

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE KINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUGUST 19, 2009
CIONI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

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

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Public, Media

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Fletcher, President of the Board, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. All board members were present with the exception of P. Boyle, J. Childs and M. Tack who were excused and K. Germain who arrived at 6:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Shaughnessy; seconded by Mr. McCoy, the board members unanimously agreed to adjourn into executive session @ 6:35 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the employment of particular individual(s), collective bargaining under the Taylor Law, and discussions involving proposed, pending, or current litigation.

RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

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

ACTION PERTAINING TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Fletcher read the following resolution:

Resolution #2009-BOE11

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes its attorneys, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, LLP to execute a Consent Judgment in a tax certiorari proceeding captioned Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. v. Town of Ulster and Kingston City School District and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board authorizes the refund of taxes as required by the terms of the Consent Judgment.

Mr. Farrell made a motion to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Ms. Bowers. The motion carried 5-1 Ms. Germain abstained.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nothing was offered at this time.

RESOLUTIONS (Consent Agenda)

Dr. Fletcher asked if board members wished to pull any resolutions from the consent agenda. Board members pulled B16 & B17. Ms. Germain made a motion to adopt the consent agenda minus B16 and B17; seconded by Mr. McCoy. The motion to adopt the consent agenda as amended carried unanimously.

Resolution #2009-P14	Professional Personnel – Appointments and LOA’s
Resolution #2009-P15	Professional Personnel – Facilitator of Literacy
Resolution #2009-P16	Professional Personnel – Fall Sports
Resolution #2009-P17	Professional Personnel – Substitute Teachers
Resolution #2009-CS05	Civil Service – Appointments, Change of Status, and Resignations
Resolution #2009-B15	Transportation Contracts
Resolution #2009-B18	Bid Award: Boiler Repairs at George Washington
Resolution #2009-B19	Bid Award: Food Service Equipment
Resolution #*2008-B91	Transportation Contracts - Revision
Resolution #2009-B14	Approval Stipend for Appointed Positions

Resolution #09CS-06

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of Gerard M. Gretzinger, Superintendent of Schools, that the following be approved by the Board of Education

APPOINTMENT

MARGARITA LEKAJ (Cioni) administrative assistant at an annual salary of \$45, 000, effective 09/01/2009

Mr. Farrell made a motion to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Ms. Bowers. The motion carried 5-1. No: Ms. Germain.

Resolution #2009-B16 Budget Revision – Special Legislative Grant

Ms. Bowers made a motion to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Mr. McCoy. A brief discussion followed. The motion to adopt did not carry on a vote of 3-3; Yes: Mr. Farrell, Dr. Fletcher and Mr. McCoy; No: Ms. Bowers, Ms. Germain and Mr. Shaughnessy.

Resolution #2009-B17 - Award for Food Service Management Contract

Mr. Shaughnessy made a motion to adopt the above resolution; seconded by Dr. Fletcher. Discussion followed. The motion carried unanimously.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approval of Minutes of August 5, 2009

Ms. Bowers made a motion to adopt the minutes of August 5, 2009; seconded by Mr. McCoy. Mr. Shaughnessy made a motion to add the word “curriculum” under old business prior to the word audit. Ms. Bowers seconded. The motion to amend carried unanimously.

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

Carnegie Committee

Mr. Shaughnessy reported that discussions had taken place with KSQ regarding what type of heating and ventilation system would be used. The additional cost of \$300,000 for a geothermal system was not included in the referendum, therefore would not be feasible. Discussions also followed concerning silver Leed certification. Mr. Shaughnessy reported that the plans are to be submitted to SED in September, hopefully back by early January and out to bid at the end of January with work beginning in the Spring of 2010 with completion by the opening of school in 2011.

Audit & Finance Committee

- **EXCEL Scope of Work Recommendations** – Robin from BBL reported on the tank replacement on Myer and explained that there would be 1.6 million remaining after the current projects are completed. Recommendations for the remaining scope of work are the Chambers Elementary roof, the high school auditorium roof replacement as well as the auditorium interior renovations that have already been approved by SED for the EXCEL project such as the abatement of the floors, replacement of the floors and the auditorium seats.

Dr. Fletcher explained that the committee had a very lengthy discussion and that Robin has just presented their recommendations to the full board. Ms. Germain added that the discussion at committee was to look at other alternatives to complete the renovations needed for the rest of the auditorium and to explore it further with the information that the Master Plan Facilities Committee has gathered. Further discussion followed.

Dr. Fletcher asked for a board consensus on the above recommendations. The full board was in agreement.

Resolution 2009-BOE08 – Claims Auditor Report

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

Resolution 2009-BOE09 – Treasurer’s Report

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

Policy Committee

Resolution 2009-BOE10 – Policy Adoptions - 1530 and 6675

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

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Fletcher inquired about the RFP for the demographic capacity and analysis for the elementary schools and for the community survey. Mr. Pritchard stated that the RFP for the survey has been advertised and he is currently reviewing the demographic study and it should be ready to go out for RFP by the end of the month.

Mr. Farrell inquired about the pictures of the work in progress as well as an explanation as to why certain windows may be boarded up at the beginning of school for the web site. Mr. Preville stated that he is working on it.

Ms. Bowers stated that they had received the proposed resolutions for NYSSBA and all three resolutions that Kingston had proposed were in the book. Mr. Farrell volunteered to be the delegate at the conference. Dr. Fletcher asked everyone to review the proposed resolutions and to be prepared at the September 16th meeting to discuss them.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Shaughnessy inquired about a policy for board members to be given reports in a pdf file. Board members agreed they would like pdf files but did not feel that a policy was necessary. A Discussion followed and it was decided that pdf files would be sent out on the Mondays following board packet days.

Ms. Bowers stated that she had received an e-clip from NYSSBA regarding capping school supplies at \$40.00 per student and she wondered if the board was interested in having a discussion on a cap. A brief discussion followed.

Dr. Fletcher inquired about developing an Ad Hock Committee to look at fundraising in the district and perhaps to include the issue of school supplies Districtwide. The board agreed it should be a discussion at a future meeting.

Dr. Fletcher asked for volunteers to hear a KTF grievance. Ms. Bowers, Mr. Farrell and Mr. Shaughnessy volunteered.

Dr. Fletcher announced that there would be a brief meeting on September 2nd at 2:45 prior to the board retreat at the Hillside Manor to deal with resolutions only.

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nothing was offered at this time.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nothing was offered at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business before the Board and on a motion by Mr. McCoy; seconded by Ms. Germain, the board members unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Camille Ellsworth
District Clerk