

PLEASANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Pleasantville High School/701 Mill Road/Cafeteria  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
March 24, 2015  
6:10 P.M.  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order at 6:10 p.m. – Board President, Mrs. Doris V. Graves
2. Reading of the Open Public Meetings Act Notice – Board President, Mrs. Doris V. Graves

**Statement-Board President**

"This is to advise those present at this March 24, 2015 Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of the City of Pleasantville, in the County of Atlantic, that Notice was given on March 11, 2015, as required by the provisions of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975; Notice thereof has been distributed for publication in the Press, the Absecon/Pleasantville Current and the Mainland Journal, posted in the Administration Building and forwarded to the City Clerk of the City of Pleasantville, within the time required by said act."

3. Roll Call – Board Secretary, Mr. Elisha Thompkins:

Mrs. Bernice Couch	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>Present</u>
Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Carla Thomas	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Present</u>

4. Flag Salute and Moment of Silence – *Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.* selected by Board President, Mrs. Doris V. Graves
5. Review and Discussion of the Legal Services: Board Attorney RFP 15-03 and Labor Relations RFP 15-04  
*The following attorneys were available and responded to questions/concerns from the Board:*  
\*Mr. Smith  
\*Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley

***Motion to vote on Legal Counsel.***

Motion by: Mr. Lawrence Davenport      Second by: Mrs. Bernice Couch      Yea: X

*Dr. Richens advised the Board to ensure that the appointment of Legal Counsel meets RFP requirements.*

**ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Bernice Couch	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Carla Thomas	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>		

**MOTION PASSED**

**Motion to appoint The Smith Legal Group, LLC, as General Counsel. (Please see page 4)**

Dr. Richens requested that the Board go into Executive session prior to the vote.

Dr. Richens advised the Board that they have to follow the RFP. He requested going into Executive Session to discuss this issue further. Dr. Richens stated that there may be a challenge regarding the RFP.

**Motion to vote on Labor Relations Attorney.**

Motion by: Mrs. Ethel Seymore Second by: Mr. Lawrence Davenport Yea: X

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bernice Couch	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Carla Thomas	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>		

**MOTION PASSED**

**Motion to appoint Parker McCay for Labor Relations Attorney.**

Motion by: Mr. Paul Moore Second by: Mrs. Doris Graves Yea: X

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bernice Couch	<u>No</u>	Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>No</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>No</u>	Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>No</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>No</u>	Mrs. Carla Thomas	<u>No</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>		

**MOTION FAILED**

**Motion to appoint Carroll Law Firm for Labor Relations Attorney. (Please see page 4)**

- 6. Public Comments. Please limit comments to (5) minutes and all comments should be courteous and respectful. *Public comments were made after Executive Session. (Please see page 3)*
- 7. Motion to go into Executive Session Board President, Mrs. Doris V. Graves

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Seymore Second by Mrs. Bernice Couch

- 8. Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Ethel Seymore and Seconded by Mrs. Bernice Couch at 7:00 p.m., it is hereby resolved that the Pleasantville Board of Education may go into closed or private session from which the public shall be excluded in accordance with the provisions as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13. The following subjects shall be discussed on this date in the session of the Board closed to the public: PERSONNEL, PUPIL MATTERS, PENDING, AND ANTICIPATED LITIGATION. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the discussion in closed session will be disclosed to the public at this time or a future meeting of the Board when it is no longer necessary to maintain the confidential nature of the items discussed.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bernice Couch	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Carla Thomas	<u>No</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>		

**MOTION PASSED**

9. Motion to come out of Executive Session - Board President, Mrs. Doris V. Graves

Motion by: Ms. Carla Thomas Second by: Ms. Sharnell Morgan Yea: X

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bernice Couch	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Carla Thomas	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>		

**MOTION PASSED**

10. Reconvene Board Meeting at 7:43 p.m. - Board President, Mrs. Doris V. Graves

*Public Comments*  
*\*David Callaway*

11. Action Items on Legal Services for Special Board Meeting (Board Attorney RFP 15-03 and Labor Relations RFP 15-04) (*Votes previously taken - Please see page 4 for Resolutions, Motions and votes*)

12. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:46 p.m. - Board President, Mrs. Doris V. Graves.

Motion by: Mr. Johnny McClellan Second by: Mrs. Bernice Couch Yea: X

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bernice Couch	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Carla Thomas	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>		

**MOTION PASSED**

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**MINUTES**

1. **WHEREAS**, the Pleasantville Board of Education re-advertised for Legal Services as RFP 15-03 (Board Attorney) in the Press of Atlantic City from March 02, 2015 through March 17, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pleasantville Board of Education conducted it's Opening on March 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. as advertised; so

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pleasantville Board of Education awards RFP 15-03 Board Attorney to The Smith Legal Group, LLC for the 2015-2016 fiscal year; commencing July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

MOTION BY: Mr. Lawrence Davenport SECOND BY: Mrs. Bernice Couch Yea: X

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Bernice Couch	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>Abstain</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Carla Thomas	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>No</u>	Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>No</u>		

**MOTION PASSED**

2. **WHEREAS**, the Pleasantville Board of Education re-advertised for Legal Services as and RFP 15-04 (Labor Relations) in the Press of Atlantic City from March 02, 2015 through March 17, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pleasantville Board of Education conducted it's Opening on March 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. as advertised; so

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Pleasantville Board of Education awards RFP 15-04 Labor Relations to Carroll Law Firm for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, commencing July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

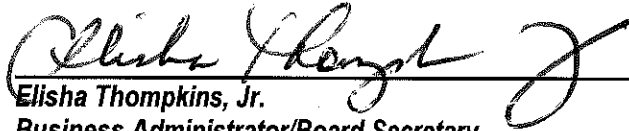
MOTION BY: Mrs. Ethel Seymore SECOND BY: Ms. Sharnell Morgan Yea: X

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Bernice Couch	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Sharnell S. Morgan	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Lawrence A. Davenport	<u>Yes</u>	Mrs. Ethel Seymore	<u>Yes</u>
Ms. Silvia Landron	<u>Yes</u>	Ms. Carla Thomas	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Johnny McClellan	<u>No</u>	Mrs. Doris V. Graves	<u>Yes</u>
Mr. Paul Moore, Jr.	<u>Yes</u>		

**MOTION PASSED**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Elisha Thompkins, Jr.  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Date

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