RAHWAY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC CAUCUS MEETING
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2019

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Roll Call
The Monthly Caucus Meeting of the Rahway Board of Education was called to order by President Ray Lopez at 7:00 p.m. in Room 105 of the 7th and 8th Grade Academy, and upon Roll Call, the following Board Members were present:

Ms. Deborah Bridges, Mr. John Da Silva (left at 7:36 p.m.), Mr. Carlos Garay, Mrs. Lori Kennedy, Mr. Ray Lopez, Mr. Eric Miles and Mr. Thomas O'Reilly.

Members absent: Ms Brittany Hale (arr. 7:04 p.m.), Mr. Darren Lesinski,

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

Public Notice Announcement:

Public notice of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, was given by the Board Secretary on January 18, 2018 by sending notices to The Union County LocalSource, the Home News Tribune, the Rahway Public Library, and the City Clerk of Rahway, and by posting notices on the Bulletin Board outside the Board office in the 7th and 8th Grade Academy.

All items on the Public Caucus Meeting Agenda were discussed and will appear on the Regular Meeting Agenda.

A. MOTIONS:

1. Motion by Mr. Da Silva, seconded by Mr Garay, to approve the following resolution for the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan, copy on file in the office of the Business Administrator, for the Rahway Public Schools for FY 2019 through FY 2021, and to submit same to the Executive County Superintendent for approval:

   RESOLUTION

   WHEREAS, the Department of Education requires New Jersey School Districts to submit three-year maintenance plans documenting “required” maintenance activities for each of its public school facilities, and

   WHEREAS, the required maintenance activities as listed in the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the various school facilities of the Rahway Public Schools are consistent with these requirements, and

   WHEREAS, all past and planned activities are reasonable to keep school facilities open and safe for use or in their original condition and to keep their system warranties valid,

   NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rahway Board of Education hereby authorizes the School Business Administrator to submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the Rahway Public Schools in compliance with Department of Education requirements.

   Roll Call: 8 Ayes, 1 Absent: Mr. Lesinski
B. RECESS:

1. Motion by Ms. Hale, seconded by Mr. Da Silva, to recess to private session.

Roll Call: 8 Ayes, 1 Absent: Mr. Lesinski

The Public Caucus Meeting was recessed to Private Session at 7:11 p.m.

C. RECONVENING ROLL CALL:

The Caucus Meeting was reconvened at 8:01 p.m. and upon Roll Call, the following members were present:

Ms. Bridges, Mr. Garay, Ms. Hale, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. Lopez, Mr. Miles and Mr. O'Reilly.

Members Absent: Mr. Da Silva and Mr. Lesinski

Also Present: Dr. Camp, Ms. Wilson, and Ms. Miller

D. MOTIONS:

1. Motion Ms. Hale, seconded by Mr. O'Reilly, to approve the following:

   a. to accept the resignation of Allison Roszkowski, Paraprofessional at Madison School, effective November 2, 2019.

   b. to rescind the appointment of Nelson Siguenza as Custodian at Rahway High School.

   c. to accept the resignation of Diana Vargas, Paraprofessional at Roosevelt School, effective November 16, 2019.

   d. to transfer paraprofessional Rachel Felton from Roosevelt School to support a student at Grover Cleveland Elementary School effective October 21, 2019.

   e. to appoint Wilmelis Chevere as a Full-time Office Paraprofessional at the 7th and 8th Grade Academy effective December 2, 2019 for the 2019-20 school year, Step 1 of the Assoc. Degree Paraprofessional Salary Guide, 6.5 hours per day, at the interim hourly rate of $15.58, pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements. (Replaces B. Blankenship)

   f. to appoint Michael Mozingo as a Custodian at the High School effective December 16, 2019, or sooner, for the 2019-20 school year, Step 4 of Custodian Salary Guide A-5-b, at the interim annual salary of $37,924.00, prorated, pending the successful completion of pre-employment requirements. (Replaces R. Eastman)

   g. to approve Clay Lea to receive the lead custodian stipend for the St. Thomas preschool location, in the amount of $1,500, for 2019-20 school year, paid for by preschool funding.
h. to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the City of Rahway (the "Board") requires the services of an Engineer to serve as the Board’s engineering consultant/expert in connection with construction projects related to the Pre-School expansion; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Public School Contracts Law (NJSA 18A:18A-1, et seq.), the Board is not required to advertise for bids for professional services contracts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the City of Rahway as follows:

1. Remington and Vernick Engineers is hereby appointed to act as the Board’s engineering consultant/expert in connection with various construction projects related to the Pre-School expansion; and

2. For all environmental engineering services performed by Remington and Vernick Engineers in connection with the Pre-School bathrooms located at the 7th & 8th Grade Academy Building, Remington and Vernick shall invoice the Board on a "Time and Materials" basis in accordance with the fee schedule provided to the Board on November 12, 2019, a copy of which is on file in the Board Secretary’s Office; in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00;

3. For all environmental engineering services performed by Remington and Vernick Engineers in connection with the inspection and repair of the Pre-School bathrooms located at the 7th & 8th Grade Academy Building, Remington and Vernick shall invoice the Board on a "Time and Materials" basis in accordance with the fee schedule provided to the Board on November 12, 2019, a copy of which is on file in the Board Secretary’s Office; in an amount not to exceed $5,000.00; and

4. The Board Secretary shall cause notice of the appointment to be printed in the Board’s official newspaper of record.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes, 2 Absent

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. O'Reilly, seconded by Mr. Garay, to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call: Oral, all present in favor.

The Monthly Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

[Signature]
Patricia Wilson, Board Secretary