

## Transcript of 4/5/22 Special Board Meeting

0:06  
meetings act with adequate notice  
0:09  
provided as follows  
0:11  
notice filed on the courier post march  
0:12  
30th 2022 and filed with the burlington  
0:15  
county times on march 30th 2022.  
0:18  
uh may i  
0:20  
let's have a moment of silence please  
0:28  
okay uh pledge of allegiance  
0:32  
i pledge allegiance to the flag of the  
0:35  
united states of america and to the  
0:37  
republic for which it stands one nation  
0:40  
under god indivisible with liberty and  
0:46  
mr heiser may ask you to do the roll  
0:48  
call please dr alberti here  
0:51  
mrs arcaro burns  
0:53  
mrs fallows macaluso  
0:56  
mrs  
0:57  
miss romano  
0:58  
mr villanueva dr snyder here mr weeks  
1:02  
president thank you  
1:04  
hey uh so for this section this will be  
1:06  
the shortest president's remarks you'll  
1:08  
probably ever hear out of me uh welcome  
1:10  
everybody we're here in this special  
1:12  
meeting as as everybody's aware to  
1:15  
choose a  
1:17  
candidate uh to fill the vacancy that  
1:19  
was created when  
1:21  
jack  
1:25  
yes resigned just when jack resigned so  
1:28  
um we will uh go through a process um  
1:32  
we're going to be in the training room  
1:34  
the lab right over here and when we get  
1:36  
there uh we'll do that in executive  
1:38  
session we'll have the interviews we'll  
1:40  
return to the public for nominations and

1:43  
voting  
1:44  
all right so may i have a motion to um  
1:48  
move to executive session  
1:53  
okay all in please  
1:55  
aye opposed abstentions  
1:57  
okay  
1:58  
that said  
2:00  
to executive session we'll be back  
6:14  
uh  
7:10  
very good it'll be in the minutes  
7:14  
okay so  
7:16  
hey i first of all want to echo uh  
7:20  
mick's comment about um gratitude for  
7:22  
for folks putting their name in um you  
7:25  
know it isn't always the the easiest  
7:27  
thing uh to put yourself out there and  
7:30  
certainly in times that uh our school  
7:31  
district has been going through all the  
7:33  
more reason why it is a challenging ask  
7:36  
and there are certainly communities that  
7:38  
do everything from looking under rocks  
7:40  
for people who will sign up for this job  
7:42  
uh to quite frankly like having months  
7:45  
and months of struggle uh to fill  
7:46  
vacancies um in addition uh i would say  
7:50  
you know our our lengthy deliberation is  
7:53  
because you know speaking for myself i  
7:55  
will say i think everyone who applied  
7:58  
would have been an excellent candidate  
8:00  
this would have been a really quick  
8:01  
process if we could have easily  
8:03  
separated and every single person  
8:06  
brought tremendous value commitment  
8:09  
experience  
8:10  
to the opportunity to serve this  
8:12  
community through a school board  
8:14  
position  
8:15

i would encourage everyone to consider  
8:18  
putting in a petition to run in the  
8:20  
normal election in november which i  
8:21  
think is due sometime around the middle  
8:24  
to late july  
8:25  
period and i think  
8:27  
i would be happy to have any one of the  
8:29  
candidates that applied  
8:31  
to be uh serving on this  
8:33  
committee  
8:34  
that being said it is uh my uh  
8:37  
nomination is to nominate claudine leon  
8:40  
murano um to be a member of this school  
8:43  
board uh i think claudine has  
8:46  
been present at uh through good times  
8:48  
and bad uh i think um her perspective as  
8:52  
an advocate is something that i think  
8:54  
this board has expressed in interest and  
8:56  
desire and moving ourselves forward um  
9:00  
how we advocate for this community not  
9:02  
just within the community but in the  
9:03  
state uh in other contexts um i thought  
9:06  
that that was a great strength uh not to  
9:09  
mention uh experience uh and um  
9:13  
with her current roles in dealing with  
9:15  
things team player um  
9:18  
like i said already you know pushing  
9:19  
with some things and observing the board  
9:21  
in the district  
9:22  
uh and having that perspective uh we did  
9:25  
look at um or i will say i looked at um  
9:29  
the idea of complementary  
9:32  
experiences and perspectives and you  
9:34  
know where where we feel you know moving  
9:36  
the district and the board forward and i  
9:39  
um enthusiastically would put forward  
9:41  
claudine's name  
9:43  
so yeah i was going to say before

9:44  
anybody else nominates uh do we have a  
9:46  
second  
9:49  
okay any other nominations  
9:53  
i would like to nominate caitlyn  
9:55  
berman  
9:57  
to fill the vacant seat i value her  
9:59  
experience as an educator  
10:02  
and her work experience in diverse  
10:04  
educational settings  
10:06  
i also value all of her community  
10:08  
involvement and engagement  
10:11  
i  
10:12  
know that she knows the system based on  
10:14  
her experience as an educator she knows  
10:17  
the roles of the super  
10:19  
versus the board or and the board  
10:22  
i believe she has the time and  
10:24  
dedication that's necessary to serve on  
10:27  
this board  
10:28  
and i believe she has the willingness to  
10:30  
represent all members of our community  
10:35  
thank you sir second  
10:41  
okay  
10:43  
hearing none  
10:43  
[Music]  
10:45  
we still then we just have one uh  
10:47  
nomination on the floor is there another  
10:50  
nomination  
10:56  
i'll try to be as articulate as the past  
10:58  
too um  
11:01  
i moved to nominate david vaspikian  
11:04  
as i mentioned  
11:06  
david ran in the recent election  
11:09  
he  
11:10  
lost by a very small margin  
11:12  
he's put in the work  
11:14  
um and i and i do believe that as a  
11:17

um  
11:19  
as a native of moore's town  
11:21  
and his skill set that he brings is very  
11:24  
diverse it's a different  
11:26  
perspective in the field that he comes  
11:29  
from  
11:30  
and i do believe that  
11:32  
some of the things he talked about with  
11:34  
respect to collaboration and teamwork  
11:37  
and respect for the process  
11:38  
and wanting to see this town continue  
11:41  
to move in the right direction um  
11:44  
i think he would be a great asset to the  
11:46  
board and i think again that he deserves  
11:48  
it based on the fact that  
11:50  
he ran and lost by a very small margin  
11:53  
just recently  
11:56  
second  
11:57  
i'll second that nomination  
12:02  
any other nominations  
12:08  
okay  
12:09  
then i will um call for a vote we'll  
12:12  
start with the first  
12:13  
nomination  
12:15  
for  
12:16  
claudine  
12:19  
so can i have a world call vote please  
12:22  
this roll call though is to for the  
12:24  
nomination for claudine leon  
12:27  
dr alberti yes  
12:29  
mrs arcaro burns no  
12:32  
mrs fallows macaluso  
12:36  
mrs mcopolis  
12:39  
no  
12:42  
mr romano yes  
12:45  
mr villanueva yes  
12:47  
dr schneider yes  
12:50  
mr weeks yes

12:52  
motion carries  
12:55  
okay  
12:56  
so um  
12:57  
[Music]  
12:58  
we will welcome uh  
13:01  
miss moreno to the uh to the board but  
13:03  
there's some we'll have to talk with uh  
13:06  
mr heiser uh there's a process that  
13:08  
you'll need to go through um and so once  
13:11  
we get that finished we'll we'll have  
13:13  
this wearing it but again thank you to  
13:15  
everybody who  
13:17  
put their name forward and went through  
13:19  
this process we we definitely appreciate  
13:21  
that and i'll echo the comments of dr  
13:23  
alberti  
13:25  
i hope everybody considers uh running  
13:28  
again in the next election because we do  
13:30  
need  
13:31  
dedicated committed people who  
13:32  
understand the needs of the board the  
13:35  
role of the board  
13:37  
and the needs of our community for  
13:39  
people who are dedicated to serving so  
13:42  
all right  
13:44  
so  
13:45  
this  
13:46  
i just want to clarify  
13:48  
what we have here  
13:50  
do we need to do this one too  
13:53  
for the  
13:54  
second  
13:55  
um  
13:56  
no no no i'm saying  
13:58  
this so we just move on to public  
13:59  
comment that's all good okay just  
14:01  
because it was written differently all  
14:03

right so um now moving on we will have  
14:06  
our public comment we only have the one  
14:08  
public comment uh for this meeting  
14:10  
so it is available for people who want  
14:13  
to comment on  
14:14  
the agenda items or non-agenda items so  
14:18  
i'll request a motion to open the floor  
14:20  
for public comment  
14:24  
okay all in favor  
14:25  
aye any opposed abstentions  
14:29  
okay all right the floor is open please  
14:31  
come to the mic you'll have three  
14:32  
minutes to speak  
14:34  
um again as usual please uh observe the  
14:38  
rules we've laid out before but not  
14:40  
addressing individual board members and  
14:42  
also understand that it's not  
14:43  
necessarily a question and answer  
14:45  
session right now um and if you do have  
14:47  
questions uh please avail yourself of  
14:49  
one of the other uh processes  
14:52  
we have a form you can you can send in  
14:54  
questions and also email anybody on the  
14:56  
board or the superintendent so with that  
14:59  
mic is open for public comment  
15:04  
oh and i'm sorry please state your name  
15:06  
and address or  
15:08  
street if you don't want to be specific  
15:10  
about this good good evening everyone  
15:12  
it's nice to be here in person i know  
15:14  
many of you from the zoom falls uh doug  
15:16  
mountain 141 pleasant valley avenue  
15:19  
um i just wanted to comment about the  
15:22  
process that took place tonight um we're  
15:25  
here at whatever time it is  
15:27  
um and  
15:29  
i know that dr alberti said that she  
15:31  
wanted to thank all the candidates for

15:32  
putting their names out there but i  
15:35  
don't know their names and members of  
15:36  
the public don't know their names so  
15:38  
this was a very transparent uh  
15:40  
non-transparent process from my  
15:42  
perspective  
15:43  
of the board met in secret in the  
15:46  
training room through the glass windows  
15:47  
that we could see all the applicants  
15:49  
walking in and out  
15:50  
um you know i won't disclose them here  
15:53  
but is there a reason why we're not  
15:55  
making this a public forum where we as  
15:58  
the public whom the new board members  
16:01  
represent  
16:02  
are able to know who they are or to hear  
16:04  
any of the deliberations that went on  
16:06  
you know it's almost nine o'clock we've  
16:07  
been here like two hours now um so we  
16:10  
don't know who applied we don't know  
16:13  
what they had to offer we don't know  
16:15  
any discussion that this board took into  
16:17  
account and now we're here and we just  
16:19  
see the finished sausage um so you know  
16:21  
i'm not i don't have a problem with  
16:23  
you know plugging by any means um it's  
16:26  
just i think it would be better if it's  
16:27  
done in the light of day um and should  
16:29  
have been an open process thanks  
16:32  
thanks for your comment  
16:35  
if you would like to follow up your  
16:36  
comment again like as i pointed out um  
16:39  
questions we don't answer questions here  
16:41  
but certainly if you'd like to follow up  
16:43  
with a email or filling out the online  
16:46  
form be happy to uh  
16:48  
to take your question there  
16:51



okay any other comments  
16:57  
all right  
16:58  
here  
17:08  
mm-hmm  
17:20  
okay  
17:21  
okay  
17:41  
please just start with your name and  
17:42  
address please  
18:00  
uh just  
18:09  
uh  
18:10  
quick question  
18:13  
and we don't do answers right  
18:15  
but when did we become  
18:17  
government schools  
18:20  
instead of public schools  
18:24  
that's my biggest question  
18:27  
and anybody on the board that has kids  
18:29  
would have that same question  
18:31  
right we've become government schools  
18:35  
stinks  
18:38  
we're getting in line we're not  
18:39  
protecting our kids anymore we're not  
18:42  
doing right by our kids  
18:44  
anymore the books in these schools stink  
18:48  
the public library stinks  
18:51  
when we're trying to teach a kid  
18:54  
how to identify at five years old  
18:56  
stinks  
18:59  
we gotta we gotta we gotta change and we  
19:02  
gotta be better and i think we can  
19:04  
right i think this board  
19:07  
can be better  
19:10  
so we gotta we have to do it because i'm  
19:12  
telling you right now  
19:13  
indoctrinating these kids thinking  
19:15  
master normal  
19:18  
to have them socially distance if it  
19:20  
wasn't for my son

19:22  
he would still be wearing a mask in his  
19:23  
classroom  
19:25  
his teacher wanted him to wear a mask in  
19:27  
a classroom i'm not going to call out  
19:28  
names it's already been settled  
19:31  
and quite frankly she's a really good  
19:32  
teacher  
19:33  
but  
19:34  
if it wasn't for my kid  
19:36  
to put his hand up and say i don't want  
19:38  
to wear a mask in group settings  
19:41  
after march 7th he would have still been  
19:43  
in a mask  
19:45  
not acceptable we can do better  
19:48  
right  
19:50  
dr volpe agree  
19:52  
[Music]  
19:55  
all right  
19:56  
come on  
19:57  
we asked please don't address any  
19:59  
individual person come come all right  
20:01  
with that come on  
20:03  
i've been i've been hearing uh long  
20:04  
enough come on i mean you guys know me  
20:06  
by now the bottom line is  
20:08  
i think we can do better for our  
20:10  
children and we have to  
20:12  
right we can't  
20:13  
like these books that like and you'll  
20:15  
see it like  
20:18  
in various school districts throughout  
20:19  
the state of new jersey  
20:21  
there are books  
20:23  
trying to teach my kids  
20:25  
about sexuality when they don't have to  
20:27  
be  
20:28  
given that until i decide to give that  
20:30

to them right so government schools see  
20:34  
you let's get back to public schools i  
20:36  
want to be the parent  
20:38  
public school where we actually have a  
20:41  
choice for our children  
20:43  
and i think we can get there  
20:45  
right i think we can get there  
20:48  
if you guys actually  
20:50  
open up and start thinking about the  
20:52  
kids first and not amount  
20:55  
not about how we get uh money given to  
20:58  
us into this district you know we accept  
21:01  
the stipend so  
21:03  
put the kids amiss let let's let's set  
21:05  
that aside  
21:07  
and start thinking about the kids first  
21:08  
it's time that we actually take our  
21:11  
public school district  
21:13  
what's that  
21:17  
thanks for taking time  
21:20  
hey good good job  
21:22  
good job i wish you i wish you did a  
21:24  
better job on the board anyway so let's  
21:27  
keep let's keep in perspective the kids  
21:29  
that's that's my my concept tonight  
21:31  
thank you very much  
21:33  
thanks for the comment  
21:35  
thanks for the microphone  
21:39  
any other  
21:42  
public comment  
21:44  
okay  
21:46  
not seeing or hearing anybody  
21:48  
approaching i will entertain a motion to  
21:50  
close public comment  
21:53  
all in favor  
21:55  
any opposed abstentions  
21:58  
all right  
21:59  
so i then will entertain a motion for

22:02

adjournment

22:07

second all right all in favor

22:09

abstentions opposed all right thank you

22:13

everybody

22:14

and uh have a pleasant reminder of your

22:17

evening take care