
CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES ~ January 4, 2016

CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REORGANIZATION MEETING
 Monday, January 4, 2016
 MEDIA CENTER
 7:30 P.M.

The Board of Education welcomes everyone to this evening's Reorganization Meeting and trusts that you will find it to be most informative and interesting.

By following the agenda, as it appears below, the Board will be able to conduct its business in the manner required by law.

Mrs. Clement led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The oath of office was administered to newly elected members:

Mayor of Clementon, administered the oath of office to Christy Weaver. Mr. Cavallo, solicitor, administered the oath of office to Christopher McKelvey, Ellen Suckle, and Katie Anderson.

The following members answered roll call:

	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Departure</u>
Katie Anderson	7:30 PM	8:07 PM
William Dilworth	7:30 PM	8:07 PM
Randall Freiling	7:30 PM	8:07 PM
Christopher McKelvey	7:30 PM	8:07 PM
Kathleen Rappold	7:30 PM	8:07 PM
Ellen Suckle	7:30 PM	8:07 PM
William Weyland	7:30 PM	8:07 PM
Christy Weaver	7:30 PM	8:07 PM

Quorum present.

Also present were:

Lynn DiPietropolo, Superintendent/Principal
 Joanne E. Clement, SBA/Board Secretary
 Frank Cavallo, Solicitor
 Adrienne McManis, Assistant Principal

Also present in the audience were:

Members of the community and staff.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT

Mrs. Clement entertained nominations for the Board of Education President:

Mr. Weyland nominated Mrs. Suckle for Board of Education President and Mrs. Rappold seconded the nomination.

Mrs. McKelvey nominated Mr. Dilworth for the Board of Education President. Mr. Dilworth declined.

ON ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

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DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT

Mrs. Clement declared Mrs. Suckle as President. Mrs. Suckle assumed the President's chair.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

The newly elected president entertained nominations for Board of Education Vice President:

Mrs. Rappold nominated Mr. Weyland for Board of Education Vice President and Mr. Freiling seconded the nomination.

Mr. Dilworth nominated Mrs. Rappold for the Board of Education Vice President and Mr. McKelvey seconds the nomination.

Vote for Mr. Weyland:

ON ROLL CALL VOTE:

MOTION CARRIED: 4-2-2

Mrs. Suckle congratulated Mr. Weyland as Vice-President.

ELECTION RESULTS

<u>A. Three-Year Term (3)</u>	<u>Number of Votes</u>
Christopher McKelvey	263
Ellen Suckle	202
Danielle Aubry	175
Katherine Anderson	147
Christy Weaver	264
Desiree Pizzo	97
John Romer	105
Lia Cater Allen	94
<u>B. One-Year Term</u>	
Katherine Anderson	16

Presentation of Audit Report – Jarred Corn, CPA, Bowman & Company

Mr. Corn presented the audit report to the Board of Education. He stated that the report was free of any material statements or errors. They monitor the internal contract. He was happy to report that there are no findings or recommendations. He stated the district fund balance is \$308,000 which is not restricted. He explained the new pension rules. At this time, there is no change.

Mrs. Suckle asked if anyone had any questions for the auditor. Mr. Dilworth asked Mr. Corn how our district financials rate with other schools. Mr. Corn said the financial were in top notch condition.

Reading and discussion of the Code of Ethics by Board Members

Mrs. Clement read the Code of Ethics as per Statute N.J.A.C. 6A:32-3.2:

***Code of Ethics for School Board Members
N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1***

- 1. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.***

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2. *I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.*
3. *I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.*
4. *I will carry out my responsibility not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, insure they are well run.*
5. *I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.*
6. *I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.*
7. *I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its schools.*
8. *I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.*
9. *I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.*
10. *I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.*

Mrs. Suckle asked for discussion by Board Members.

Mrs. Weaver questioned how to handle a school issue when the superintendent/principal has a dual role. Mr. Cavallo explained to Mrs. Weaver that everyone has to follow the chain of command. If you are not satisfied with the answer from the superintendent/principal then you can bring your concerns to the board president.

Each board member signed acknowledgements of the reading and understanding of the Code of Ethics as per Statute N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.

APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE TO CAMDEN COUNTY EDUCATIONAL – President

It is recommended that Christopher McKelvey be appointed as the District's representative to Camden County Educational Services Commission for a term commencing on January 5, 2016 until the Organization Meeting in 2017.

MOVED BY: Mr. Weyland
ON ROLL CALL VOTE:

SECOND BY: Mr. Dilworth
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

District Representative to Pine Hill Board of Education – President Appointment

It is recommended that Randall Freiling be appointed as the District's representative to Pine Hill Board of Education for a term commencing on January 5, 2016 until the Organization Meeting in 2017.

MOVED BY: Mr. Weyland
ON ROLL CALL VOTE:

SECOND BY: Mr. McKelvey
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

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District Representative to the New Jersey School Boards' Association – President Appointment

It is recommended that Mrs. Rappold be appointed as the District's representative to New Jersey School Boards' Association for a term commencing on January 5, 2016 until the Organization Meeting in 2017.

MOVED BY: Mrs. Weyland
ON ROLL CALL VOTE:

SECOND BY: Mr. Freiling
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Superintendent's Report

Items for Action - the Superintendent recommends for approval the following item:

Second reading and adoption of Policy 0155 Board Committees.

MOVED BY: Mr. Dilworth
ON VOICE VOTE:

SECOND BY: Mr. Weyland
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Mr. McKelvey requested to table the motion. This was seconded by Mrs. Weaver. Mr. Cavallo stated that the Board can vote on this next month under unfinished/old business.

PUBLIC

Mr. Armbruster, councilman, asked why the board is bound by the Code of Ethics. Mr. Cavallo answered that the code was statute.

Mr. McKelvey stated that he was having problems with his emails on his phone. The technology department will be contacted for a resolution.

CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

MOVED BY: Mr. Dilworth
ON VOICE VOTE:

SECOND BY: Mrs. Rappold
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Mrs. Suckle asked the Board members to make their Committee selections and return the form to her.

Mrs. Clement reminded the board of the joint training session at Pine Hill Middle School on January 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone must attend so that the board receives credit.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: To adjourn.

MOVED BY: Mrs. Rappold
ON VOICE VOTE:

SECOND BY: Mr. Dilworth
MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne E. Clement, Board Secretary
 January 25, 2016