

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOROUGH OF NORTH HALEDON**

Minutes

Public Meeting

January 4, 2017

Roll Call

Present: Dr. Badami, Mr. Colli, Mrs. DeNova, Mrs. Lacognata, Mrs. Lampe, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Ten Kate, Mr. Valenti, and Mrs. Melone.

Absent:

**CALL TO ORDER
by Acting Board Secretary**

Time: 7:30 pm

Location: Memorial School

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the North Haledon Board of Education has issued notice of this meeting to be publicized by having the date, time and location of the meeting posted at the North Haledon Municipal Building and Memorial and High Mountain Schools and advertised in the Hawthorne Press, which has been designated as the Board's official newspaper, and mailed to the Star Ledger and the Bergen Record. Notice was also filed with the Borough Clerk and sent to those persons requesting that such notice be mailed to them.

REPORT OF ELECTION RESULTS

The general election, which included the results for the Annual School Board Election of the Borough of North Haledon was held on November 8, 2016 pursuant to notice given and in accordance with current school law. A total of 4,911 ballots cast, including Election Day ballots cast at the seven election districts, Mail-in, Provisional and Overseas ballots.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Haledon Board of Education acknowledges the results of the General Election for membership on the Board of Education, which was held on November 8, 2016 as noted below, and as certified by the Clerk of the County of Passaic.

<u>Names of Candidates</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u># Votes</u>
Joseph Mannino	3 years	1,989
Anthony Griffo	3 years	1,931
Michele Manning	3 years	2,112
Donna M. Dooner	1 year	2,105

Write In Candidates – a total of 28 write-in candidates were certified for the three 3-year terms and 5 write-in candidates were certified for the one 1-year unexpired term.

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OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Randy George administered the Oath of Office to newly elected members Anthony Griffo and Donna Dooner, and Nicholas Coffaro administered the Oath of Office to newly elected member Joseph Mannino.

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ROLL CALL:

Present: Dr. Badami, Ms. DeNova, Mrs. Dooner, Mr. Griffo, Mrs. Lacognata, Mr. Mannino
Mrs. Melone, and Mr. Ten Kate.

Absent: Mrs. Manning

Other Present: Mr. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools; Ms. Lordi, Board Attorney

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Acting Board Secretary requested nominations for the office of President of the North Haledon Board of Education.

The following persons are hereby nominated for Office of President:

NAME: Michelle Melone

NOMINATED BY: Mrs. DeNova

NAME: Anthony Griffo

NOMINATED BY: Mr. Mannino

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED, the North Haledon Board of Education hereby closes nominations for the Office of President.

Motion: Mrs. Melone

Second: Dr. Badami

Vote: 9 - 0

Mrs. Melone read a prepared statement in support of her candidacy.

Mr. Griffo elected not to speak.

OFFICIAL VOTING FOR PRESIDENT

Roll Call on the nomination of Michelle Melone – 3 in Favor, 5 Opposed

AYE: Badami, DeNova, Melone

NAY: Dooner, Griffo, LaCognata, Mannino, Ten Kate.

Roll Call on the nomination of Anthony Griffo – 5 in Favor and 3 Opposed

AYE: Dooner, Griffo, LaCognata, Mannino, Ten Kate.

NAY: Badami, DeNova, Melone

Anthony Griffo assumed the chair as President of the Board of Education

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board President requested nominations for the office of Vice-President of the North Haledon Board of Education.

NAME: Peter Ten Kate
NOMINATED BY: Dr. Badami

NAME: Lucy DeNova
NOMINATED BY: Mrs. Badami

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED: By Order of the Board, the nominations for Vice President of the North Haledon Board of Education are closed.

MOTION: Mrs. LaCognata
SECOND: Mr. Mannino
VOTE: 9 - 0

OFFICIAL VOTING FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Roll Call on the nomination of Peter Ten Kate – 5 in Favor, 2 Opposed and 1 Abstention

AYE: Dooner, Griffo, LaCognata, Mannino, Ten Kate.
NAY: DeNova, Melone
ABSTENTION: Badami

NEW BUSINESS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby approves the following resolutions, required for the annual organization of the Board of Education: **1. Acknowledgement of Code of Ethics for School Board Members; 3. Designation of Official Newspapers; 4. Adoption of Policies and By-Laws; 5. Designation of Depositories and Signatories.** (*Note: Item #2 on the agenda – “Annual Meeting Calendar” - was removed for further discussion.*)

Motion: Ten Kate
Second: Badami
VOTE: 8 - 0

1. Acknowledgement of Code of Ethics for School Board Members

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education acknowledges the authority of the Code of Ethics for School Board members stated at N.J.S.A.18A:12-24.1, acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Code of Ethics, and shall sign a copy of the Code of Ethics to remain on file in the Board Offices during the members' term of office.

2. Designation of Official Newspapers

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board adopts the Hawthorne Press as the district's official newspaper and the Bergen Record as the alternate publication to be used for the advertisement of meetings and legal ads

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and all other necessary public notifications for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

3. Adoption of Policies and By-Laws

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves all of the Official Board of Education By-Laws and Policies as per the detailed policies currently found in the North Haledon Board of Education Official Policy Manuals, which, are on the file and available for public review and inspection in the Administration Offices at Memorial School, 201 Squaw Brook Road, North Haledon, New Jersey 07508 (on file in the office of the Board Secretary).

4. Designation of Official Depositories and Signatories

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Borough of North Haledon designates the Lakeland Bank as the Official Depository of District Funds for the 2017 calendar year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approve the following list of accounts and signatories for funds held at the approved accounts. All warrants drawn on these accounts must contain no less than one "live" signature.

General Account

Any three of the following persons:

1. President or Vice-President
2. Board Secretary
3. Treasurer

Cafeteria Checking Account

Any two of the following lines of persons

1. President or Vice-President
2. Board Secretary

Student Activity Account

Any two of the following lines of persons

1. Principal
2. Building Secretary
3. Board Secretary

Payroll Agency Account - Facsimile Required

All of the following persons:

1. Board Secretary
2. Treasurer

Payroll Account - Facsimile Required

1. Treasurer

Unemployment Insurance Trust Account

Any two of the following persons:

1. President or Vice-President
2. Board Secretary

Memorial School Petty Cash Account

Any two of the following lines of persons:

1. Principal
2. Building Secretary
3. Board Secretary

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High Mountain School Petty Cash Account

Any two of the following lines of persons:

1. Principal
2. Building Secretary
3. Board Secretary

Business Office Petty Cash Account

Any two of the following lines of persons

1. Business Administrator or Superintendent
2. Assistant to the Business Administrator

PETITION OF CITIZENS

Motion to open the floor: Badami

Second: DeNova

Vote: Unanimous Voice

Public Comment

- Ms. Andropow was informed that the regular January meeting would be scheduled for January 18th.
- Mayor Randy George expressed support of the Board and the school district, adding he wanted the partnership with the Township to continue.
- Mrs. Mannino thanked the past Board members for their service, welcomed the new members and stated she looked forward to progress.

Motion to close the floor: Griffo

Second: Badami

Vote: Unanimous voice

OLD / NEW BUSINESS - none

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

WHEREAS, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, also known as the Open Public Meetings Act, authorizes a public body to meet in closed or private session under certain limited circumstances, and

WHEREAS, said law requires the board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such a closed or private session.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT:

1. It does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Closed Session prior to adjournment of this meeting:
 - (a) To discuss litigation pertaining to NHBOE v. Manchester MUA, and an on-gong Arbitration matter
 - (b) To discuss a personnel matter.
2. The matters discussed will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

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3. Action will be taken in public following the closed session.

Executive Session

Motion: LaCognata

Second: Badami

Time: 8:10 pm

Vote: 8 - 0

RESUME PUBLIC MEEETING

The public meeting was reconvened at 9:35 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Badami, DeNova, Dooner, LaCognata, Mannino, Melone, Ten Kate, Griffo.

Absent: Manning

PERSONNEL

1. Suspension/Termination of Employment

BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Board approves (1) the suspension with pay of replacement teacher Christopher Crowley effective retroactively, January 3, 2017 until the close of business February 17, 2017; and (2) the termination of Mr. Crowley's employment by the Board immediately following the close of business on February 17, 2017.

Motion: Griffo

Second: Ten Kate

Vote: 8 - 0

POLICY

2. Meeting Schedule

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board establish the next regular meeting for January 18, 2017 at High Mountain School to begin at 7:30pm.

Motion: Badami

Second: Ten Kate

Vote: 8 - 0

The Board discussed the annual meeting schedule and deferred a decision pending further discussion at the January meeting.

PUBLIC

The President opened the floor to the public for anyone wishing to address the Board. No one addressed the Board.

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Motion: Badami
Second: Mannino
Time: 9:42pm
Vote: Unanimous voice

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas Coffaro
Superintendent/Acting Board Secretary