

THE AUGUST 5, 2009 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WATERFORD, CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 PM BY THE MAYOR, MARYANN MERLINO.

NOTICE OF TIME AND DATE FOR THIS MEETING WAS SENT ON TO THE RECORD BREEZE, COURIER-POST AND INQUIRER NEWSPAPERS AS A SUNSHINE NOTICE AND IS POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE "OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW".

SALUTE TO THE FLAG:**OPENING PRAYER:****ROLL CALL:**

Committeeman Condo - Present
Committeewoman Finnerty - Present
Committeeman Halbert - Absent
Committeeman Hamilton - Present
Mayor Merlino - Present

ALSO PRESENT:

Virginia L. Chandler, Township Clerk - Present
Margaret J. Nicolosi, Executive County Superintendent - Present
Rita M. Hanna, Interim County School Business Administrator - Present

DISCUSSION:

**EXECUTIVE CAMDEN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
BRIEFING ON REGIONALIZATION AND CONSOLIDATION**

Waterford Township has a K-6 District, therefore this legislation will have an impact on the Local Township Schools and the Mayor and Township Committee wanted the public to hear directly from the person who in many ways will be making the final recommendations on how our children will be educated in the future.

Margaret Nicolosi spoke regarding the recent legislation that calls for the elimination in the near future of school districts, including non-operating, K-6, and K-8s. Only K-12 districts will be permitted.

She gave the Committee and the public an extensive overview of the legislation's intent as well as the process that is being followed for implementation.

She talked about the need of our District to submit to her a plan A and B that would address how we would comply with the intent of the law that is to eliminate our K-6 district.

She stated that the local Board of Education must submit an A and B Plan to her by the middle of January 2010 as she must submit the final recommendation to the State of New Jersey Commissioner of Education by March 10, 2010.

PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE MEETING:

MAYOR OPENED THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC.

The public spoke on this matter as follows:

Colleen Davis	Old White Horse Pike
Stan Baner	School Board Member
Gary Dentino	Superintendent of Schools
Ron Passarella	Almira Avenue
Eileen Conte	Old White Horse Pike
Lisa Koob	Waterbridge Court
Francis DiRocco	School Board President

MAYOR CLOSED THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC.

FYI: There were approximately twenty five (25) people in the audience.

Margaret Nicolosi and Rita Hanna answered questions asked by the Committee, the public, the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board Members.

Based on comments by the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board Members they are working on a plan that will address the intent of the law while providing for the best educational needs of our children.

Parents were urged to attend School Board Meetings.

The next School Board Meeting is Wednesday, August 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

Margaret Nicolosi announced her telephone number to the public and welcomed interested parties to contact her at (856) 401-2400 ext. 2421.

ADJOURNMENT: (9:00 PM)

Moved by Hamilton, 2nd by Condo to adjourn.

ALL IN FAVOR:

Committeeman Condo - Yes

Committeewoman Finnerty - Yes

Committeeman Hamilton - Yes

Mayor Merlino - Yes

