

**MINUTES OF A REORGANIZATION MEETING
OF THE
RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 5, 2015**

A Reorganization meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday evening, January 5, 2015 in the Rutherford High School Cafeteria. Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by Mr. Joseph Kelly, Board Secretary, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL On roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Ahmed, Mr. Arce, Mrs. Lanni, Mr. McLean. and Mr. Recine.

N.J. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Rutherford Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on the bulletin board outside the Borough Clerk's Office, mailed to the *Herald, South Bergenite*, and the *Record* newspapers, and filed with the Borough Clerk.

REVIEW OF RESULTS OF ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION:

Mr. Kelly reviewed the November 4, 2014 election results:

Name, Term	Votes Received
Three – three year terms	
Sarah Librera	1133
Diane M. Jones	1559
Frank Wilson	916
Thomas P. Lancaster	920
Gary Novosielski	944
One – one year term	
Kyongyup Chu	1209

OATH OF OFFICE

1. Mr. Joseph Kelly, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary administered the oath of office to the newly re-elected members of the Rutherford Board of Education:

- Mr. Keith Chu
- Mrs. Diane Jones
- Mrs. Sally Librera
- Mr. Gary Novosielski

ROLL CALL

On roll call the following members were present: Mrs. Ahmed, Mr. Arce, Mr. Chu, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Lanni, Mrs. Librera, Mr. McLean, Mr. Recine and Mr. Novosielski. Mr. Hurley and Mr. Kelly were also present.

DISTRIBUTION OF CODE OF ETHICS TO BOARD MEMBERS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT.

Board members read the Code of Ethics aloud.

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT:

OPEN NOMINATIONS

2A. Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mrs. Jones, to accept nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Approved by Voice Vote. [9-0]

Mr. McLean nominated Mr. Novosielski as Board President. There were no other nominations.

CLOSE NOMINATIONS

2B. Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Chu, to close nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education.

Approved by Voice Vote. [9-0]

ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT

2C. Motion by Mrs. Librera, seconded by Mrs. Lanni, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:15-1 and Bylaw 9121, the Rutherford Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, elects Mr. Gary Novosielski as President of the Board of Education, effective immediately, until the next organization meeting as prescribed by law.

Roll Call Vote on Election of Board President on Item #2C:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mrs. Jones – aye	Mr. Mc Lean – aye
Mr. Arce – aye	Mrs. Lanni – aye	Mr. Recine – aye
Mr. Chu – aye	Mrs. Librera – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye

Mr. Kelly turned over the conduct of the meeting to Mr. Novosielski.

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE PRESIDENT:

OPEN NOMINATIONS

3A. Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Ahmed, to accept nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Approved by Voice Vote. [9-0]

Mrs. Jones nominated Mr. McLean as Board Vice-President. There were no other nominations.

CLOSE NOMINATIONS

3B. Motion by Mrs. Ahmed, seconded by Mr. Arce, to close nominations for the office of Vice-President of the Board of Education.

Approved by Voice Vote. [9-0]

ELECTION OF BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

3C. Motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Arce, that in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:15-1 and Bylaw 9121, the Rutherford Board of Education, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, elects Mr. Kevin McLean as Vice-President of the Board of Education, effective immediately, until the next organization meeting as prescribed by law.

Roll Call Vote on Election of Board Vice-President on Item #3C:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mrs. Jones – aye	Mr. Mc Lean – aye
Mr. Arce – aye	Mrs. Lanni – aye	Mr. Recine – aye
Mr. Chu – aye	Mrs. Librera – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mrs. Jones:

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

4. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE RUTHERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION to adopt the following Board meeting schedule for 2015. Meetings are to be held at 7:30 P.M. unless otherwise noted.

Approved by Voice Vote.

**Rutherford Board of Education
Meeting Schedule
2015**

January	12	Worksession/Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
February	2	Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	9	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
March	2	Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	16	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
April	20	Worksession/Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
May	4	Worksession/Budget Hearing	7:30 p.m.

	18	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
June	1	Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	15	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
July	13	Worksession/Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
August	17	Worksession/Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
September	14	Worksession/Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
October	5*	Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	19	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
November	2	Worksession	7:30 p.m.
	16	Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
December	7	Worksession/Regular Meeting	7:30 p.m.
January 4, 2016 Reorganization Meeting			7:30 p.m.

* Board of Education Scholastic Awards

Roll Call Vote on Board Meeting Schedule on Item #4:

Mrs. Ahmed – aye	Mrs. Jones – aye	Mr. Mc Lean – aye
Mr. Arce – aye	Mrs. Lanni – aye	Mr. Recine – aye
Mr. Chu – aye	Mrs. Librera – aye	Mr. Novosielski – aye

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Mr. Hurley congratulated the newly-reelected Board members. He reminded all that Mr. Al Annunziata, NJSBA, will be at the January 12, 2015 meeting to discuss the Board Self-Evaluation and provide the Annual Ethics training to Board members. He noted that he will have a full report at the next meeting.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT:

Mr. Novosielski reported that he is asking all Board members to let him know of any committee or delegate assignments they are interested in, as he is reviewing all.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Agenda Items Only) [None] 7:53 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS: [None]

OLD BUSINESS: [None]

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:

Mrs. Jones reported on various bills impacting education that have been approved by the Governor (A3334/S2224 through A3339/S2227) and two that were vetoed (A3340/S2229 and A3341/S2230). The approved bills deal with reporting on students' career readiness, county vocational schools and college-level instruction offered to high school students.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: (Any Topic) 7:56 P.M.

Mr. Ray Tomczak addressed his concerns with the amount of homework being assigned to students. As he is aware that the Board will be revisiting the policy on homework this year, he asks that the policy include objectives on assigning homework, teacher coordination of homework assignments to avoid overload, and a benchmark of time expected to complete daily homework assignments. He further asked that, in reviewing the policy, the Board give it their full consideration and seek input from the community.

Mr. Hurley responded that the review of the policy is currently at the stage of seeking input from the administration. He further noted that homework assignments should reflect a partnership between teachers, students and parents, who should work together to manage expectations, as there is no one-size-fits-all approach to the amount of homework assigned. He also noted a recent poll of the schools determined minimal parental complaints on the amount of homework assigned.

Mrs. Ahmed, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lanni voiced their opinions in support of a review of the homework policy.

Mr. McLean reminded the Board that, as per the Code of Ethics they all just read, the Board's responsibility is not to run the schools, but to ensure they are well run.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. Chu that an Executive Session be held at 8:16 P.M. for the purpose of discussing a Student Matter. Action will not be taken. The Board expects to return within 5 minutes.

Approved by Voice Vote. (9-0)

The Board returned at 8:22 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Mr. McLean, seconded by Mrs. Jones, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 P.M.

Approved by Voice Vote. (9-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Joseph P. Kelly
Business Administrator/Board Secretary