

TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. (virtual)

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, November 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom pursuant to the notice sent to each member. Action was taken.

Ms. McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Yocasta Brens-Watson, Ms. Dixiana Carbonell, Ms. Marissa McKenzie, Mr. John O’Shea, Mrs. Nellis Regis-Darby, Ms. Chastity Santana, Mrs. Kimberly Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Mary Lynn Williams

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Nancy Minneci

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Gerald Benaquista, Mrs. Yolanda Koon

ALSO PRESENT:

Hazard Young Attea Associates (HYA) representatives – Stacy Adams, Bill Adams and Ed McCormick

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

Mrs. Cappiello 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 ON RESOLUTION:

None present

Fiscal and Planning Committee Resolution:

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following resolution was moved by Ms. Carbonell, seconded by Mr. O’Shea, for adoption:

F-1. APPROVE LIST OF CONTRACTS/PURCHASES (STUDENT ACTIVITY) AND STUDENT FIELD TRIP

Approve the list of contracts and/or purchases pursuant to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(21) (paid by funds raised by or collected students) and student field trip destinations and purposes pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.8 and to include one security guard to accompany students, in accordance with the information appended to the minutes.

School	Account/Dept.	Vendor/Description	Amount
Union High School	2087/Model U.N. (Faraone)	UBOE (Villani Bus Co. to Washington DC)	\$3,000.00 (not to exceed)

DISCUSSION:

It was agreed to by the Board to add a security guard to accompany the students on the Washington, DC trip, as well as for administrators to have the consent forms and contact information of parent/guardian of each student while on trip and a copy with the Union High School administration.

AYE: Mrs. Brens-Watson, Ms. Carbonell, Mr. O’Shea, Mrs. Regis-Darby, Ms. Santana, Mrs. Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Williams, Ms. McKenzie

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Benaquista left meeting prior to executive session.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Ms. Carbonell, that the Board go into Executive Session at 6:47 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: 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.

AYE: Mrs. Brens-Watson, Ms. Carbonell, Mr. O’Shea, Mrs. Regis-Darby, Ms. Santana, Mrs. Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Williams, Ms. McKenzie

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

The Board returned to public session at 7:46 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board in public session it was moved by Mrs. Regis-Darby, seconded by Mr. O'Shea, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

AYE: Mrs. Brens-Watson, Ms. Carbonell, Mr. O'Shea, Mrs. Regis-Darby, Ms. Santana,
Mrs. Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Williams, Ms. McKenzie

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

MOTION CARRIED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Yolanda Koon

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BOARD SECRETARY