

*****VIRTUAL***
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 10, 2023**

Minutes of a virtual regular meeting stated session of the Board of Education of the Town of Guttenberg, in the County of Hudson, N.J., held on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

President Rogers led everyone present in the salute to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were virtually present, Trustee Acosta, Perez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Trustee Copeland, Fundora and Garcia-Popiel were absent. Trustee Copeland had difficulty connecting and Trustee Montanez was able to hear the meeting, however, she couldn't be heard.

Board Attorney, John Schettino was virtually present.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Mrs. Karen Huebsch announced that this meeting is being called in conformance with the "Open Public Meeting Act," notices were mailed to newspapers, Town Clerk, and all members' two days prior to this meeting.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The previous Meeting minutes of April 26, 2023 were approved upon motion of President Rogers and seconded by Acosta. Ayes, Trustee Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Trustee Acosta and Perez abstained. Nays, none.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

- Workshops/Inservice Workshops
- Supplies

Requests approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by President Rogers. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Perez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Nays, none.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Rosenberg stated all of the certified staff was being rehired.

RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES

May10-23-4.01

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve the rehiring of the non-union staff members for the 2023-2024 school year as listed below:

Ms. Karen Huebsch
Ms. Jaime Gutierrez
Ms. Liliana Zambrano
Ms. Alejandra Corales
Ms. Valerie Lugo
Mr. Edwar Alvear-Cortes
Mr. Franchesco Rodriguez
Mr. Eduardo Cardenas
Mr. Stewart Kennedy
Mr. Anthony Mennella
Mr. Joel Henriquez

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves

of the above mentioned non-union individuals for the 2023-2024 school year as attached hereto.

May10-23-4.02

WHEREAS, it is necessary to formally approve the resignation letter submitted by Ms. Niamh Glynn, 6th Grade Math Teacher effective June 30, 2023; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the resignation letter submitted by Ms. Niamh Glynn as attached hereto.

May10-23-4.03

WHEREAS, the Superintendent is recommending the hiring of the following new instructors for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Ms. Ada Ascencio-Bilingual Instructor-Grades 1&3-\$62,581.00
Step 7 BA
- Ms. Abigail Gordon-STEM Instructor-\$58,631.00-Step 2 BA
- Ms. Marisa Perry-7th Grade Lit Instructor-\$71,881.00-Step 12 MA

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves the above mentioned new teacher hirings for the 2023-2024 school year.

May10-23-4.04

WHEREAS, it is necessary to terminate the employment of Ms. Jennifer Fariello, Lunch Aide for the 2022-2023 school year effective May 10, 2023.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the termination of employment of Ms. Jennifer Fariello, Lunch Aide for the 2022-2023 school year.

PERSONNEL/HUMAN RESOURCES Resolutions approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Perez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Nays, none.

CONFLICTED RESOLUTION #1

May10-23-5.01

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve the rehiring of the 10 and 12 month union staff members for the 2023-2024 school year as listed below:

- Para Professional
- Ms. P. Ahern
 - Ms. A. Rogers
 - Ms. R. Perdomo

- 10 month Union Certified Instructors
- Ms. A. Cantelmo
 - Ms. A. Jaloudi
 - Ms. A. Mastrangelo
 - Ms. A. Torres-Gonzalez
 - Ms. A. Vanderbilt
 - Ms. A. Reyes
 - Ms. A. La Rocca
 - Ms. B. Encarnacion
 - Ms. B. Sanchez
 - Mr. C. Yopez
 - Ms. B. Galvez
 - Ms. B. Jimenez

Ms. S. Beristain
Ms.C. De La Cruz
Ms. C. Mabel
Ms. C. Kohaut
Ms. C. Amador
Ms. C. Telford
Ms. C. Nelson
Ms. E. Collazo
Ms. C. Tamburo
Ms. C. Mataras
Ms. D. Jurisic
Ms. D. Flanagan
Ms. D. Merse
Mr. D. Barlaam
Ms. E. Rachelski
Ms. E. Kaminsky
Mr. E. Hedlund
Ms. E. Santangelo
Ms. E. Mooney
Ms. E. Schnell
Mr. E. Gomez
Ms. F. Rios
Ms. G. LaBanca
Ms. G. Giannantonio
Ms. G. Vazquez
Ms. G. D'Annunzio
Ms. G. Payano
Ms. H. Techwani
Mr. I. Hecht
Ms. J. Hiciano
Ms. J. Vergata
Ms. J. Browne
Ms. J. Rotonda
Ms. J. Hernandez
Ms. J. Toomey
Mr. J. Giraldo
Mr. J. Weber
Ms. J. Sanchez
Ms. J. Fasano
Ms. J. Medina
Ms. K. Flores
Ms. K. Verdon
Ms. K. Traflet
Ms. K. Osback
Ms. K. Morgan
Ms. K. Ostrowski
Ms. L. Lara
Ms. L. Petry
Mr. M. Wernicky
Ms. M. Vizcaino
Ms. C. Martinez
Ms. M. Sinning
Ms. M. Colon
Mr. M. Rivera
Ms. M. Cohn
Ms. M. Grogan
Ms. M. Orozco
Ms. M. Perini
Ms. M. Bartuck
Ms. M. Tehfe
Mr. M. Haines
Mr. M. Borghi
Ms. M. Clarke
Ms. M. Perez
Ms. P. Cerabona
Mr. R. Geissler

Ms. R. Penton-Bamert
Ms. R. Flores
Mr. R. Halliwell
Mr. R. Clarke
Ms. S. Spindel
Ms. S. Bramel
Ms. S. Rotundo
Ms. S. Spivey
Mr. S. Minervini
Ms. S. Castillo
Ms. T. Yearwood-Antomarchi
Ms. T. Volze
Mr. T. Lopresti
Ms. T. Walis
Mr. T. Gondola
Ms. W. Rashid
Ms. Y. Perez
Ms. D. DiPaola

10 month Special Education Aides

Ms. A. Arcila
Mr. B. Dee
Ms. C. Raxach
Ms. D. Cardenas
Ms. D. Gonzalez
Ms. D. Cooper-Hightower
Ms. E. Diaz
Ms. E. Tejada
Ms. G. Perdomo
Ms. H. Harb
Ms. I. Ramos
Ms. J. Delgado
Ms. K. Capodagli
Ms. L. Espinal
Ms. L. Hernandez
Ms. L. Volquez
Ms. M. Quionnes
Ms. M. Hijazi
Ms. M. Sar
Ms. M. Puma
Ms. M. Vargas
Ms. M. De Leon
Ms. P. Sanchez
Ms. R. Veliz
Ms. V. Ajazi
Ms. V. Patel
Ms. W. Lipscomb
Ms. Y. Sanchez

12 Month Union Secretaries & Custodians

Ms. M. Hernandez
Ms. I. Salguero
Ms. M. Perez
Ms. J. Rodriguez
Ms. C. Cepeda
Ms. T. Marcial
Ms. C. Bauza

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the 10 and 12 month above mentioned union individuals for the 2023-2024 school year as attached hereto.

CONFLICTED RESOLUTION #1 approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta,

Perez, Rodriguez and Sosnowski. Naves, none. President Rogers gave a recusal vote.

May10-23-5.03

WHEREAS, it is necessary to approve the rehiring of the Administrators for the 2023-2024 school year as listed below:

Ms. Jolene Mantineo
Mr. Keith Petry
Ms. Lucy DiMaulo
Ms. Jill Magenheimer
Mr. Robert Correggio
Ms. Ilvea Cruz
Ms. Josie Perez

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the School District of the Town of Guttenberg hereby accepts and approves of the rehiring the Administrators for the 2023-2024 school year.

CONFLICTED RESOLUTION #2 approved upon motion of Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Perez, Rodriguez and Sosnowski. Naves, none. President Rogers gave a recusal vote.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

President Rogers announced that any citizen wishing to address the board with a comment or question will be allotted a three-minute timeframe per citizen.

A motion was made to open the hearing of the citizens to the public by President Rogers and seconded by Trustee Montanez. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Copeland, Fundora, Garcia-Popiel, Montanez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

Ms. Jennifer Fariello addressed the board by stating she was a long time resident of Guttenberg and continued to state that there had been a large misunderstanding. Ms. Fariello continued by stating this was blown out of proportion and all she wanted to do is to have a meeting with Dr. Rosenberg. She stated she took all of this very seriously and really didn't know what to do at this point and she didn't do anything intentional.

Dr. Rosenberg questioned Mr. Schettino on how to proceed.

Mr. Schettino stated from what he was hearing, Ms. Fariello wanted to meet with her and stated this was a personnel issue.

Dr. Rosenberg stated she had sent 2 emails to Ms. Fariello and received no response.

President Rogers stated at this time the board would enter into a closed session to discuss personnel issue and anyone who was virtual needed to leave the meeting and it would reopen at 5:30 pm if anyone cared to join again.

A motion was made to close the hearing of the citizens by Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Perez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

A motion was made to enter into a closed session to discuss personnel by President Rogers and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Perez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

A motion was made to reopen the meeting by Trustee Acosta and seconded by Trustee Sosnowski. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Perez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

Mr. Schettino stated the board returned from closed session and addressed Ms. Fariello that she would be able to address the board with a 3 minute timeframe.

Ms. Fariello gave her presentation of the events that had occurred that particular day. She continued to state that always had a clean record and didn't break the rules. She continued to state what she was being accused of was scary and she never meant to hurt anyone. Mr. Schettino stated her termination didn't state a reason in the resolution and she was over the 3 minute time and any final thoughts.

Ms. Fariello stated if it could be reconsidered rescinding and she apologized.

Mr. Schettino stated the board would consider your request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-None

NEW BUSINESS

-None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Trustee Sosnowski and seconded by Trustee Acosta the Board of Education Meeting was adjourned. Roll call, Ayes, Trustee Acosta, Perez, Rodriguez, Sosnowski and President Rogers. Naves, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Mantineo
Board Secretary