

LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY
December 7, 2015

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey adequate notice of this special meeting has been provided. On November 23, 2015 written notice of this special meeting was posted in two schools, City Hall, and the Linwood City Library. On that same date written notice was faxed and mailed to The Press and The Current.

The meeting of the Linwood Board of Education was called to order by **Mr. Sless**, Board President, in the Schiavo Auditorium, Belhaven Middle School, Linwood, New Jersey, **Monday, November 23, 2015, 7:06 PM.**

Mr. Sless led all present in a flag salute.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Zierys, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Scannell, Mr. Sless, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. DeMorat, and Judge Todd

MEMBERS ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT: T. Weeks, Business Administrator, W. Donio, Solicitor, S. Speirs & F. Rudnesky Principals, J Yochim, Director, L. Hindman, F. Pileiro, D. Lamkin, C. Swan, D. McCabe, K. Savino, J. Baltozer, S. Coyle, K. Zaleskiewicz, P. Vanlangen

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Instruction – None

Operations – None

Governance – Mrs. Gibson requested dates for the next committee meeting.

Negotiations – First meeting with the LEA was held this evening. The kick off session went well and the committee is looking forward to meeting with the LEA.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

FOR INFORMATION - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Motion made by Mrs. DeMorat, seconded by Mrs. Scannell, to enter into Executive Session, 7:09 PM:

Resolved: At a public meeting of the Board of Education of Linwood, held this evening, pursuant to the “Open Public Meetings Act”, the following subjects to be discussed in a session of the Board closed to the public:

**Attorney Client Privilege – Contract Agreement
Personnel – Terms and Conditions of Employment - Acting Superintendent**

It is presently anticipated that the items mentioned in the resolution may be disclosed to the public upon final determination of the subject by the Board of Education.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Motion approved.

Mrs. Gibson and Judge Todd did not enter Executive Session

ACTION REQUIRED

SEPARATION AGREEMENT - SUPERINTENDENT - Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve the separation agreement with Dr. Marianne Gaffney. The agreement provides for her resignation effective December 31, 2015 until which time she will be on a leave. Three month's pay of \$35,700 will be paid in January. The Commission of Education has approved this separation agreement.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes, except Judge Todd and Mrs. Gibson who have recused themselves in this matter.

Motion approved.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT – ACTING SUPERINTENDENT - Motion made by Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to approve a contract with Mrs. Jill Yochim as the Acting Superintendent effective December 8, 2015 through June 30, 2015. The contract provides for a monthly stipend of \$1,500 prorated for partial months through February 24, 2015. Effective February 24, 2015 the monthly stipend is increased to \$3,000 if still in the position. The Executive County Superintendent has approved this contract.

Discussion: The Board is seeking to have an Interim Superintendent in place by February 24, 2015.

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes, except Judge Todd and Mrs. Gibson who have recused themselves in this matter.

Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – Judge Todd distributed information to the Board Members to review staffing and budgeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – Mrs. Coyle, LEA Co-President, stated they are happy to have Mrs. Yochim as the Acting Superintendent.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD – Mr. Sless stated we wish Mrs. Yochim the very best in her new role.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by, Mrs. Ziereis, seconded by Mrs. DeMorat, to adjourn (7:30 PM).

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri J. Weeks, Business Administrator,
Board Secretary