

TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
March 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF MEETING:

TO ALL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:

The special meeting/executive session of the Board of Education of the Township of Union was held on Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey pursuant to the notice sent to each member. Action was taken.

Ms. Santana called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Ms. Dixiana Carbonell, Mr. Michael Cohan, Mr. Ronnie McDowell, Mrs. Nancy Minneci, Ms. Chastity Santana, Mrs. Kimberly Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Mary Lynn Williams

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Elsie Conteh-Mackey (arrived 6:24 p.m.)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Mrs. Yolanda Koon

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Christopher Buggy, Esq.

Ms. Carbonell led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Carbonell read the district's mission statement.

Mrs. Koon read the statement required under the "Open Public Meetings Act" that adequate notice was published in The Union County Local Source, The Star Ledger and/or Tap into Union, posted in the Administration Building and the Clerk's Office of the Township; a copy of which is on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

None

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Mrs. Scott-Hayden, seconded by Mrs. Minneci, that the Board go into Executive Session at 6:03 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 matters – interviews to fill the unexpired term of Marissa McKenzie.

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: Ms. Carbonell, Mr. Cohan, Mr. McDowell, Mrs. Minneci,
Mrs. Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Santana

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned to public session at 8:01p.m.

Ms. Santana stated that she was impressed by all the candidates and thanked them for their time and a decision was made by the current need of the Board.

Moved by Mr. Cohan, seconded by Mrs. Scott-Hayden, to appoint Greg Nasta, as Board member to fill the unexpired term of Marissa McKenzie.

Mr. Cohan stated Mr. Nasta works for the Department of Public Works and has experience in managing people and facilities and he can bring a different perspective to our Board.

Ms. Santana asked if there were any more nominations, seeing none.

Moved by Mr. Cohan, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to close the floor for nominations.

AYE: Ms. Carbonell, Mr. Cohan, Mrs. Conteh-Mackey, Mr. McDowell, Mrs. Minneci,
Mrs. Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Santana

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Vote for Greg Nasta:

AYE: Ms. Carbonell, Mr. Cohan, Mrs. Conteh-Mackey, Mr. McDowell, Mrs. Minneci,
Mrs. Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Santana

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mrs. Koon administered the oath of office to Greg Nasta.

Mr. Nasta thanked the Board and stated he was ready to get to work.

Mr. McDowell stated to all the candidates that were interviewed that there are plenty of committees that they can join to be part of the district.

Mrs. Williams stated it was a difficult decision to make because there were so many good candidates.

Mrs. Minneci stated it was a very difficult decision and thank you all for coming out.

Mrs. Conteh-Mackey stated that the district buildings are in dire need and Mr. Nasta's expertise will help this district. She also thanked all the other candidates.

Mrs. Scott-Hayden stated congratulations and welcome and she was willing to give up being Chair of the Operations Committee and we will work to right this ship. She also thanked all the other candidates and informed them there are committees in the district that they can join.

Ms. Santana informed the community that she wanted this process to be efficient so everyone who sent a resume and who were qualified were interviewed. She also stated the Board's vision is that we need to look at the district's facilities and our buildings to make things better.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board in public session it was moved by Mr. McDowell, seconded by Mrs. Williams, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

AYE: Ms. Carbonell, Mr. Cohan, Mrs. Mackey, Mr. McDowell, Mrs. Minneci, Mr. Nasta, Mrs. Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Santana

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Yolanda Koon

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BOARD SECRETARY