

**PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2008**

**6:30 P.M.**

**PENNSAUKEN ADMINISTRATION OFFICES  
1695 HYLTON ROAD**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Advance written notice of this meeting of the Pennsauken Township Board of Education was sent to the Courier Post and Philadelphia Inquirer. Notice appeared in the legal notice section of the Courier Post stating the time, date, location and that formal action would be taken at that time. Notice was also posted with the Township Clerk.

Mr. Carey as President, declared this to be a legal meeting of the Board of Education.

**ROLL CALL**

Those in attendance and answering roll call were Mr. Brown, Mr. Carey, Mr. Dobson, Mr. Kofoet, Mr. McDevitt, Mrs. Muller, Mr. O'Brien. Mr. Schott gave prior notice he would be absent, Mr. Stargell was absent.

Also in attendance were Dr. Chapman, Superintendent of School, Pat Yacovelli, Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, Rick Taylor, Director of Personnel.

Dr. Chapman introduced Dennis Vinson to the Board as the recommendation for High School Principal.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- The Board welcomes comments from citizens. It does, however, respectfully suggest that citizens attempt to resolve concerns by speaking directly to school administrators before bringing it to the Board. Individuals with a relevant interest in the functions or duties of the Board are invited to speak a maximum of five (5) minutes on any one issue. You are required to give your name and address before speaking.

Seeing no comment at this time a motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Kofoet to close the Public Comment. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote (7-0-0).

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mrs. Muller to approve Agenda Item #2 through #7. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote (7-0-0). Agenda Item #1 was held for a separate vote.

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mrs. Muller to approve Agenda Item #1. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote (7-0-0)

1. ***BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken*** to appoint Dennis Vinson to the position of Principal of Pennsauken High School for the 2008-2009 school year effective August 26, 2008. Mr. Vinson will earn MA, Step 11 - \$125,060 prorated under terms and conditions of employment as per current contract with the Administrators Association of Pennsauken. (Acct. No 11-000-240-103-00-11A)

**Note:** If approved, Mr. Vinson replaces William Clarke. References were checked by Superintendent Chapman.

2. **BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken** to appoint David Sunderland to a position of Teacher of Related Arts Drafting Technology assigned to Pennsauken High School for the 2008-2009 school year. A letter of intent to employ was issued by the Superintendent of Schools on August 4, 2008. Mr. Sunderland will earn BA, Step 1 - \$47,375 to be adjusted pursuant to successor collective bargaining agreement with the Pennsauken Education Association.  
(Acct. No. 11-140-100-101-00-13A)  
**Note:** If approved, Mr. Sunderland will replace Albert Hess. Mr. Sunderland has successfully passed the appropriate PRAXIS series and has made application for a New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing – Teacher of Technology. Interviews were conducted by Principal Clarke and Assistant Principals Owens and Turner. References were checked by Mr. Clark.
3. **BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken** to appoint Keran Sabir to the position of Special Education Teacher assigned to the Fine Elementary School effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Ms. Sabir will earn BA+15, Step 5 - \$50,100 to be adjusted pursuant to successor collective bargaining agreement with the Pennsauken Education Association.  
(Acct. No 11-204A-100-101-00)  
**Note:** If approved, Ms. Sabir replaces Maggie Ruane. Ms. Sabir has successfully passed appropriate PRAXIS series and has applied for a New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility – Teacher of Special Education. Interviews were conducted by Director of Elementary Education Oliver and Supervisors Schmitt and Stone. References were checked by Director Oliver.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken** to appoint Linda Blakely to the position of Vocal Music Teacher assigned to the Pennsauken Intermediate School effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. A letter of intent to employ was issued by the Superintendent of Schools on July 11, 2009. Ms. Blakely will earn MA, Step 5 - \$52,125 to be adjusted pursuant to successor collective bargaining agreement with the Pennsauken Education Association.  
(Acct. No. 11-130-100-101-00-IM6)  
**Note:** If approved, Ms. Blakely replaces Lois Stick. Ms. Blakely has a New Jersey Department of Education Teacher of Music Certificate. Interviews were conducted by Principal Morris, Assistant Principal Logan, and Math Supervisor Egan. References were checked by Principal Morris.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken** to appoint Timothy Samoni to the position of Basic Skills Teacher assigned to the Pennsauken Intermediate School effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. A letter of intent to employ was issued by the Superintendent of Schools on July 11, 2009. Mr. Samoni will earn MA, Step 5 - \$52,125 to be adjusted pursuant to successor collective bargaining agreement with the Pennsauken Education Association.  
(Acct. No. 11-130-100-101-00-IM6)  
**Note:** If approved, Mr. Samoni replaces Patti Biehler. Mr. Samoni has successfully passed appropriate PRAXIS series and has applied for a New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility. Interviews were conducted by Principal Morris, and Math Supervisor Egan. References were checked by Principal Morris.
6. **BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken** to appoint Jannette Duran to a position of Teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL) assigned to Pennsauken High School effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. A letter of intent to employ was issued by the Superintendent of Schools on August 4, 2008. Ms. Duran will earn MA, Step 5 - \$52,125 to be adjusted pursuant to successor collective bargaining agreement with the Pennsauken Education Association.  
(Acct. No. 11-240-100-101-00-HS)  
**Note:** If approved, Ms. Duran will fill a new position approved through the budget process for the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Duran has a New Jersey Certificate of Eligibility. Interviews were conducted by Principal Clarke.
7. **BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Township of Pennsauken** to appoint Nancy Dodimead to the position of math inclusion Special Education Teacher assigned to Phifer Middle School effective September 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. Ms. Dodimead will earn BA Step 1 - \$47,375 to be adjusted

pursuant to successor collective bargaining agreement with the Pennsauken Education Association.  
(Acct. No. 11-212-100-101-00)

**Note:** If approved, Ms. Dodimead fills a special education position which was created when Kristine Egrie resigned. Ms. Dodimead possesses a Certificate of Eligibility – Teacher of the Handicapped and a Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing in social studies. Ms. Dodimead was a long-term substitute at Phifer Middle School during the 2007-2008 school year. Interviews were conducted and references were checked by Principal Wrzeszczynski and Assistant Principals Lawrence and Bonkowski.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mr. Kofoet and seconded by Mr. McDevitt to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 P.M. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote (7-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Pasquale Yacovelli  
Board Secretary