

MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING

The July Special Meeting of the Pennsbury Board of School Directors was held in the Fallsington School Multi-Purpose Room on Thursday, July 26, 2018. Mrs. Redner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The first order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Mr. Kannan, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Schwartz,  
Mrs. Toy-Dragoni (via telephone at 6:52 p.m.),  
Mrs. Wachspress, Mr. Waldorf and Mrs. Redner.

Board Member Absent: Mrs. Lawson and Mr. Sanderson.

Administrators Present: Dr. Gretzula, Mrs. Morett and Mrs. Rarrick.

Administrators Absent: Ms. Aldridge, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Dumin, Mrs. Ricci,  
Mrs. Godzieba, Mrs. Langtry and Mrs. Spack.

Others Present: Michael Clarke, Solicitor.

Others Absent: Mr. Cooper and Mr. Turner, Student Representatives.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Redner opened the floor to public comment at 6:32 p.m. No one came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 6:32 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Waldorf voiced concerns regarding the speed of the process in decision-making and the need to be more deliberative in the overall process for the future. Mrs. Wachspress also voiced her concerns about the process and time for the decision to terminate the lease with LifeWorks at Village Park and the reopening of the Village Park Academy. Mrs. Wachspress commented on the extensive thought process and work involved in this decision but would still desire more time with the entire Board present to vote. Mr. Schwartz shared that the lease was terminated legally with LifeWorks and the Board received information in May regarding these plans. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mrs. Wachspress to briefly adjourn the meeting to contact Mrs. Toy-Dragoni to participate via telephone conference.

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A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Palmer and unanimously approved with no abstentions that the Board approve Item A on page 1 of the Special Meeting Agenda of July 26, 2018.

A. VILLAGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MOTION: Move that the Board recommends that the Pennsbury School District reopen the former Village Park Elementary School as Village Park Academy. Village Park Academy will house students in grades 4 to 12 who require Emotional and Behavioral Support. In doing so, the Board directs the administration to make appropriate revisions to the District's Special Education Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS

BOARD DISCUSSION AND COMMENT

Mr. Kannan requested future updates regarding the progress of the Village Park Academy. Dr. Gretzula provided a broad overview of the Village Park building, technology, furniture, curriculum, staffing and letters for the State preparing for the opening of the Village Park Academy for the start of school.

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Waldorf and unanimously approved with no abstentions that the minutes of the Special Meeting held on July 26, 2018 be reviewed and approved.

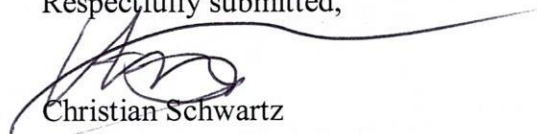
SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Redner opened the floor to second public comment at 6:56 p.m. No one came forward to speak and public comment was closed at 6:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Schwartz, seconded by Mr. Palmer and unanimously approved with no abstentions to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Christian Schwartz  
Assistant Board Secretary