

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUGUST 5, 2009
CIONI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bowers, C. Farrell, D. Fletcher, K. Germain, M. McCoy, and J. Shaughnessy

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: G. Gretzinger, M. Corsones, R. Pritchard, J. Preville

OTHERS PRESENT: Public, Media

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Fletcher, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present with the exception of P. Boyle, J. Childs and M. Tack who were excused.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Ms. Bowers asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Ms. Ruby Gray, a Teaching Assistant at the high school.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Shaughnessy; seconded by Mr. McCoy, the board members unanimously agreed to adjourn into executive session @ 6:32 p.m. to discuss the review of programs and placements of students with disabilities, matters leading to the employment of particular individual(s), and collective bargaining under the Taylor Law.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The board members returned to public session at 7:20 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nothing was offered at this time.

RESOLUTIONS (Consent Agenda)

Ms. Germain made a motion to adopt the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. McCoy. Questions and answers followed. The motion to adopt carried unanimously.

Resolution #2009-S03

**Committee on Preschool Special Ed Annual Review
Recommendations**

Resolution #2009-S04	Committee on Special Education Recommendation
Resolution #2009-S05	Section 504
Resolution #2009-P09	Professional Personnel – Appointments, Change in Status, Reinstatement and Retirements
Resolution #2009-P10	Professional Personnel – Technology Liaisons
Resolution #2009-P11	Professional Personnel – Lead Teachers
Resolution #2009-P12	Professional Personnel – Home Teachers
Resolution #2009-P13	Professional Personnel – Special Education Summer School
Resolution #2009-CS03	Civil Service – Appointments, Change of Status, Terminations, and Resignations
Resolution #2009-CS04	Civil Service – Abolished position
Resolution #2009-B05	Disposal/Sale of Unusable Doors
Resolution #2009-B06	Disposal of Textbooks
Resolution #2009-B07	Disposal of Phones and Phone Systems
Resolution #2009-B08	Budget Revision – Mini Grant Acceptance
Resolution #2009-B09	Budget Revision Mini Grant Acceptance
Resolution #2009-B10	Budget Revision – Stipend
Resolution #2009-B11	Donation for the Kingston High School
Resolution #2009-B12	Donation for the Kingston High School Library
Resolution #2009-B13	Scholarship Establishment for the Kingston High School
Resolution #2009-B14	Approval Stipend for Appointed Positions

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approval of Minutes of July 15, 2009

Dr. Fletcher offered the following amendment to the minutes “by majority consensus of the board the board directs administration to put out an RFP on both the demographic capacity and analysis for the elementary schools and for the community survey in anticipation of any renovation of the high school”. Ms. Bowers made a motion to accept the amendment to the minutes of July 15, 2009; seconded by Ms. Germain. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Germain made a motion to adopt the amended minutes; seconded by Mr. McCoy. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Committee

Resolution #2009-BOE06 – Policy Eliminations – 1520, 2210, 3250, 4240, 4250, 4210, and 5610

Ms. Bowers made a motion to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Dr. Fletcher. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2009-BOE07 – Policy Adoptions – 2250, 2320, 2510, 3120, 3200, and 5621

Ms. Bowers made a motion to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Dr. Fletcher. The motion carried unanimously.

EXCEL Update

Mr. Beemer, from BBL Construction gave an update on the work completed to date, addressed the need for the change order and answered questions from the board.

Mr. Farrell suggested that pictures of the repairs and explanations for things that remain undone or are amiss at the beginning of school be posted on the web site for the community. Board members agreed that it was a good idea and Mr. Gretzinger would look into it.

Resolution #2009-B15a – Authorization of Change Order

Ms. Bowers made a motion to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Germain. The motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Graduation, AP Results & Math Assessments

Dr. Tandyke distributed a correction to the math assessment report and explained that results of the assessments. An in depth discussion followed on the graduation rates, AP results and the math assessments.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Shaughnessy questioned the breakdown of the curriculum audit report that was in the board packet. A brief discussion followed.

Ms. Bowers inquired about a board self evaluation that is required by policy 0310. Dr. Fletcher thought that the recent questionnaire from NYSSBA for the board workshop might serve as the tool for this year. Ms. Bowers asked that board members keep it in mind as they go forward whether or not they would like to use it as a tool in the future.

Dr. Fletcher asked board members whether or not they would like the assistant superintendents to attend the board retreat as well. Board members were in agreement that they would like them to join them.

NEW BUSINESS

Board members inquired if there was a meeting on August 19th and if it would be at the high school. Mr. Gretzinger stated that there is a meeting, however the high school cafeteria will not be ready for that meeting.

Dr. Fletcher asked board members to pencil in August 26th at 7:00 p.m. as the summer graduation and if they were able to attend it is a very moving ceremony and he would encourage them to attend.

Dr. Fletcher asked the board if it would be possible to have a short board meeting on September 2nd prior to the welcome back ceremony at the high school. Board members stated they would prefer that it be held prior to the retreat.

Mr. Gretzinger asked for clarification on whether the 2nd meeting in September would be on the 9th or the 16th. Board members agreed on the 16th.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Bowers stated that she ran into Chris Brice and she told her about Kevin's projects on KHS TV and she wanted to alert fellow board members that there is a show on at 4, 7 and 9 p.m.

Dr. Fletcher pointed out that there was an article in the Kingston Times on Channel 20.

Mr. Gretzinger complimented Crispin on the outstanding article in the Kingston Times.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. McKeaver inquired whether the Board Retreat would be open to the public. Dr. Fletcher responded that it would not be but that the brief board meeting prior to the retreat would be.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the Board and on a motion by Ms. Germain; seconded by Mr. Farrell, the board members unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:58 p.m.

Camille Ellsworth
District Clerk