

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD RE-ORGANIZATION AND REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 5, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Minutes of January 5, 2015

The Washington Township Board of Education met on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. for their Reorganization and Regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Jean Flynn at 7:33 p.m. Mrs. Flynn read the following statement: The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Washington Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be emailed on February 18, 2014 to The Express Times, The Star Gazette, and to the Clerk of Washington Township.

Members in attendance were Karen Graf, Jude Mohan, Anita Smith and John Trush. In addition Keith T. Neuhs, Superintendent, Jean Flynn, Board Secretary, Valerie Mattes, Principal and Michael Neu, Principal were also present.

Members absent: Sally Christine

Motion by Anita Smith, seconded by Jude Mohan, to appoint Jean Flynn, Board Secretary, as temporary chair to conduct election, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

Results of the Election held on November 4, 2014 were as follows:

Jude Mohan	-	772
Lauren Schlaffer-		811
Write-ins	-	13

Administering the Oath of Office to the new elected Board Member Jude Mohan. (Newly elected Board Members sign the Oath of Office). Lauren Schlaffer's oath of office has been tabled to the February 9, 2015 board meeting.

Roll Call:

Sally Christine (absent)	Keith T. Neuhs, Superintendent
Karen Graf	Jean Flynn, Board Secretary
Jude Mohan	
Anita Smith	
John Trush	

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Board Secretary requests nominations for President.

Motion by Jude Mohan, seconded by Anita Smith, nominated Karen Graf for President. Are there any other nominations? (Following the close of nominations.) RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT ASSUMES CHAIR

President requests nominations for Vice-President.

Motion by Jude Mohan, seconded by John Trush, nominated Anita Smith for Vice-President. Are there any other nominations? (Following the close of nominations.) RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

Motion by Anita Smith, seconded by Jude Mohan, to approve the executive session minutes of November 10, 2014, as presented. MV: Trush abstained, all others voting yes, motion carried.

Motion by Anita Smith, seconded by Jude Mohan, to approve the minutes of December 8, 2014, as presented. MV: Mohan abstained, all others voting yes, motion carried.

B. PUBLIC QUESTIONS & DISCUSSIONS (Agenda Items) - NONE

The public may speak for three (3) minutes, on agenda items, unless they have requested to be on the agenda.

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

a. Violence and Vandalism and Substance Abuse

As per Public Law 6A:16-5.3, each school district shall report incidents of violence, vandalism and substance abuse two times per year. Those incidents shall also be reported to the NJ Department of Education via the department's Electronic Violence and Vandalism Reporting System (EVVRS).

As reported to the Department of Education, there were no incidents of violence, vandalism or substance abuse during the 2014/2015 school year for the period ending December 31, 2014.

Motion by Jude Mohan, seconded by John Trush, to accept the Bi-Annual Report of Violence and Vandalism dated December 31, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

b. Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

As per Public Law N.J.S.A.18A:7E-3, each school district shall report incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying two times per year.

As reported to the Department of Education, there were no incidents of harassment, intimidation or bullying during the 2014/2015 school year for the period ending December 31, 2014.

Motion by Jude Mohan, seconded by John Trush, to accept the Bi-Annual Report of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying, dated December 31, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

D. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Anita Smith, seconded by Jude Mohan, to approve the Bills List for January, 2015. RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

E. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Motion by John Trush, seconded by Anita Smith, to approve Stacie Paruta, as a long-term substitute, Step 1 BA, salary to be \$46,326, pro-rated, effective January 5, 2015, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

Motion by Anita Smith, seconded by Jude Mohan, to approve the out-of-district In-Service Experiences, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

Motion by Jude Mohan, seconded by John Trush, to approve the following the following substitute for the 2014-2015 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

Teacher/Paraprofessional: Edward Robinson, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements.

Custodian: Madeline Pennello, pending satisfactory completion of employment requirements.

F. PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

G. TECHNOLOGY/CURRICULUM REPORT

H. CORRESPONDENCE – Letter from Mrs. Morris

I. RE-ORGANIZATION MOTIONS:

Motion by Anita Smith, seconded by Jude Mohan, to adopt the following 2015 calendar of board meetings for the Washington Township Board of Education: RCV: Graf, Mohan, Smith and Trush, all voting yes – motion carried.

Regular Meetings for 2015-2016

January	5	(1 st Monday) - Public Hearing on EVVRS/HIB Reports
February	9	
March	16	(3 rd Monday)
April	27	(4 th Monday) Public Hearing on Budget
May	11	2015-2016 Annual School Appointments and Adoptions
June	8	(2 nd Monday)
July	13	Public Hearing on EVVRS/HIB Reports
August	17	(3 rd Monday)
September	14	
October	19	(3 rd Monday) - Public Hearing of Nurses Service Plan
November	9	Public Hearing on Audit
December	14	
January	4	(1 st Monday) - Board Re-organization & Regular - Public Hearing on EVVRS/HIB Reports

Board President appointed _____ and _____, alternate, as Delegate to the New Jersey School Boards Association. - TABLED

Board President appointed _____ and _____, alternate, to the Warren County School Boards Association. - TABLED

Board President appointed _____ as Legislative delegate.-TABLED

J. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION - old and/or new business - NONE

(The public may speak for three (3) minutes on non-agenda items unless they have requested to be on the agenda.)

K. EXECUTIVE SESSION - if required as indicated in items a, b, below.

Motion by Anita Smith, seconded by Jude Mohan, the Board of Education of the Washington Township School District in the County of Warren will adjourn into a closed meeting to discuss the item (s) which falls within an exception of our open meetings policy and permits the Board to have a private discussion, since it deals with specific exceptions contained in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 b.

