

THE ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF TROY, NY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting: April 12, 2010
Type of Meeting: Special Board of Education Meeting
Location: School 16
Time: 6:30 pm Public Session

MINUTES

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 6:30 pm, Mr. Mayo opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Mayo, President
Mrs. Wager-Rounds, Vice President
Mrs. Adams
Mrs. Clinton
Mrs. Harvin
Mr. Schofield
Mrs. Walsh

Members Absent: Mrs. Marro-Giroux
Mrs. Scully

Also Present: Mr. Atiba-Weza, Superintendent
Dr. Nichelle Rivers, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Mary O'Neill, Business Manager
Mr. Hopke, Director of Management Services
Ms. Culligan, Human Resources Coordinator
Mr. McCarthy, School Attorney

III. PUBLIC HEARING ON UTILITY TAX

The Board of Education is looking at all options to increase its revenue. The Board has convened this hearing to discuss its plans to increase the utility tax from 2 percent to 3 percent. There are approximately 57 small city school districts in State of New York that are eligible to levy up to 3 percent. Troy is one of three districts that do not avail themselves to the maximum tax of 3 percent. It is recommended that TCSD increase our utility tax from 2 percent to 3 percent. There will be a future resolution to revise such tax.

Public Comments:

- Mary Sweeney, President of Lansingburgh CSD - opposed to increase in utility tax. Would like the two school districts to work together to rectify situation where 12180 and 12182 residents in Lansingburgh are being taxed although they do not live the Troy School District. Lansingburgh CSD Business Manager, Lisa Kyer explained the difficulty to remove tax from utility bills. Ms. Kyer asked that TCSD stop taxing 12182 residents which would eliminate the majority of this problem.
- Jill Martin, taxpayer and parent - In favor of raise to utility tax to spread burden amongst taxpayers and residents.

The Superintendent has spoken to authorities in Albany to try to resolve the problem of taxing Lansingburgh residents.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS - HUMAN RESOURCES

Internal Claims Auditor (Education Law 2526, Commissioner's Regulation 170.2)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, NY, hereby accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the following unclassified personnel actions:

Items 1 and 2 were acted on as a Consent Agenda:

1. Unclassified Employee - Resignation

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, NY, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby accepts the resignation of Brian Filkins, Internal Claims Auditor effective April 14, 2010.

2. Unclassified Employee - Temporary Appointment

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Enlarged City School District of Troy, NY, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the temporary appointment of Karen Young as Internal Claims Auditor effective April 13, 2010 until further notice.

Motion to Consent:	Mr. Mayo
Second to Consent:	Mr. Schofield
Motion to Carry:	Mr. Mayo
Second to Carry:	Mr. Schofield
Carried:	7-0

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS - BUSINESS FINANCE

Retirement Incentive for Administrators

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, hereby approves the offering and payment of a retirement incentive to members of the Troy Administrators Association. Said incentive shall be a one time incentive of \$25,000 and shall not become part of the collective bargaining agreement between parties. Those members wishing to take advantage of this offer must notify the Human Resource Office, in writing, of their irrevocable intent to retire no later than the close of business on April 14, 2010. The effective date of retirement shall be no later than June 30, 2010. To be considered eligible for the incentive a member must have 10 consecutive years of service with the District and be over the age of 55. This incentive is limited to a total of 3 Administrators and shall not exceed a total of \$75,000.

Motion to Carry:	Mr. Mayo
Second to Carry:	Mr. Schofield
Abstain:	Mrs. Clinton
Carried:	6-1-0

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC SESSION

At 6:45 pm, Mr. Mayo made a motion to adjourn the special Board meeting to convene the regularly scheduled Budget/Finance Meeting.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session of the Board followed the Budget/Finance meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary Beth Bruno
Clerk of the Board