

UNION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – February 5, 2016

Meeting held at the Union High School Library, 2400 North Third Street, Union, New Jersey at 6:00 p.m. on February 5, 2016.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nufrio at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mr. David Arminio, Dr. Guy Francis, Mr. Steven Le, Mr. Ronnie McDowell, Mr. Jeffrey Monge, Mr. Vito Nufrio, Mr. Angel Salcedo, Mrs. Nancy Zuena

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

None

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Mr. Manuel Vieira

Mr. Vieira led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Vieira read the statement required under the “Open Public Meetings Act”, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Secretary.

Mr. Nufrio stated that this meeting will be telecasted on February 11th and February 14th and as such it is being videotaped at this time.

Upon receiving the resignation of one of the Board members on January 6, I then instructed Mr. Vieira to post a vacancy to give sufficient time for perspective candidates to submit their resumes – which was a two week period.

We have three candidates here this evening who were interested in being selected for the vacancy – which term will expire on December 31, 2016. I will introduce the Ad Hoc Committee members and after which I will turn the microphone to Mr. Arminio who will act as the moderator who will ask questions of the candidates. The Chair of the Committee is Dr. Guy Francis and the three other members are Mr. McDowell, Mr. Le and Mr. Arminio and our alternate member is Mr. Monge.

Mr. Arminio introduced the three candidates for the position of Board member for the unexpired term of the candidate that resigned: Linda Gaglione, Lozara Rivera and Nellis Regis-Darby.

Mr. Arminio stated each candidate will start with an opening statement telling about themselves and then we will ask the same questions of each of the three candidates. The candidates will have 3-5 minutes for the opening statement and up to 3 minutes for each question response. The questions were compiled by the Committee. At the end of the questioning by the Committee, any Board member will be allowed to ask a question to the candidates.

Ms. Regis-Darby, Ms. Gaglione and Ms. Rovira presented their opening statements.

The Ad Hoc Committee presented their questions to each candidate.

The Board members presented their questions to each candidate.

All candidates opening statements, question/answer segments and closing statements can be seen on www.twpunionschool.org – BOE Meeting Video Library. A copy of their resumes and a copy of the video presentation are appended to the minutes.

Mr. Arminio thanked all three candidates for their time.

Mr. Nufrio stated he wanted the District to know how the Committee was selected and he polled the Board members on their interest. The members on the Committee had requested to be on the Committee. He complimented the Committee. He acknowledged how difficult and stressful it was and he wanted the candidates to know that it was not being telecast live but we can't make any changes to the video. The public will see it on the 11th. He apologized for the technical difficulties. He continued by thanking the candidates and pleased with the interviews and it will be a tough decision. The Ad Hoc Committee will retreat to another room and they will begin their deliberation; however, a decision may not be made this evening and you are free to leave. He again extended his compliments to the candidates and the committee, in particular Dr. Francis for gathering and sorting out the questions.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Mr. Frazier stated congratulations to the individuals for volunteering their time and hope that that the Committee selects an individual that will continue to provide excellent education to our students in Union and also understand the fiscal responsibilities.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board in public session it was moved by Dr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Salcedo, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

AYES: Mr. Arminio, Dr. Francis, Mr. Le, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Monge, Mr. Salcedo, Mrs. Zuena, Mr. Nufrio

NAYES: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

MANUEL E. VIEIRA
INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY