

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE
CITY OF HAZEL PARK
COUNTY OF OAKLAND AND STATE OF MICHIGAN
SPECIAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Hazel Park Board of Education was held at the Ford School Administration Office on March 4, 2015, and was called to order by President Noth at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Noth, Hinton, Hemple, Hammonds, Adkins, Polowski
Members Absent: Nagy
Others Present: André, Berger, Hazekamp, Meisinger, Stefanski, Paterson

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mrs. Hemple, that the Agenda be approved with the following addition under ORDER OF BUSINESS, add item #1 – Public Discussion.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, Hemple, Hinton, Hammonds, Adkins, Noth

Nays: None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

- a) Judy Facine - Ms. Facine expressed her views regarding the District's deficit, AFSCME negotiations, the District's overall poor management and the dedication the employees of the District demonstrate.
653 W. Garfield
Hazel Park
- b) Janice Shurter - Ms. Shurter stated that the employees of the District are part of what makes the Hazel Park Schools a team. These are the same employees that the administration may choose to privatize. These employees made concessions to assist the District with the previous deficit. Ms. Shurter asked the Board of Education and Administration to keep these facts in perspective when negotiating jobs.
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2. Closed Session – Motion to recess into closed session (h) attorney client privilege to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute, and for (c) strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreements if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing, which is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Section 8(h)(c) of the Open Meeting Act

Moved by Mrs. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the Board of Education adjourn to a Closed Session.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Hemple, Polowski, Hinton, Hammonds, Adkins, Noth

Nays: None

The Board of Education adjourned to a Closed Session at 7:13 p.m. The meeting resumed as an open meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Mr. James Meisinger, Superintendent, recommended that the Board of Education retain Clark Hill PLC to address the District's current financial emergency and to assist the District with the bargaining groups negotiations.

Moved by Mrs. Polowski, supported by Mrs. Hemple, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to retain Clark Hill PLC to address the District's current financial emergency and to assist the District with the bargaining groups negotiations.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Polowski, Hemple, Hinton, Hammonds, Adkins, Noth

Nays: None

Mrs. Noth stated that the District is in the process of reducing positions across all areas, as well as negotiating with each bargaining group, while considering other concessions, including a study of Temporary School Staff (TSS) administration. Mrs. Noth said to move the District forward she would like a motion to direct the superintendent to notify TSS of the non-renewal of contracts for all TSS employees that will expire June 30, 2015.

Moved by Mrs. Hemple, supported by Mrs. Polowski, that the Board of Education approve the directive to the superintendent to notify Temporary School Staff (TSS) of the non-renewal of contracts for all TSS employees that will expire June 30, 2015.

Discussion

None

Roll Call Vote

Yeas: Hemple, Polowski, Hinton, Hammonds, Adkins, Noth

Nays: None

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

1. Robert Griffin
Head Engineer
Hazel Park High School - Mr. Griffin spoke about the positive impact he and other custodians make in the lives of students. He shared with the Board of Education the sacrifice and hard work he and his colleagues give to the District. He asked the Board of Education to consider his comments when making their decisions.
2. Gary Harrison
45 W. Garfiled
Hazel Park - Mr. Harrison stated that he is a retired Hazel Park School custodian. He expressed his concerns regarding AFSCME members being privatized.
3. Nancy Burlager
Paraprofessional - Ms. Burlager said that while she agrees with most of what has been said this evening, she does not believe the financial situation of District falls on only the administrators; it also falls on four of the current Board of Education Members. She expressed her concerns regarding not renewing the TSS contracts and what that would mean financially to the District.

BOARD MEMBER AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

1. Beverly Hinton
Board Vice President - Mrs. Beverly Hinton, Board Vice President, shared her experience when employed by the District and losing her position due to the elimination of Community School Representatives. Mrs. Hinton said that the Board of Education is working in the interest of the District and making the best possible decisions.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved and supported that the meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hemple, Secretary
Hazel Park Board of Education