

VIRTUAL SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

The Special Legislative Meeting of the Board of School Directors of the Cheltenham School District was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. virtually via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Ms. Haywood. Those present were: Mr. Cohen, Ms. Haywood, Mr. England, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Henry, Mr. Fishbein, Dr. Smith – Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Marseille – Superintendent, Mr. Diasio -Solicitor, Ms. Michaels, Business Manager, and Mrs. Mance -Secretary.

Mr. Pender and Mr. Burdell – Williams were absent.

The following members of the staff were present:
Mr. Barone, Director of Technology
Ms. Collins, Director of Secondary Education
Mr. Kaufman, Director of Communications
Ms. Tolbert- Jackson, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Gallagher, Director of Special Education
Dr. Cheryl Horsey, Director of Student Services
Mr. Teasdale, Director of Facilities

There were 130 attendees online for the virtual board meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Cheltenham Board member Mr. Cohen.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments on agenda items.

PIAA SAFETY PLAN PRESENTATION

Mr. Blackwell presented the Health and Safety Plan to the Board and community.

APPROVAL OF PIAA SAFETY PLAN

In order to promote the safe and orderly operation of the Cheltenham School District’s athletic program during the COVID-19 pandemic, it is recommended that the Board of School Directors approve the Cheltenham School District PIAA Athletics and Activities Health & Safety Plan (“Plan”).

Upon motion by Ms. Henry, seconded by Mr. Fishbein, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, upon recommendation of the administration the Board of School Directors authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to take any other actions the Superintendent deems appropriate, without further Board approval, to ensure the safety of participating students to the extent authorized by law and irrespective of any policies that may be to the contrary, including minor revisions to the Plan. Any action taken by the Superintendent or his designee in accordance with this authorization shall be deemed to be the action of this Board. Such action shall be confirmed by the Board no later than at its next regular Board meeting.

On roll call, the following voted in the affirmative: Mr. Cohen, Ms. Haywood, Mr. Schultz, Ms. Henry, and Mr. Fishbein. Absent: Mr. Pender and Mr. Burdell -Williams. Negative: Mr. England. Motion adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Bantacilia, Glenside asked; Will we have the same thing regardless if a student is an athlete or not? It should follow the same protocol as concussion management.

Imani, Glenside stated; the Board does not understand how the student athletes feel. She asked; Why don’t parents and coaches have the ultimate say so about their students?

MEETING ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Mr. Fishbein, seconded by Mr. Cohen and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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Secretary

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Julie Haywood
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President