

TO ALL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:

The Organization Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Union will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at Union High School, North Third Street, Union, New Jersey 07083.

The Organization Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Union was held at the Union High School Library on Tuesday, January 3, 2013 at 7 p.m. pursuant to notice sent to each member.

The meeting was called to order by the Secretary of the Board of Education at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Tatum led the board members and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Mr. Damato administered the oaths of office to Mrs. Susana Cooley, Mr. David Arminio, Dr. Guy Francis and Mr. Thomas Layden as newly elected board members.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Mr. David Arminio, Mrs. Susana Cooley, Dr. Guy Francis, Mr. Richard Galante, Mr. Thomas Layden, Mrs. Versie McNeil, Mr. Vito Nufrio and Mr. Francis Perkins

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL: Mrs. Linda Gaglione

The Secretary read the statement required under the "Open Public Meeting Act," a copy of which is on file in the office of the secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS:

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF UNPAID SICK LEAVE – STEEB

Linda Steeb, mathematics teacher at Kawameeh Middle School, submitted a request for extension of unpaid sick leave for the period January 25th through January 31st, 2013.

REQUEST FOR SABBATICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE – HARVEY

Grant Harvey, French teacher at Union High School, submitted request for sabbatical leave of absence for the 2013-2014 academic year for the purpose of study in accordance with Article 10 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the U.T.E.A.

REQUEST FOR MATERNITY AND UNPAID FAMILY LEAVE – WINTERS

Jennifer Winters, English teacher at Kawameeh Middle School, submitted a request for maternity and unpaid family leave, for the period March 1 through June 17, 2013.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION – SMITH

Ellyn Smith, cafeteria/playground aid at Washington School, submitted a letter of resignation for the purpose of retirement effective January 1, 2013.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION – CAVERLY

Bonnie Caverly, teacher assistant at Livingston School, submitted a letter of resignation effective January 2, 2013.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Martin said that he wanted to announce that there were two special meetings next week having to do with the Saturday Academy. He said that the Saturday Academy will begin later in January and there will be parent information sessions scheduled. Dr. Martin said that the first meeting will be on Monday, January 7th at Hannah Caldwell School at 6:30 p.m. and this meeting will be for parents in kindergarten through grade 4 to get information regarding the Saturday Academy and there will be a chance to enroll students at that meeting. He said that the enrollment fee is \$75 for a ten (10) week program. Dr. Martin said that on Wednesday, January 9th there will be a parent meeting at Burnet Middle School at 6:30 p.m. and this meeting will be for parents in grades 5 through 9. He said that information about the Academy will be distributed and students can be enrolled at this meeting also.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS ON THE AGENDA

None

ORGANIZATION

Mr. Damato called for nominations for the office of President

It was moved by Mr. Layden, seconded by Mrs. Cooley that Francis R. Perkins be nominated for the Office of President

Mr. Damato asked if there were any other nominations for the office of President. There were no other nominations for the office of President.

AYE: Mr. Arminio, Mrs. Cooley, Dr. Francis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Layden, Mr. Nufrio and Mr. Perkins

NAY: Mrs. McNeil

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION WAS CARRIED

Mr. Perkins assumed the chair as President.

Mr. Perkins thanked the board for the confidence expressed by them. He said that the board can be sure that he will devote the time necessary to perform the duties of President.

Mr. Perkins called for nominations for the office of Vice President

It was moved by Mrs. Cooley, seconded by Mr. Layden that Richard Galante be nominated for the Office of Vice President

Mr. Perkins asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Vice President. There were no other nominations for the office of Vice President.

AYE: Mrs. Cooley, Dr. Francis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Layden, Mr. Nufrio and Mr. Perkins
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Mr. Arminio and Mrs. McNeil MOTION WAS CARRIED

MEETING NIGHTS

Moved by Mr. Arminio seconded by Mrs. McNeil that the schedule of committee meetings, work sessions and regular meetings be adopted in accordance with the schedule in the hands of each board member; and be it further moved that copies be posted in the Administration Building and with the Township Clerk and that copies be sent to the Star Ledger and the Union Leader for publication.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Damato said that there was one change since the schedule was originally sent to the board. He said that the February meeting date was brought to his attention by Mrs. Gaglione.

AYE: Mr. Arminio, Mrs. Cooley, Dr. Francis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Layden, Mrs. McNeil, Mr. Nufrio and Mr. Perkins
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None MOTION WAS CARRIED

POLICY MANUAL

Moved by Mr. Arminio, seconded by Mr. Nufrio that the Policy Manual of the Union Township Board of Education presently in effect be hereby readopted.

AYE: Mr. Arminio, Mrs. Cooley, Dr. Francis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Layden, Mrs. McNeil, Mr. Nufrio and Mr. Perkins
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None MOTION WAS CARRIED

Mr. Perkins stated that there are two Fiscal Committee resolutions that will be voted on this evening. All other resolutions will be voted on at the Board's regular meeting which will take place on January 15th. He said that there is not a worksession scheduled for January and the organization meeting is intended to replace that so that members of the board have advance notice of what resolutions would be voted on at the regular meeting in two weeks.

FISCAL AND PLANNING

Moved by Mr. Layden, seconded by Mr. Nufrio that the following resolution be adopted:

F-10. DESIGNATE BANKS AS DEPOSITORIES FOR FUNDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board designate Union Center National Bank, Unity Bank, Investors Savings Bank, Valley National Bank, TD Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Bank of America and MBIA Class as depositories for the funds of the Union Township Board of Education as currently maintained in accordance with the list appended to these minutes.

AYE: Mr. Arminio, Mrs. Cooley, Dr. Francis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Layden, Mrs. McNeil, Mr. Nufrio and Mr. Perkins
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None MOTION WAS CARRIED

Moved by Mr. Layden, seconded by Mrs. Cooley that the following resolution be adopted:

F-11. AUTHORIZE DEPOSITORY BANKS TO HONOR AND CHARGE ACCOUNTS

That the Board authorize the following depository banks be and are hereby authorized to honor and to charge the accounts of the Union Township Board of Education and all Board of Education checks and drafts bearing the stamp or perforation commonly known as a facsimile signature of the Treasurer of School Monies and the President of the Board of Education and that checks and drafts of the various Board of Education accounts be signed by the designated officers in accordance with the list appended to these minutes.

AYE: Mr. Arminio, Mrs. Cooley, Dr. Francis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Layden, Mrs. McNeil, Mr. Nufrio and Mr. Perkins
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None MOTION WAS CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Arminio congratulated all of the new board members who were sworn in tonight. He hoped that the year would be a peaceful, calm and productive one.

Moved by Mr. Arminio, seconded by Mr. Nufrio that this year be a peaceful, calm and productive one.

AYE: Mr. Arminio, Mrs. Cooley, Dr. Francis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Layden, Mrs. McNeil, Mr. Nufrio and Mr. Perkins
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: None MOTION WAS CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business before the board it was moved by Mr. Arminio, seconded by Mrs. McNeil, that the meeting be adjourned.

AYE: Mr. Arminio, Mrs. Cooley, Dr. Francis, Mr. Galante, Mr. Layden,
Mrs. McNeil, Mr. Nufrio and Mr. Perkins

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION WAS CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James J. Damato', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JAMES J. DAMATO
BOARD SECRETARY