

TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORGANIZATION MEETING AGENDA
JANUARY 5, 2016

NOTICE OF MEETING:

TO ALL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:

The organization meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Union was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Union High School Library, 2400 North Third Street, Union, New Jersey pursuant to notice sent to each member.

A. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Manuel Vieira, Interim Board Secretary, at 7:00 p.m.

B. Flag Salute – Mr. Vieira led the Board and audience members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Administer Oaths of Office – Mr. Vieira administered the oaths of office to the newly elected board members – two were reelected and two were newly elected: Mr. David Arminio, Dr. Guy Francis, Mr. Jeffrey Monge and Mr. Steven Le

D. Announcement of Newly-Elected Board Members by Mr. Vieira:

1. Mr. David Arminio
2. Dr. Guy Francis
3. Mr. Jeffrey Monge
4. Mr. Steven Le

E. Present at Roll Call:

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

Absent at Roll Call:

Ms. Lois Jackson

Administrators Present: Mr. Gregory Tatum, Dr. Noreen Lishak, Mrs. Annie Moses, Mr. Manuel Vieira, Mr. Gerry Benaquista

F. Open Public Meeting Act Statement was read by Mr. Vieira, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Board Secretary

G. Organization

PRESIDENT

Mr. Vieira calls for nominations for the Office of President.

Mr. Arminio stated the Board of Education acts as a single unit and its mission is to ensure the best education possible for thousands of students in our schools. In the past year I have endeavored to do my best as President to lead the Board in accomplishing that goal. For the 2016-2017 year it is my privilege to nominate an individual who will continue the Board's mission and whose years of experience will certainly help him guide the Board of Education and the School District. I nominate Vito Nufrio.

Moved by Mr. Arminio, seconded by Dr. Francis that Vito Nufrio be nominated for the Office of President.

Mr. Vieira called for other nominations for the office of President. There being none, the nominations for the office of President were closed.

ROLL CALL.

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Nufrio assumes the chair as President.

Mr. Nufrio stated I want to thank Mr. Arminio for his kind words and certainly echo all that he said in terms of what he has accomplished in this past year as President. It was my pleasure to serve as Vice President during this past year and I firmly commit to continue the great work that this Board has begun from day one and hopefully by the end of the year we will have a lot to show for. This community has been more involved and will continue to be, as such Mr. Tatum, the Superintendent has seen to that and we are working as a family not only within this group of elite individuals but with the entire community. I wanted to be the first one to say that.

VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Nufrio stated since it is difficult to resolve issues in terms of who is the best candidate and I can't say enough about Mr. Arminio, although other candidates were just as considered with their input, but I would like to have Mr. Arminio as Vice President so I officially nominate Mr. Arminio for the term of Vice President.

Moved by Mr. Nufrio, seconded by Mr. McDowell that Mr. Arminio be nominated for the Office of Vice President.

Mr. Nufrio called for other nominations for the office of Vice President. There being none, the nominations for the office of Vice President were closed.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING NIGHTS

Moved by Mr. Nufrio, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the schedule of committee meetings, work sessions and regular meetings be adopted in accordance with the schedule, appended to the minutes; 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 County Local Source for publication.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Monge stated he and Mr. Tatum spoke about changing the finance committee meeting on a different date. Mr. Nufrio stated Mr. Arminio and I thought that this question might come up and in the past we were always presented with the timeline that involves committee meetings are a little short. I will ask Mr. Tatum to put on the agenda for the work session that we possibly consider splitting up the committee meetings into two days and naturally something the entire Board should have input on. Possibly we can do Monday – perhaps two or three committee meetings and Tuesday the rest.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED

POLICY MANUAL

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

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL;

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

Moved by Mr. Nufrio, seconded by Mrs. Zuena, that the Board adopt the formal resolution appended to the minutes designating the Union County Local Source and the Star Ledger as newspapers to receive notice of meetings and fixing charges for notices to the public meetings in the amount of \$60 for 2016.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED

DESIGNATE INTERNET WEBSITE FOR OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION

Moved by Mr. Nufrio, seconded by Mr. McDowell, that the Board adopt formal resolution designating Township of Union Board of Education's internet website (www.twpunionschools.org) for official notification pursuant to the New Jersey local unit pay-to-play law, in accordance with the information appended to the minutes.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

DESIGNATE DEPOSITORIES FOR FUNDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION

Moved by Mr. Nufrio, seconded by Mrs. Zuena, that the Board designate Connect One Bank, Investors Savings Bank, Wells Fargo Bank and Unity Bank as depositories for funds of the Township of Union Board of Education as currently maintained, in accordance with the list appended to the minutes.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Monge asked if we wanted to add someone in the future do we have to have a Board resolution. Mr. Nufrio stated I would refer this matter to Mr. Vieira. Mr. Vieira stated yes. Mr. Nufrio stated if you wish to propose something for next week's agenda. Mr. Monge stated it was just a question.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED

AUTHORIZE DEPOSITORY BANKS TO HONOR AND CHARGE ACCOUNTS OF TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION

Moved by Mr. Nufrio, seconded by Mr. Lee, that the Board authorize the following depository banks be and are hereby authorized to honor and to charge the accounts of the Township of Union 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 the minutes.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED

H. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Monge stated there were certain things at last month's meeting, when the audio went out, about the PARCC results in the Superintendent Report – maybe next week the Superintendent can repeat the results. Mr. Nufrio stated if I recall, during the presentation, didn't we arrive at the possibility of having a transcript of that portion? Mrs. Cappiello stated that the minutes are done they just need to be proof read and then they have to be approved by the Board so it will probably be February's – but I can get that portion and put it on if you want that done. Mr. Tatum stated we posted it on the website.

I. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Arminio stated just to let everyone know that down in the gym right now is a charity basketball game for St. Jude's Hospital and Union is going to be playing Roselle Catholic in about a half hour. So if you are at home or not doing anything or if you are here, you can go right down to the gym and help raise some money for St. Jude's Hospital and watch a great basketball game and I hope Union wins. Mr. Nufrio stated it is a great event. I would like to say something at this portion of the meeting – first of all I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year

both at home and here and our commitment as a Board is exactly what Mr. Arminio said, we work as a unit. We have individual lives, we have individual opinions but in the long run it is the Board as a whole that makes a decision to address certain resolutions or makes recommendations and then the Superintendent is the CEO, symbolically speaking, of the District. His recommendations are always considered and certainly the Board has the authority to respond to those recommendations but ultimately it is what we do for the District, one goal, that is the students and staff, whether it is safety, education, curriculum, extracurricular, or simply structuring of class time or consideration of certain classes. It is done only with one intent and that is to propel the students into the future both academically and as an entire human being. I do want to thank the Board in entrusting me with this position as President. I welcome it. I realize that there will be Presidents to follow but I assure you as a President of this particular year, I will do my very best to move the District forward with the consult and assistance of this Board. Thank you very much.

J. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

K. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board, it was moved by Mrs. Zuena, seconded by Mr. Arminio, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

NAYES: none.

ABSTAIN: none

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

MANUEL E. VIEIRA
INTERIM BOARD SECRETARY