

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

The Annual Reorganization Meeting of the Irvington Board of Education was held Thursday, May 5, 2011, at University Elementary School, 1 University Place, Irvington, New Jersey 07111

The meeting was called to order at 7:50p.m. with a salute to the flag, and the results of the election. Assistant Superintendent of Business/Board Secretary, Mr. Reggie Lamptey stated that Ms. Renee Burgess had the most votes, followed by Sean Evans, and in third place was Ms. Romaine Greer.

RESULTS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF IRVINGTON SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION – APRIL 20, 2011:

BUDGET QUESTION - passed

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
378	246

3 YEARS TERM BOARD MEMBERS RESULTS:

Romaine Greer	Sean C. Evans	Renee C. Burgess
892	899	952
Quadir Selby	Eric Dixon	
151	161	

Entitle to vote – 28574 # of Ballots Cast - 1145

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT NOTICE:

Assistant Superintendent of Business/Board Secretary, Mr. Reggie Lamptey read in accordance with P.L. 1975, chapter 231, adequate notice has been provided for this meeting in that the date, time and place have been established in accordance with the law and the notices for the meeting have been out more than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

THE OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to re-elected board member Renee Burgess and the newly elected board members Ms. Romaine Greer and Mr. Sean Evans by the Assistant Superintendent of Business/Board Secretary Mr. Reggie Lamptey.

Roll Call by the Secretary

Present: Renee Burgess
Sean C. Evans
Romaine Greer
Paul Inman
Alnicia Owens
Darlene Reeves
Joseph Sylvain
Anthony Vauss
Richard Williams

Others: Ethel W. Davion, Superintendent of Schools
Reggie Lamptey, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary
Dr. Martin L. Dickerson, Asst. Super. for Curriculum and Instruction
Ronald Hunt, Board Attorney
Emory Heard, Media Technician
Vivian Pettiford, Confidential Administrative Secretary
Several other administrators interested citizens and newspaper reporters

Election of Officers

Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary called for nominations of officers.

A. President

Nominee(s): Anthony Vauss
Nominated by: Paul Inman
Seconded by: Darlene Reeves
Alnicia Owens moved to closed the nominations for president
Seconded by: Darlene Reeves
Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote
ACTION: Election of Anthony Vauss as Board President
Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens
Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

Assistant Superintendent of Business/Board Secretary turned the meeting over to the newly elected Board President Mr. Anthony Vauss.

B. Vice-President

Nominee(s) Darlene Reeves

Nominated by: Renee Burgess

Seconded by: Sean Evans

Sean Evans moved to closed the nominations for Vice President

Seconded by: Romaine Greer

Roll Call: 8 Yeas - Burgess, Evans, Greer, Inman, Owens, Sylvain, Vauss, Williams, 1- abstention – Darlene Reeves

ACTION: Election of Darlene Reeves as Board Vice President

Motion by: Paul Inman, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: 8 Yeas - Burgess, Evans, Greer, Inman, Owens, Sylvain, Vauss, Williams, 1- abstention – Darlene Reeves

RESOLUTION REGARDING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING NOTICES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Education shall send notices including annual notices giving a time, date, location and to the extent known, the agenda of any regular, special or rescheduled meeting to either or both of the following newspapers; the Irvington Herald, the Star Ledger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the official newspapers of the Irvington Board of Education shall be the Irvington Herald and the Star Ledger; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Education shall file all notices of any regular, special or rescheduled meetings with the Township Clerk for the Township of Irvington; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Education shall post all notices of any regular, special or rescheduled meeting in the Administration Building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Education shall send all notices to any individual requesting to be placed on a mailing list as provided by law in accordance with Board Policy.

ACTION:

Motion by: Renee Burgess, Seconded by: Darlene Reeves

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES FOR BOARD MEETINGS

BE IT RESOLVED, that meetings of the Irvington Board of Education will be held at 7:30 pm on the following dates and locations:

August 18, 2011	Irvington High School – Room 123
September 21, 2011	Augusta Street School – Multi-Purpose Room
October 19, 2011	Berkeley Terrace School – Multi-Purpose Room
November 16, 2011	Chancellor Avenue School-Multi Purpose Room
December 21, 2011	Florence Avenue School – Multi-Purpose Room
January 18, 2012	Grove Street School – Auditorium
February 15, 2012	Madison Avenue School – Multi-Purpose Room
March 21, 2012	Mt. Vernon Avenue School – Auditorium
April 18, 2012	Thurgood Marshall School – Multi-Purpose Room
TBD	Re-Organization Meeting – University Elementary
May 16, 2012	University Elementary – Multi-Purpose Room
June 20, 2012	Union Avenue Middle School – Auditorium
June 29, 2012	University Middle School – Auditorium

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Renee Burgess

Roll call: Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

RESOLUTION FOR DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORIES FOR FUNDS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

BE IT RESOLVED, that Investors Savings Bank, Bank of America, PNC Bank, TD Bank and Wells Fargo/Wachovia Bank be designated as depositories for school monies of the Irvington Board of Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds of the Irvington Board of Education deposited in the above-cited depositories be subject to withdrawal and warrants or other orders for the payment of money when signed on behalf of the Board of Education by the President, or Vice President, the Board Secretary and the Treasurer of School Moneys; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that available funds may be invested in certificates of deposits in the above-cited depositories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Secretary is directed to deposit all such funds in the aforementioned banks or the State of New Jersey Cash Management Fund and a copy of this resolution is sent to each of the institutions herein designated.

ACTION:

Motion by: Alnicia Owens, Seconded by: Romaine Greer

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING
INTERNAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

MAY 5, 2011

BE IT RESOLVED, that two signatures are required, the Principal, Vice Principal, Assistant Principal and the principal's designee of each school be authorized to sign checks or documents necessary to continue the Internal School Accounts of each school in the banks or savings and loan institutions wherein school funds are deposited. Such funds need to be in an Interest Bearing account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two signatures are required on each authorized check. The signors must be the Principal and either the Vice Principal, Assistant Principal or the principal's designee.

ACTION:

Motion by: Alnicia Owens, Seconded by: Romaine Greer

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

Essex Regional Education Services Commission Resolution – Election of Board of Education Member to Serve as a Member of the Representative Assembly of the Essex Regional Education Services Commission

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-61 et seq., the Board of Education of the Township of Irvington must elect one of its members to represent it on the Representative Assembly of the Essex Regional Education Services Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Township of Irvington has held such an election among its members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Essex Regional Education Services Commission be notified that Richard Williams has been duly elected as a member of the **Representative Assembly of the Essex Regional Education Services Commission**;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the minutes indicating such election be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Commission.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

Appointment of Committee Members

The President of the Board does designate the following Board Members to be Members of the **Buildings and Grounds/Athletics Committee** with the first named Board Member as Chair:

Alnicia Owens

Richard Williams

Romaine Greer

Paul Inman

The President of the Board does designate the following Board Members to be Members of the **By-Laws and Policy Committee** with the first named Board Member as Chair:

Darlene Reeves

Sean Evans

Alnicia Owens

Paul Inman

The President of the Board does designate the following Board Members to be Members of the **Curriculum/Technology Committee** with the first named Board Member as Chair:

Darlene Reeves

Richard Williams

Sean Evans

Alnicia Owens

The President of the Board does designate the following Board Members to be Members of the **Finance Committee** with the first named Board Member as Chair:

Renee Burgess

Joseph Sylvain

Richard Williams

Sean Evans

The President of the Board does designate the following Board Members to be Members of the **Negotiations Committee** with the first named Board Member as Chair:

Richard Williams

Joseph Sylvain

Alicia Owens

Paul Inman

The President of the Board does designate the following Board Members to be Members of the **Personnel Committee** with the first named Board Member as Chair:

Anthony Vauss

Richard Williams

Joseph Sylvain

Renee Burgess

The President of the Board does designate the following Board Members to be Members of the **School/Community Relations Committee** with the first Named Board Member as Chair:

Renee Burgess

Anthony Vauss

Darlene Reeves

Romaine Greer

Voting Delegate – New Jersey School Boards

BE IT RESOLVED, that Sean Evans shall represent the Irvington Board of Education and be their voting delegate at meeting of the New Jersey School Boards Association. (18A:6-46) and further;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alternate Delegate shall be Romaine Greer.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Paul Inman

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – ESSEX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION

The Board President does appoint Richard Williams as Executive Council Representative to represent the Irvington Board of Education at the Executive Council Meetings of the Essex County School Boards Association. The Alternate shall be Sean Evans.

Motion by: Darlene Reeves

Seconded by: Paul Inman

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

Urban Boards Committee

The Board President does appoint Romaine Greer to represent the Irvington Board of Education on the Urban Boards Committee of the New Jersey School Boards Association. The Alternate shall be Darlene Reeves.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Renee Burgess

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

BOARD POLICY BOOK

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy and Regulation Manuals of the Irvington Township Board of Education be re-adopted. The Board Policy Book can be reviewed in the Office of the Board Secretary.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Paul Inman

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

IRVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the Irvington Public School envision a community of learners dedicated to academic excellence through a combination of critical thinking and life skills which define the education of the whole child wherein the major focus of the school system is to improve academic achievement for all students.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Paul Inman

Roll call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

REQUEST FOR TAXES FROM THE TOWNSHIP

RESOLVED, that the amount of District taxes including the debt service requirement needed to meet the obligations of this Board of Education for the 2010-2011 school year is \$17,459,529.00 and the Township of Irvington is hereby requested to transfer the proceeds to the Irvington Board of Education as listed: Funds are due by the 1st day of each month.

July, 2011	\$1,454,960.75
August, 2011	1,454,960.75
September, 2011	1,454,960.75
October, 2011	1,454,960.75
November, 2011	1,454,960.75
December, 2011	1,454,960.75
January, 2012	1,454,960.75
February 2012	1,454,960.75
March, 2012	1,454,960.75
April, 2012	1,454,960.75
May, 2012	1,454,960.75
June, 2012	<u>1,454,960.75</u>
	\$17,459,529.00

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL OF BILLS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, pursuant to N.J. S. A. 18A:19-2, approves authorizing the chief school administrator to administratively approve the payment of bills for students needs, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:19-4.1. Payments approved by the chief school administrator shall be reported to the Board, ratified and duly recorded in the minutes at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES THROUGH STATE AGENCY FOR THE 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, TITLE 18A-18A-10 provides that the Board of Education, without advertising for bids may by resolution purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the state division of purchase and property; and

WHEREAS, the Irvington Board of Education has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts; and

WHEREAS, The Irvington Board of Education desires to authorize its purchasing agent for 2011-2012 to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Irvington Board of Education does hereby authorize the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property by utilizing the various vendors approved by the state.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

INSURANCE BROKER OF RECORD

BE IT RESOLVED, that Conner Strong be appointed as Broker of Record in Insurance matters for Irvington Township Board of Education effective July, 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL MONIES 2011-2012

RESOLVED, that Hirut Resson of Resson Financial Services, Orange, New Jersey be appointed as the Treasurer of School Monies, to complete bank reconciliations for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, at a fee of \$1,500 per month, not to exceed \$18,000. Said services are to be paid from Acct. # 11-000-230-339-00-31, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract to be executed by the firm and the Irvington Board of Education. (Fee same as last year.)

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT HUNT, HAMLIN & RIDLEY AS GENERAL AND LABOR COUNSEL TO THE IRVINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Irvington Board of Education is desirous of retaining General Counsel and Labor Negotiations Counsel to represent the school district in a variety of legal matters; and

WHEREAS, the Irvington Board of Education is desirous of appointing the law firm of Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley in the capacity of General Counsel and Labor/Negotiations Counsel in the amount not to exceed \$395,000.00, for all matters related to the duties and responsibilities as General Counsel and Labor/Negotiations Counsel in accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract to be executed by the firm and the Irvington Board of Education;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Irvington Board of Education approves the appointment of the law firm of Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley as General Counsel and Labor/Negotiations Counsel for an amount not to exceed \$395,000.00, for all matters related to the duties and responsibilities as General Counsel and Labor/Negotiations Counsel in accordance with the terms and conditions of an contract to be executed by the firm and the Irvington Board of Education effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. (Fee same as last year) Paid from account # 11-000-230-331-00-31.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR 2011-2012

BE IT RESOLVED, that Samuel Klein and Company of Newark, New Jersey be appointed to audit the school district's 2010-2011 accounts and financial transactions in accordance with federal and state auditing requirements and to perform other special services as required and authorized by the Board in accordance with the terms and conditions of a contract to be executed by the firm and the Irvington Board of Education for the 2011-2012 school year. Amount not to exceed \$60,150.00 (Fee a 2.5% increase over last year.) Paid from account # 11-000-230-332-00-31.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education understands and adopts the Code of Ethics for School Board Members as defined in Title 18A: 12-24.1, read and discuss the following:

18A:12-24.1 Code of Ethics for Board Members.

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education , and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow boards members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

ACTION:

Motion by: Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens

Roll Call: Unanimously approved on a roll call vote

CLOSED SESSION:

“In accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, be it hereby resolved that the Irvington Township Board of Education meet in closed session on May 18, 2011, at University Elementary School, 1 University Place, Irvington, New Jersey at 5:30 pm to address matters of personnel and attorney/client privilege.

It is expected that the matters discussed will be made public at the time that the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Upon the motion by Darlene Reeves, Seconded by: Alnicia Owens and unanimously approved on a roll call vote, the Annual Re-organization Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Reggie Lamptey, CPA
Assistant Superintendent for Business/Board Secretary

RL/vp