

**ESSEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Essex County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education was called to order at 12:06 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2015, by President, Rev. Edwin Leahy, OSB.

OPENING STATEMENT

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and published in the Star Ledger on February 25, 2015, and in El Coqui February 26, 2015.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – Board Secretary, Anthony Abbaleo

Present: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Adrienne Davis, Mr. Kevin Ryan, Dr. Chris T. Pernel, Ms. LeeSandra Medina, Fr. Edwin D. Leahy
Absent: Mr. Luis Lopez
Also Present: Dr. Frank A. Cocchiola, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Murphy Durkin, Board Attorney

COMMUNICATION

PUBLIC COMMENT WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTIONS

REPORT OF THE INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Newark Teacher Wins 2015 ProStart Educator Of Excellence Award

Newark, NJ – Chef Brett Boon of North 13th Street Technical High School in Newark, NJ has won the 2014/2015 Educator of Excellence Award, citing him as the ProStart Culinary Teacher of the Year in the State of New Jersey. Chef Boon was presented the award at the 2015 NJ ProStart Competition at the Grand Summit Hotel in Summit, NJ on Tuesday, February 24. ProStart is a two-year educational program meant to build job skills in students, many of whom may be considered “at risk,” for the foodservice industry.

Nominated by the New Jersey Restaurant Education Foundation as well as one of his students, Chef Boon stood out above the other nominees this year for “his passion and dedication” said, Marilou Halvorsen, President of the New Jersey Restaurant Association.

“Chef Boon attends every Professional Development Session and is generally the first to arrive and last to leave. He also sends his students to the NJ State ProStart Competition and Soft Skills Seminars throughout the year but above all, his passion and dedication to teaching reminds of all of what ProStart is really about, helping NJ’s kids get out of the current situation through education and opportunities,” she added.

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REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Resolution #15-369: Adopt 2015-2016 School Budget

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Dr. Pernell, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools, that the sum of money deemed necessary by the Board of Education of the Essex County Vocational Schools, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, to run the Essex County Vocational Schools for the year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 be fixed at \$45,337,942.00 and that it shall be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools for approval. Of the \$45,337,942.00 the estimated revenues from other sources would be \$40,887,942.00 and the County share would be \$4,450,000.00.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

Resolution #15-370: Authorization to Request Additional Funds from Board of School Estimates for the New School, in an Amount not to Exceed \$108,000,000.00

On the motion of Mr. Carnovale, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of Dr. Frank Cocchiola, the Interim Superintendent of Schools, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Board hereby determines that the amount of additional funds deemed necessary for the Essex County Vocational and Technical Schools for the new school at the New United Property be fixed at an amount not to exceed \$108,000,000.00.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

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Resolution #15-370A: Resolution Approving the Award of Demolition of Six Buildings at Old United Medical Center to Tricon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$6,919,280.00

WHEREAS, the Board has requested bid proposals relative to Demolition of Six Buildings at property which is commonly referred to as the Old United Medical Center Site in furtherance of the District's New Newark Facility;

WHEREAS, bid proposals were required to be submitted in accordance with the terms, conditions and specifications as set forth in the Specifications and bid documents for Demolition of Six Buildings at Old United Medical Center Site (hereinafter referred to as "Specifications"); and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2015, the Board, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.4 published the appropriate notices, so as to solicit proposals regarding Demolition of Six Buildings at Old United Medical Center Site. In response to this notice and in accordance with the time frame as set forth therein, on February 18, 2105, the Board received the following proposals:

Contractor	Total Bid Price + Alternate 2
Tricon Enterprises, Inc. Keyport, NJ	\$ 6,919,280.00
NASDI, LLC Waltham, MA	\$ 8,314,485.00
Gramercy Group, Inc. Wantagh, NY	\$ 8,686,461.00
S & R Corporation Lowell, MA	\$ 9,157,109.22
NorthStar Contracting Group, Inc. East Hanover, NJ	\$ 9,628,717.00
Prismatic Development Corp. Fairfield, NJ	\$10,217,885.00
Worth Construction Co., Inc. Bethel, CT	\$13,835,722.00
Brandenburg Industrial Service Company Bethlehem, PA	\$21,235,100.00

WHEREAS, the Board referred the above identified bids to HealyCM, LLC the District's construction management consultant, and Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, M. Murphy Durkin, Esq., Board Counsel, and Mark Fleder, Esq., outside counsel, for review evaluation and recommendations and thereafter did receive such recommendations and recommends that the Board accept the bid submitted by Tricon Enterprises, Inc., referenced above, (hereinafter referred to as "Tricon") to be the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder for the project; and

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WHEREAS , Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary further represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District's Capital Funds to fully fund the award of this Contract, without adverse affect to the District's financial stability; and

WHEREAS, Tricon has submitted the appropriate political contribution disclosure forms pursuant to Chapter 271 of the laws of 2005; and

WHEREAS, Tricon has submitted proof of insurance coverage in the amounts required by the Board; and

On the motion of Dr. Pernell, seconded by Ms. Medina, BE IT RESOLVED that that upon the recommendation of Dr. Frank Cocchiola, the Interim Superintendent of Schools, the bid proposal as submitted by Tricon in the sum of \$6,919,280.00 be and the same is hereby accepted. No payments are to be made to Tricon without the District's receipt of a fully executed contract in a form agreeable to Board Counsel with the supporting documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anthony Abbaleo, Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized by the Board to execute the above-referenced Contract on behalf of the District and shall further comply with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-36 including but not limited to returning the contractor's performance bond and bid security of the unsuccessful bidders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board further hereby directs the Board Secretary to publish notice of the award of the Contract pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a) 1 and N.J.A.C. 5:34-9.5(c), if required.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

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**PERSONNEL
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Resolution #15-371: Retirement of Employee

On the motion of Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby accepts the retirement of the following employee.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nancy Minneci	Teacher of English	North 13th Street	7/1/15

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Lopez

Resolution #15-372: Appoint Director of Security, Safety & Transportation, 2014-2015 School Year

On the motion of Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby appoints the following individual for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator hereby represents to the Board that there are sufficient funds within the District's local funds to fully fund all payments and that said payments will not adversely affect the financial position of the District.

<u>Name/Position</u>	<u>Type of Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Level/Step</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Gabriel Rispoli Director of Security, Safety and Transportation	12-month	District-Wide	N/A	\$75,000*	3/16/15 - 6/30/15

* Prorated as per time of service.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy
 Nays: None
 Absent: Mr. Lopez

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Resolution #15-373: Long-Term Replacement

On the motion of Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves Mr. Jeff Grabowski as a Long-Term replacement as a Social Studies teacher at Newark Tech on extended leave. This will be effective from March 9 until May 29 pending the anticipated return of the teacher on leave. This appointment will be at the per diem rate of \$250 pending the submission of all appropriate paperwork and certification.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

Resolution #15-374: Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Administration not to exceed \$5,000.00 Local Funds

On the motion of Mr. Ryan, seconded by Ms. Davis, BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendation of the Interim Superintendent of Schools the Board hereby approves an expenditure not to exceed \$5,000 for extra coverage required by teachers and paraprofessionals who have to administer the Performance Based Assessment (PBA) from March 2 – May 1, 2015 and the End-of-Year assessment from April 20 – June 5, 2015 of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC). This is to cover the needs of all four high schools with the individual staff members to be determined as per building need.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled to be held in the Board Room, Administrative Offices, LeRoy Smith, Jr. Public Safety Building, 60 Nelson Place, Sheila Y. Oliver Conference Center, 14th Floor, Newark, New Jersey, at 6:00 p.m., on Monday, March 23, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution #15-375: Adjournment

On the motion of Mr. Ryan, seconded by Dr. Pernell, the Board adjourns the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

Roll Call: Yeas: Mr. Carnovale, Ms. Davis, Ms. Medina, Dr. Pernell, Mr. Ryan, Fr. Leahy
Nays: None
Absent: Mr. Lopez