



August 29, 2024 ~ 7:30am
Special Meeting of the ESM Board of Education
ESM District Office, Upstairs Conference Room

II-A-4828
09/16/2024

SPECIAL MEETING

Board of Education Present: Mrs. Diana Abdella, Mrs. Lori Aird, Mr. John Albanese, Mrs. Susan Cain, Mrs. Tracy Callahan, Mrs. Leah Cushing, Mrs. Kay Gallery, Mrs. Deborah Kolod, Mr. D. Paul Waltz.

Board of Education Absent: 0

Administrative Personnel Present: Dr. Donna DeSiato, Supt.; Mr. Grenardo Avellino, Deputy Supt.; Mrs. Katherine Skahen, Exec. Dir. of School Bus. Admin./Clerk; Ms. Pamela Buddendeck, Executive Director of Employee Engagement & Accountability.

Other Present: 0

Interested Citizens: 0

MR. D. PAUL WALTZ, PRESIDENT, CALLED THE REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 AM AT THE ESM DISTRICT OFFICE.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS: None

REPORTS:

A. Acceptance of Minutes

None

B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports

None

C. Superintendent Reports

Revision to Non-Instructional Board Policy #5710: Transportation Program

“RESOLVED BY MR. ALBANESE, SECONDED BY MRS. KOLOD THAT, the Reports A– C, as recommended by the Superintendent be approved.”

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

FIFTEEN MINUTE PERIOD: No one spoke

ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA: None

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

A. Appointments/*Amended* Appointments

Instructional, Annual Appointment

Zhanna Saakian, Permanent Itinerant Substitute - Pine Grove MS, Eff. 9/3/2024-6/30/2025

Joseph Dischiave, Permanent Itinerant Substitute - Woodland Elem., Eff. 9/3/204-6/30/2025

Amended, Non-Instructional 8-Week Probationary Appointment

Maureen Burlingame, School Secretary I - Park Hill School, Effective 8/20/2024

Vincent Martino, School Secretary I - Central High School, Effective 8/20/2024

Amended, Non-Instructional, Annual Appointment

Andrea Auer, Occupational Therapist - Districtwide, Effective *9/23/2024*-6/30/2025

B. Amended Substitute List

“RESOLVED THAT, the enclosed amended substitute list dated August 29, 2023, be approved.”

“RESOLVED BY MRS. CALLAHAN, SECONDED BY MRS. KOLOD THAT, Personnel Items A & B, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes –8, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

POLICY DISCUSSION:

A. Board Policy Review of Non-Instructional/Business Policy #5710: Transportation Program

POLICY ACTION:

A. Non-Instructional/Business Operations: Transportation Program BP #5710

“**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education wishes to adopt revisions to Board Policy #5710: Transportation Program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board policy, the Board of Education has, by majority vote, agreed to waive the “second reading” of this policy and complete the adoption of the revised Policy #5710 following its “first reading” at this meeting.”

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Education hereby adopts the revised version of Board of Education Policy #5710: Transportation Program, following a first reading at the August 29, 2024 meeting.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.”

“RESOLVED BY MRS. KOLOD, SECONDED BY MR. ALBANESE THAT, Policy Action A, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.”

Ayes –9, Nays – 0, Motion Carried

RESOLVED BY MRS. CAIN, SECONDED BY MRS. CUSHING THAT, THE REGULAR MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:45 AM”

Ayes - 9, Nays - 0, Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Skahen
District Clerk

Approved _____
Filed _____



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AGENDA

- I. SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS:** None

- II. REPORTS:**
 - A. Acceptance of Minutes
None
 - B. President/Vice President/Board Member Reports
None
 - C. Superintendent Reports
Revision to Non-Instructional Board Policy #5710: Transportation Program

- IV. ACTION ITEMS/CONSENT AGENDA:** None

- V. PERSONNEL ITEMS:**
 - A. Appointments/*Amended* Appointments
 - B. Amended Substitute List

- VI. POLICY DISCUSSION:**
 - A. Board Policy Review of Policy #5710: Transportation Program

- VII. POLICY ACTION:**
 - A. Non-Instructional/Business Operations: Transportation Program BP #5710