

Work Session 20 May 2020

The Board of Education of the Borough of Lodi, New Jersey, convened to hold a Work Session, 20 May 2020, through a virtual portal, ZOOM, at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mr. Marc N. Schrieks, Board President who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following statement was read by Mr. Schrieks:

"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 Lodi Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof sent and/or published in the Herald News, Bergen Record, Office of the Borough Clerk, and the entrance to the Board of Education Meeting Room."

The following members of the Board of Education were present: Trustees Salvacion, Delgado, K. Mastrofilipo, Ramos, A. Mastrofilipo, Scorzetti, Cardone, Telep, and Schrieks

Also present were: Mr. James R. Sekelsky, Board Secretary/Business Administrator, Dr. Douglas J. Petty, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Joseph Garcia, Board Attorney.

The Board reviewed and discussed the following items contained in the meeting brochure for the Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 20, 2020:

Approval of Minutes

Public Hearing on the Budget 29 April 2020
Regular Meeting 29 April 2020

Communications

None

Hearing of Citizens

None

Resolutions

Trustee Mastrofilipo questioned the need to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity and with certain board members that were listed as having conflicts as per the most recent advisory opinion from the School Ethics Commission. The Board Attorney expressed his support for the most recent advisory opinion and recommends that the Board pass the resolution to invoke the Doctrine of Necessity.

Bills

Board Secretary's Monthly Financial Report (Month of April 2020)

Budgetary Line Item Status Monthly Certification (Month of April 2020)

Budgetary Major Account/Fund Status Monthly Certification
(Month of April 2020)

Cash Report
(Month of April 2020)

Secretary/Business Administrator's Special Report

Superintendent of Schools Monthly Report

Dr. Petty reported on the items on his report.

Report of the President

Report of Committees

The Board was informed that a Personnel Committee was scheduled for the upcoming Tuesday.

Old Business

New Business

Board Members inquired as to what RFP's were being issued for the professional services. Mr. Sekelsky responded that RFP's were being sought for Legal Services and Architectural Services.

Trustee Delgado asked about the process of the Superintendent Evaluation. Dr. Petty and President Schrieks responded to the process.

Hearing of Citizens

Elizabeth Rivera-330 Farnham Avenue- inquired about a plan for 2020 graduation ceremonies. Dr. Petty responded saying that he and administrators were working on an alternative option for graduation.

Thomas Schram-352 President St, Saddle Brook-asked about a 1:1 chromebook initiative for students saying it would put the district in a better position for virtual learning. Dr. Petty responded informing him and the Board of the CARES grant that would allow the district to move forward in the 1:1 chromebook initiative. Mr. Schram also mentioned since the addendum was issued earlier due to the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend and not posted on the website, it was difficult to follow the meeting from home.

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**LODI BOARD OF EDUCATION
LODI, NEW JERSEY 07644****RESOLUTION# 41-2020****RESOLUTION RE: ENTERING INTO CLOSED SESSION****OFFERED BY TRUSTEE: DELGADO****SECONDED BY TRUSTEE: RAMOS**

WHEREAS, the Lodi Board of Education shall go into **CLOSED SESSION WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020** during the Work Session to discuss:

- **Labor Agreements and Salary Guide Parameters as related to contract negotiations**

AND WHEREAS, this discussion will not be disclosed at any open public meeting until such time that a reason for privacy no longer exists.

DATE: MAY 20, 2020**VOTE: APPROVED; Trustee A. Mastrofilipo voted no.****RECESS**

The Board recessed at 9:27pm and went into closed session.

Trustees Salvacion, Cardone & Scorzetti were recused from the Closed Session and exited the meeting.

RECONVENE

The board reconvened and entered in open public session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by K. Mastrofilipo, seconded by Ramos, and approved unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm.

THE PRECEDING IS A CONCISE STATEMENT INTERPRETED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY AND MAY NOT INDICATE THE PRECISE INTENT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAPED AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD SECRETARY.

Respectfully submitted,


James R. Sekelsky
Board Secretary/Business Administrator

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