

**PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF
THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013

The Parsippany-Troy Hills Board of Education held its Reorganization Meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at the Board of Education Building, 292 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054.

CALL TO ORDER

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Board Secretary Robin Tedesco opened the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Mrs. Tedesco stated that in compliance with Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 entitled Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting has been provided as specified in the Act. A meeting notice was published in the Daily Record on December 21, 2012. Additionally the Notice of Meeting was posted at the Municipal building and copy of Notice filed with the Township Clerk on December 21, 2012. This notice was also transmitted on December 21, 2012 to the Daily Record, The Citizen, Neighbor News, The Star Ledger, The Herald News and radio station WMTR. This is an official meeting.

MEETING NOTICE

FIRE NOTICE

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The Fire Notice was read by Board Secretary Tedesco.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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Board Secretary Tedesco led the assembly in a salute to the flag.

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Mrs. Tedesco welcomed all to the organization meeting. She then read the results of the November 6, 2012 annual school board election as follows:

For Membership to the Board of Education-Full Term (3 Years)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Votes</u>
James Carifi	8,251
Frank A. Calabria	7,336
Joanne K. Mancuso	6,813
Alison Cogan	5,696
Frank A. Neglia	4,886
Anthony T. DeIntinis	4,787

From these returns, James Carifi, Frank A. Calabria and Joanne K. Mancuso will be duly elected as members of the Board of Education for three years.

OATHS OF OFFICE

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Board Secretary Tedesco administered the oath of office to Dr. Frank Calabria and Mr. James Carifi. Mrs. Joanne Mancuso was not present having notified the Board previously that she did not wish to be sworn in.

ROLL CALL

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Present: Dr. Frank Calabria
Mr. James Carifi
Mrs. Susy Golderer
Mr. Anthony Mancuso
Mr. Gary R. Martin
Mrs. Fran Orthwein
Mr. Sharif Shamsudin
Mr. Michael Strumolo

Also Present: Mr. Paul Saxton, Interim Director of Personnel
Mrs. Robin Tedesco, Assist Business Administrator
Mr. Mark A. Tabakin, Esq., Board Attorney
Mrs. Susan Tindal, Assistant Board Secretary
Kristina Berrios, Student Representative, Parsippany High School

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Mrs. Tedesco opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Mr. Shamsudin nominated Mrs. Golderer. Dr. Calabria nominated Mrs. Orthwein. There being no further nominations a roll call vote was taken and Mrs. Golderer was elected with 5 Ayes, Mrs. Orthwein had 3 Ayes.

Mrs. Golderer took the Chair and then called for nominations for Vice President of the Board. Mr. Martin nominated Mr. Shamsudin. Dr. Calabria nominated Mrs. Orthwein. A roll call vote was taken and Mr. Shamsudin was elected with 5 Ayes, Mrs. Orthwein had 3 Ayes.

Mr. Strumolo made a motion that the Secretary Report and Superintendent's Bulletin #10 be tabled because Mr. Carifi did not yet have the opportunity to read them in advance. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A lengthy discussion ensued. The motion was approved with 7 Ayes and 1 No by Mrs. Orthwein.

President Golderer called for a 5 minute recess.

The Board reconvened at 9:04 p.m.

Mr. Martin made a motion that a meeting be advertised for a Special Meeting to be held on January 10, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of filling the Board of Education seat vacancy and the meeting on January 24th be rescheduled for a 7:00 p.m. closed session with a 7:30 p.m. start time for the regular public session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Strumolo. A discussion ensued. The advertisement should state that resumes must be submitted to the Board Secretary by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2013. Parameters for interviewing will be determined at the January 10th meeting. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular and Confidential Sessions of December 20, 2012. Mrs. Orthwein motioned, Mr. Shamsudin seconded and the minutes were approved by roll call vote with 6 Ayes, 1 Abstain by Mr. Mancuso, and 1 Absence by Mr. Martin who had stepped away.

STUDENT COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Kristina Berrios – reported on activities at Parsippany High School.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Mr. Martin inquired as to how many of our graduates fail at County College of Morris. Dr. Gigante is preparing a report.

Mr. Shamsudin is looking for information going out regarding the fields' referendum as soon as possible. The Communications Committee will review on January 9th and distribute on January 10th.

CORRESPONDENCE

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None.

NEW BUSINESS

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President Golderer noted that she will continue to operate under the committee system and will appoint Board of Education members. She stated that all committees will stand as is until the new members are appointed.

Mr. Carifi would like to amend Policy 5111 that allows non-resident staff members' children to attend district schools at no cost and he distributed a copy of page 6 of the Policy to Board members. Mr. Carifi made a motion to stop the practice immediately. He also requested the number of students who do not meet the necessary registration requirements. After a very lengthy discussion, Mr. Carifi pulled his motion and asked that the issue be remanded to the Policy Committee for revision.

Mr. Carifi asked that the district match up the students and residences and report housing violations to the township. A discussion ensued. Mr. Strumolo suggested that the President create an ad hoc committee of residents to discuss this issue.

Mr. Carifi passed out a leadership program proposal to Board members and asked that they review it and discuss it at the next meeting. President Golderer asked the Critical Issues Committee to review this.

PUBLIC PORTION

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Liz Kadian – presented a wish list from the Par-Troy PTA Council as requested by the Superintendent.

Sandy Giercyk – disheartened by the Board of Education behavior; bus driver issue.

Roman Hoshowsky – cited residency issue.

Jennifer McVea – pleaded for the PTA wish list; in favor of SROs in schools.

Laura Sostak – backing up PTA wish list; kids in the middle are getting lost; loss of media specialists correlates to lower test scores; the Board needs to start working together.

Yvette Maglio – promoting the PTA wish list; SROs; study hall is a waste, better to teach study skills instead.

Ilene Sanford- PTA at Brooklawn; in favor of SROs; questions regarding safety and ability of teachers to call out from classrooms.

Judy Mayer – felt the Board disrespected the teachers.

Bob Venezia – stated that turf fields are needed but not the “add-ons”.

Bob Crawford – had questions about providing referendum information, the height of the light poles, usage of the fields, implications of traffic.

Brigid Mekita – feels the next highest vote getter should fill the vacancy.

Beth Bluj – shocked and saddened by the behavior of the Board members; good job on website information regarding the referendum.

George Blair – recommended the Board find someone to teach them to work as a team; citizens are working to pass the referendum.

Trish Weiss – looking for the Board to discuss the PTA Council wish list.

Monica Sclafani – inquired about whether the Board policy actually covers a Board member not being sworn in; there is a 4th member who was duly elected and that person

should be given the most consideration; show compassion for the staff children in the district; commented on the leadership program that should not be the responsibility of the Board.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

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At 11:23 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Shamsudin and seconded by Mrs. Orthwein and was unanimously approved by roll call vote to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of student negotiations.

1. This public meeting is hereby recessed into a private session where the public shall be excluded for the purpose of discussion and consideration of the following: student negotiations.
2. It is the determination of the Board that a discussion of the aforementioned subject matter may be prejudicial to the interests of the parties involved and could result in a possible invasion of a right of privacy and be detrimental to the parties involved.
3. Discussion and/or action of the Board with regard to the above mentioned subject matter shall be (or not be) disclosed to the public within 60 days hereof.

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The regular session was reconvened at 12:08 a.m.

Mr. Shamsudin moved and Mr. Martin seconded the following motion which was unanimously approved by roll call vote:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education affirms the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (HIB) report for January 3, 2013.

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There being no further business the public meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Strumolo, seconded by Mr. Shamsudin and unanimously approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Tindal, RSBS
Assistant Board Secretary