

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Special Business Session meeting on Thursday, April, 8, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. in the Randolph Middle School Library, Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President, Gregory Mark, called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings 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 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. Ethan Blynn, Ms. Barbara Levinson, Ms. Tammy MacKay, Ms. Maria Martorana, Mr. Al Matos, and Ms. Amy Sachs, Ms. Jeanne Stifelman and Mr. Gregory Mark.

Board member Ms. Christine Carey was absent.

The following administrators were present: Mr. Owen Snyder, Superintendent, Dr. David Browne, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Theresa Schiffenhaus, Director of Special Services, and Mr. Michael Neves, Business Administrator / Board Secretary.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Discussion**

PTA Council President spoke in support of the presented budget and urged residents to support the proposed budget.

A member of the public commented on the budget presentation saying the presentations were "outstanding" and expressed disappointment that student participation may have adversely impacted the overall tenor of the message.

Board member Christine Carey arrived at 8:10 p.m.

### **President's Report**

Presentation discussions of 2010-2011 Budget by Ms. Stifelman on the final budget adopted by the board on 3/31/10.

Several Board members had the opportunity to address questions concerning the final budget as adopted by the board.

## **New Business**

Board member Ms. Christine Carey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ethan Blynn and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve **Personnel Motion A.1**

### **Personnel and Administration**

**April 8, 2010**

**Motion** to approve the superintendent's recommendation for the following personnel item:

#### **A. Volunteer Coach**

1. Approve the appointment of **James Sheppard** as a volunteer baseball coach for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

## **Public Discussion**

Randolph resident questioned whether there has been communication with the Town Council concerning the pending budget. Mr. Mark addressed the question affirmatively. The Randolph resident hoped the town would not hurt the district with future cuts should the budget go down.

Another resident requested clarification of what is included in the "automatic waiver" for future years.

Another resident expressed his concerns that a freeze on salaries will not be enough and the reductions in pay should be considered.

Another resident commented that teachers should take more of the responsibility in balancing the budget and should bare more of the burden.

Another resident stated that he hoped residents would not vote against the proposed budget.

One of the REA Co-Presidents stated that union leadership is not directing the union message but the entire union group is responsible for the decision.

Another resident questioned if the union leadership is listening to its members.

Another resident spoke in support of the proposed budget.

Another resident questioned why we don't have three (3) year budget plans in place.

Another resident questioned if budget goes down, will Advanced Placement or honors courses be cut.

Another resident asked if a contingent union agreement be reached between the union and district.

**Adjournment**

Board member Mr. Ethan Blynn made a motion seconded by Ms. Jeanne Stifelman and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael S. Neves  
Board Secretary