school year.

   c. **Name Official Newspapers for Legal Advertisement:**
      To designate as official newspapers for legal advertisement, the following:
      - Home News Tribune
      - The Union County LocalSource
      - The Star Ledger

   d. **Bank Signature Cards:**
      To authorize bank signature cards for the signatures of the President or Vice President, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Superintendent of Schools.

   e. **Adopt By-Laws, Policies and Rules and Regulations:**
      To adopt the By-laws and Policies of the prior year as amended.

   f. **Educational Programs of Study and Textbook List:**
      To approve the existing Educational Program of Studies, Textbook List, and adopt the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards and the NJ Students Learning Standards; copies on file in the Office of Curriculum and Instruction.

   g. **Official Address:**
      To approve the official address of the Board of Education as follows:
      - Rahway Board of Education
      - Rahway 7th and 8th Grade Academy
      - Kline Place - P.O. Box 1024
      - Rahway, New Jersey 07065

   h. **Official Seal:**
      To approve the official seal of the Rahway Board of Education as that which is in the possession of the Secretary of the Board.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 3 Absent
3. Motion by Mr. Garay, seconded by Ms. Hale, to authorize the Business Administrator to invest surplus funds as they are available to repurchase agreements, money market accounts, government securities, and certificates of deposits at the bank depository offering the best interest at the time of the investment.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 3 Absent:

4. Motion by Ms. Hale, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, to approve Deborah Bridges to serve on the Union County Educational Services Commission Representative Assembly for the period of January 7, 2020, until the next Organization Meeting of the Representative Assembly.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 3 Absent

5. Motion by Mr. Garay, seconded by Mr. Da Silva, to appoint Eric Miles as the Board's NJSBA delegate for the period January 7, 2020 to the next Organization Meeting.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 3 Absent

6. For the record, it should be noted that the following offices are filled by the person, or firm name, as follows:

1. Auditor:
   Lerch, Vinci, Higgins, LLC
2. Board Secretary:
   Patricia Wilson
3. School Board Attorney:
   Weiner Law Group LLC
4. Parette Somjen Architects
   Architect of Record
5. Phoenix Advisors
   Financial Advisor of Record

7. Motion by Mr. Garay, seconded by Mr. Da Silva, to accept a donation of six (6) power lift racks from the New York Jets Football Team Organization.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes, 3 Absent

8. Motion by Mr. Garay, seconded by Mr. Da Silva, to declare the following item(s) as surplus and to allow the Business Administrator to dispose of same on govdeals.com as per Board Policy 3260/3270:

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VI. **Adjournment**:

Motion by Mr. Da Silva, seconded by Mr. Garay, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Oral, all in favor. The Reorganization Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Patricia Wilson, Board Secretary
**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

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All Meetings will begin at **7:00 p.m.**, unless posted otherwise.

The Monthly **Caucus** meetings are held in the Louis R. Rizzo Board Meeting Room (Rm. 105) of the 7th and 8th Grade Academy.

The Regular **Board Meetings**, and the **Reorganization Meeting**, will be held in the Student Cafeteria of the 7th and 8th Grade Academy.