

CHESTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
 REGULAR MEETING
 MINUTES
 February 3, 2004

<p>CALL TO ORDER – Mr. Moore, Board President, call the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>In accordance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, Mr. Moore announced that: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice and to attend the meetings of the Public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act the Chester Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Chester Post Office, sent to the Clerks of Chester Borough and Chester Township, the Daily Record and the Observer Tribune.</p> <p>ROLL CALL PRESENT: Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude (7:30 pm), Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Taterka ABSENT: Mr. Agree Also present : Mr. Ralph Goodwin and Mr. Roth</p> <p>Upon the motion of Trustee Taterka, seconded by Trustee Schmidt, the board considered the following motion: To enter into private session at 6:30P.M. WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and WHEREAS, the board is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLUTION (135 - 03/04) -- RESOLUTION (054 - 03/04) by the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows: A. The public shall be excluded from discussion of hereinafter-specified subject matter (s) B. The general nature of the subject matter discussed was as follows: 1. Negotiation Issues, Contract</p> <p>A voice vote was taken YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Taterka NAY – None</p> <p>The motion carried 7-0. Suzanne Patnaude entered the meeting at 7:30 pm</p> <p>Upon the motion of Trustee Cooper Napolitano, seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion: To return from private session at 8:15 pm A voice vote was taken. YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Mrs. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Taterka NAY – None</p> <p>The motion carried 8-0.</p> <p>Board President, Derek Moore, led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no citizens present in the audience.</p> <p>Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by TrusteeHoven, the board considered the following motion: Recommending the approval of the minutes of a regular meeting of the Chester Township Board of education held January 20, 2004, public A voice vote was taken YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt and Mrs. Taterka NAY – None</p> <p>The motion carried 8-0.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>SUNSHINE LAW</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p> <p>PRIVATE SESSION</p> <p>PUBLIC SESSION</p> <p>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</p> <p>MINUTES</p>
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Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (054 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the second reading of Policy 1230, Other School Connected Organizations PTA, PTO.

A roll call was taken

YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka

NAY – None

The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE SECOND READING OF POLICY 1230, OTHER SCHOOL CONNECTED ORGANIZATIONS PTA, PTO

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (055 - 03/04), WHEREAS, the Chester Township School District (the “Board”)will be involved in various renovation and capital improvement projects in the forthcoming academic year (the “Project”) ; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that architectural services are needed for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board has thoroughly reviewed the information submitted by the various architectural firms competing for the position as the Board’s Architect of Record; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the architectural firm SSP Architectural Group of Somerville, New Jersey (the “Architect”), pursuant to its proposal for architectural services submitted on December 19, 2003, is the firm that will best serve the interests of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board, pursuant to its authority under N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(1), may negotiate and award this contract for Professional Service within the meaning of the statute.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, does hereby formally approve the architectural firm of SSP Architectural Group as the Board’s Architect of Record subject to a formal agreement being negotiated by the Board’s counsel and approved by the Board; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board shall forthwith cause to be printed once in an official newspaper, a brief notice, as set forth herein, stating the nature, duration, service and amount of the contract, and that the resolution and contract will be on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Board.

A roll call was taken

YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka

NAY – None

The motion carried 8-0.

APPOINTS ARCHITECT OF RECORD – SSP, SOMERVILLE, NJ

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (154 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the first reading of Policy 8101, Philosophy of Education.

A roll call was taken

YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka

NAY – None

The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE FIRST READING OF POLICY 8101, PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (155 - 03/04), upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the first reading of Policy 8105, Equal Employment Opportunities

A roll call was taken

YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka

NAY – None

The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE FIRST READING OF POLICY 8105, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (156 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey approves the first reading of Regulation 8105, District Employee/Student Grievance Procedure

A roll call was taken

YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka

NAY – None

The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE FIRST READING OF REGULATION 8105, DISTRICT EMPLOYEE/STUDENT GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (157 - 03/04)--WHEREAS, the Chester Township Board of Education (“Board”) had retained the services of the architectural firm of DiCara/Rubino (“Architects”) for two (2) construction projects undertaken by the District, i.e. the re-roofing at Bragg, Dickerson and Black River Schools and a Referendum Study for a potentially new construction project and;

WHEREAS, the Board and Architects felt it would be in their respective best interest to terminate their relationship with one and other subject to finalization of fee issues that remain due and owing and;

WHEREAS, the Board and Architects, after negotiation of these issues, have determined that the following fees are due and owing and will be paid subject to the conditions forth hereafter:

- A. As to the re-roofing at Bragg, Dickerson and Black River schools, the total fee of \$49,890.83, which includes reimbursable expenses to the Architects, will be paid in full. Architects agree to provide all SCC documentation to the Board relative to this Project.
- B. With respect to the Referendum Study, a total fee of \$32,000.00, inclusive of reimbursable expenses will be paid in full satisfaction of that component of the Project. In addition, Architects agree to provide the electronic version of its entire work product other than the State submission on this phase of the Project.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above fee settlement be reduced to an agreement memorializing the contents of this Resolution by Board’s Construction Counsel.

A roll call was taken

YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka

NAY – None

The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES PAYMENT OF FEES TO DICARA/RUBINO

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:
 RESOLUTION (160 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the second reading of Policy 4119.22A, Conduct & Dress.
 A roll call was taken
 YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka
 NAY – None
 The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE SECOND READING OF POLICY 4119.22A, CONDUCT & DRESS

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:
 RESOLUTION (062 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the first reading of Policy 5132, Student Dress and Grooming
 A roll call was taken
 YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka
 NAY – None
 The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE FIRST READING OF POLICY 5132, STUDENT DRESS AND GROOMING

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:
 RESOLUTION (006 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the first reading and adoption of Policy 1120, Board of Education Meetings
 A roll call was taken
 YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka
 NAY – None
 The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE FIRST READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICY 1120, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:
 RESOLUTION (007 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the first reading and adoption of Policy 9200, Board Member Services
 A roll call was taken
 YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka
 NAY – None
 The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE FIRST READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICY 9200, BOARD MEMBER SERVICES

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:
 RESOLUTION (008 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, approves the first reading and adoption of Policy 9271, Code of Ethics
 A roll call was taken
 YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka
 NAY – None
 The motion carried 8-0.

APPROVES THE FIRST READING AND ADOPTION OF POLICY 9271, CODE OF ETHICS

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude seconded by Trustee Adelman, the board considered the following motion:

RESOLUTION (009 - 03/04)--RESOLVED, that the Chester Township Board of Education shall hold the Annual School Election of the legal voters of Chester Borough on Tuesday, April 20, 2004 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM, or as long thereafter as may be necessary for all those who entered by 9:00 PM to vote, at the following polling locations:

All Districts – Black River Middle School (Gymnasium), 133 North Road, Chester, NJ.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chester Township Board of Education designate that notices of said election be posted at each of the following locations:

1. Board of Education office
2. Dickerson School
3. Bragg School
4. Black River Middle School
5. Post Office
6. Chester Borough office
7. Chester Township office
8. Chester Library

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chester Township Board of Education establish that the drawing for position on the ballot be held at 10:00 AM on March 10, 2004 in the office of the Business Administrator, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chester Township Board of Education set the date of the Public Hearing for the School Budget for the 2003-2004 school year to be March 30, 2004 at 7:30 in the Media Center of the Black River Middle School.

A roll call was taken

YEA – Mr. Adelman, Mrs. Hoven, Mr. Moore, Ms. Cooper Napolitano, Mr. Nordmark, Ms. Patnaude, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Taterka

NAY – None

The motion carried 8-0.

Upon the motion of Trustee Patnaude, seconded by Trustee Hoven, the board considered the following motion:

To enter into private session at 8:45 P.M.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the board is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chester Township Board of Education, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

- C. The public shall be excluded from discussion of hereinafter-specified subject matter (s)
- D. The general nature of the subject matter discussed was as follows:
 1. Negotiations

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ralph Goodwin left the meeting at 8:45 pm

Upon the motion of Trustee Adelman, seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered the following motion:

To return from private session at 9:45 pm.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There being nothing further to discuss, upon motion of Trustee Adelman, seconded by Trustee Patnaude, the board considered a motion to adjourn at 9:45 pm. The motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

APPROVE POLL LOCATION AND TIMELINES FOR THE APRIL, 2004 ELECTION

PRIVATE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph H. Goodwin
Board Secretary