

May 19, 2015

The regular meeting of the Montgomery Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the District Administrative Board Room on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, with Mr. Adam Diggan, Board President, presiding.

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A Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was then led by the Board President.

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### **ROLL CALL**

The following members being present at the time of roll call: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

Also present were: Mrs. Daphne L. Bowers, District Superintendent  
Mr. Grant S. Evangelisti, Secretary/Business Manager  
Mr. Michael L. Prowant, Jr/Sr. High School Principal  
Mr. Joseph G. Stoudt, Dir. of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology  
Mr. Jason M. Rupert, Athletic Director  
Mrs. Karen S. Snyder, Elementary Principal  
Mr. Thomas C. Marshall, District Solicitor

And 3 interested citizens.

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Mr. Diggan announced that the Board held an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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### **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mrs. Budman, approving the minutes of the April 21, 2015 Regular Meeting, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Dieffenderfer, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2015, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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The Board then reviewed the Budget Summary, Sick Leave Statement and the Student Activities Report for the month of April 2015.

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Upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, approving the Profit and Loss Report from Nutrition, Inc. for the month of March 2015, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, approving the Bills Payable list for the month of April 2015, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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### **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

None at this time.

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### **REPORTS**

None at this time.

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### **REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**

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### **NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

None at this time.

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### **ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION OR ACTION**

### **FINANCE**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the adoption of the District's Proposed Final General Fund Budget Resolution for the 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: Mr. Spizzirri.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the 2015-2016 Tax Resolution supporting the 2015-2016 Proposed Final General Fund Budget.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: Mr. Spizzirri.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Board President, a motion was made by Mrs. Budman, seconded by Mr. Diggan, to re-elect Mr. Gary Yocum as Board Treasurer for the 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Board President, a motion was made by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to appoint the firm of Daniel Rogers, CPA, PC, Certified Public Accountant as District Auditor for the 2014-2015 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the Agreement between the Montgomery Area School District and the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit #16 for Computer Services supporting the student information and financial systems for 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve a Technology Service Agreement between the Montgomery Area School District and Intermediate Unit #17 for the 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the transfer of \$300,000 from the General Fund Committed Fund Balance to the Capital Reserve Fund, as attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the replacement of a hot water coil for the elementary HVAC unit at a cost of \$4,570, to be paid out of the Capital Reserve Fund.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the Eidex Focus Subscriber License Agreement, effective July 1, 2015 and to continue through June 30, 2018, at a maintenance cost of \$3,000 per school year, as per attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the two-year Linkage Agreement between Community Servicers Group and the Montgomery Area School District, as per attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the E-rate Letter of Agency for funding years 2016-2020.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve a request from the American Legion Post 251, to use the auditorium in the event of inclement weather for their Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve a request from BLaST IU #17, Early Intervention, to use an elementary classroom on July 13, 16 and August 3, 6, 10, 2015 from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. on Mondays and 9:00 – 12:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, as per attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve a request from the Montgomery Independent Football League, to use the football practice field for practices and the Football Complex for games, August 10 – November 22, 2015. This approval is conditional upon the event that the district is in need of the facilities.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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### **TRANSPORTATION**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the addition of Ms. Dana Rishel as a bus driver for Mowery Transportation for the 2014-2015 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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### **POLICY**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the second reading of revisions to Policy 239: Foreign Exchange Programs, as attached.



AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 307: Student Teachers/Interns, as attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 609: Investment of District Funds, as attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy 819: Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, as attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr.

Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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### **CURRICULUM**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mrs. Budman, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the tentative list of graduating seniors for the Class of 2015.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR**

None at this time.

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### **ATHLETICS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the following as coaches for the 2015-2016 school year with two separate motions, as follows:

#### **Varsity Football**

DJ Flick	Asst. Coach	\$2,675
Dale Shaffer	Asst. Coach	\$2,850
Joshua Treibley	Asst. Coach	\$2,500

#### **Junior High Football:**

Ty Drick	Jr. High Head Coach	\$2,250
Sean Ross	Jr. High Asst. Coach	\$2,250

Chris Evangelini	Volunteer	
<u>Varsity Golf:</u>		
John Cloud	Head Coach	\$2,650
Kash Bartlow	Volunteer	
<u>Girls Varsity Tennis</u>		
Chip Deem	Head Coach	\$4,050
Tanya Deem	Asst. Coach	\$2,600
<u>Girls Varsity Soccer</u>		
Kevin Bittenbender	Head Coach	\$4,275
Jeremy Stetler	Asst. Coach	\$1,338
Todd Winder	Asst. Coach	\$1,338
<u>Boys Varsity Soccer</u>		
Phil St. James	Head Coach	\$5,075
Allan Bartlett	Asst. Coach	\$3,148
<u>Varsity Cheerleading</u>		
Robbie Showers	Head Coach	\$2,677
Jennifer Metzger	Asst. Coach	\$1,000
Jill Ulrich	Volunteer	

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the following as a coach for the 2015-2016 school year:

<u>Varsity Football</u>		
Tom Persing	Head Coach	\$5,000

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: Mrs. Budman and Mr. Spizzirri.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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**PERSONNEL**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Yocum, to approve the following part-time summer custodians, pending the receipt of all necessary paperwork: Dillon Laidacker, Brittany Hipple, Kaitlyn Hipple, Sergei Cole, Rachel Hite, Lisa Gray, Tina Ayers, Brenda Grab and Jessica Scampone.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the addition of Maria Robertson to the Cafeteria, Secretarial and Para-Professional Substitute Lists for the 2014-2015 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Rev. Baker, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to regretfully accept the agreement in lieu of the Act 93 and Letter of Intent to Retire from Junior/Senior High School Principal Mr. Michael L. Prowant, effective June 26, 2015, after 37 years of service to the District.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Rev. Baker, seconded by Mr. Spizzirri, to regretfully accept the resignation due to retirement from Mrs. Lucinda Hecknauer as an Elementary Para-Professional, effective June 4, 2015, after 28 years of service to the District.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the attached list of parent volunteers with current, state-mandated clearances.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**      **OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

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**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**      **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Paul Stryker, Board Member, Brady Township, inquired if all students should not be included at the Senior Awards Night Banquet.

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## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Mr. Stoudt updated the Board on curriculum, instruction and technology issues.

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Mr. Prowant updated the Board on ongoing events in the secondary schools.

### **ATHLETIC INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Mr. Rupert updated the Board on ongoing athletic issues.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Snyder updated the Board on ongoing elementary issues.

### **DISTRICT INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Bowers updated the Board on ongoing events within the district.

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## **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

Mrs. Milissa Treibley, Clinton Township, briefly spoke to the Board regarding the Montgomery Area Independent Football League.

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, June 16, 2015    7:00 p.m.            Montgomery Administrative Board Room**  
Regular Board Meeting  
All Board Members  
All Administration  
The Public

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Mr. Diggan announced that the Board would meet in Executive Session, immediately following the adjournment of this meeting to discuss personnel issues.

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Upon the recommendation of the Board President, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Spizzirri, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mrs. Budman, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mr. Diggan.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Johnson.

ABSTAINED: None.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Grant S. Evangelisti, Board Secretary