

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Friday, October 4, 2019 at 4:00 pm Administration Building, 25 School House Road, Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President Ronald Conti called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure 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 Randolph Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in The Daily Record. It is also posted in all district schools as well as the Randolph Township Municipal Building.

### **ROLL CALL**

The following Board members were present: Mr. Joseph Faranetta Ms. Tammy MacKay, Ms. Allison Manfred, Robert A. Soni, Ms. Jeanne Stifelman, Ms. Anne Standridge, and Mr. Ronald Conti.

Board member Ms. Susan DeVito was absent.

The following administrators were present: Miss Jennifer Fano, Superintendent, Mr. Gerald M. Eckert, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and Mr. Stephen Frost, Assistant Business Administrator/Assistant Board Secretary was also present.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION** – 4:05 pm

Board Vice President Joseph Faranetta moved a motion seconded by Board member Tammy MacKay and carried by a roll call vote to go into Executive Closed Session. Board members present all in favor.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph will hold a Closed Session regarding Personnel and Negotiations. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

The Board reconvened to public session at 4:55 pm

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - None

**PUBLIC STATEMENT** - None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### *Field House Project and Bids:*

Ms. MacKay provided an update on the field house project.

Mr. Somjen provided an overview of re-scoping the fieldhouse project.

Dr. Soni asked which revisions would be part of a 4-6 week re-scope versus a longer-term re-scope, and the cost of water trenching.

Mr. Somjen provided that the savings from a re-scope is approximately \$250,000-\$1,000,000.

Ms. MacKay provided that a third party estimate of the science rooms came in under budget by approximately \$700,000.

Mr. Conti asked about progress with the stakeholders for the science rooms.

Mr. Faranetta asked about timing, and making sure the science rooms are fully funded before using additional funding.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A coach commented that there have always problems with rock on the field and asked how much rock needs to be removed. Mr. Somjen provided approximately 2500 cubic yards.

A resident asked about the third party estimate for the science room and if the company is based in the tristate area. Mr. Somjen said yes.

A resident commented on the importance of liquidated damages and asked about impact of tariffs on the cost of the project. She also asked what happens if other projects come in over budget.

A resident asked if the fieldhouse project was re-bid if there was any confidence it would come in lower if same package and while being developed if there was any discussion on what would happen if the project came in over budget. He also asked about the distinction between the reported 7.2 million v. 8 million figures. He asked Mr. Somjen could look up the cost of steel on the day of the referendum versus when the bids were open and if there would be any cost savings having a project manager on site.

At the end of public session, the Board provided direction for the administration and the district architect.

Prepare and solicit bids for the science rooms renovations at Randolph High School. Mr. Somjen provided this could be done in January. Shortly thereafter, solicit bids for a re-scoped fieldhouse. Separately, prepare a bid for blasting rock that Mr. Somjen provided could be ready by the end of October.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Board member Jeanne Stifelman moved a motion seconded by Board Vice President Joseph Faranetta to adjourn the meeting. Board members present all present in favor.

Board member Ms. Susan DeVito was absent.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald M. Eckert  
Board Secretary