

TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

TO ALL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Union was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom, pursuant to the notice sent to each member.

Mr. McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Yocasta Brens-Watson, Dr. Guy Francis, Mr. Ronnie McDowell, Mr. John O’Shea, Mrs. Nellis Regis-Darby, Mrs. Kim Ruiz, Mrs. Mary Lynn Williams

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Nancy Minneci, Dr. Kalisha Morgan

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mrs. Yolanda Koon, Mr. Craig Wojcik

ALSO PRESENT:

Gwen Thornton (NJSBA Field Representative), Afshan Ajmiri Giner, Esq., Kendal Longmore, Esq.

Mr. McDowell stated Mrs. Minneci is not here tonight, she is a conflicted Board member.

Mr. O’Shea led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. McDowell read the District’s mission statement.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Mrs. Regis-Darby, seconded by John O’Shea, that the Board go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. to discuss the following subject matters without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b: personnel, attorney-client privilege and superintendent search.

Please take notice that minutes will be taken of the discussion conducted during the executive session and the Board will disclose the minutes of the executive session when the disclosure will not result in unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or prejudice to the best

interests of the Board of Education and provided that such disclosure does not violate federal, state or local statutes and does not fall within the attorney/client privilege. Action may be taken when the Board reconvenes in public session.

AYE: Mrs. Brens-Watson, Dr. Francis, Mr. O'Shea, Mrs. Regis-Darby, Mrs. Ruiz,
Mrs. Williams, Mr. McDowell

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

The Board returned to public session at 8:48 p.m.

Mr. McDowell stated we were in executive session because we were going over the process for or superintendent search and by the end of week there will be a link on the district website that will show a calendar concerning the superintendent search and links on the district website with a survey for staff and community soliciting community and staff input on the superintendent search. We have contracted with NJSBA to do the leg work on this search and that resolution was approved last night. Hopefully, we will have superintendent in place by July 1st.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board in public session it was moved by Dr. Francis, seconded by Mrs. Ruiz, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

AYE: Mrs. Brens-Watson, Dr. Francis, Mr. O'Shea, Mrs. Regis-Darby,
Mrs. Williams, Mr. McDowell

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

YOLANDA KOON
BOARD SECRETARY