**MEMBERS PRESENT: DEIRDRE BURNS (dep. 5:15 pm)**

**PAUL SLAYTON**

**ELISSA CASCIO (dep. 5:40 pm)**

**MARK FLEISCHHAUER**

**KAREN HATTER**

**LAURIE RICH**

**DIANE KANTAROS**

**OTHERS PRESENT: JOSEPH PHELAN (dep. 5:20 pm)**

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Burns called the Special Meeting to order at 5:14 pm.

**Motion** by Fleischhauer, seconded by Cascio, the Board voted to appoint Paul Slayton as Clerk Pro Tempore.

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Slayton, Cascio, Rich, Hatter, Fleischhauer, Kantaros); 0 NAY;**

**0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

(President Burns recused herself and departed the meeting at 5:15 pm.)

**2.0 Executive Session**

**Motion** by Rich, seconded by Cascio, the Board voted to move into Executive Session at 5:15 pm for the purpose of discussion of matters made excempt under federal law, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

**VOTE: 7 AYE (Burns, Slayton, Cascio, Rich, Hatter, Fleischhauer, Kantaros);**

**0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN; 0 ABSENT**

**MOTION CARRIED**

(Mr. Phelan was excused by the Board and departed the meeting at 5:20 pm.)

(Mrs. Cascio departed the meeting at 5:40 pm.)

**Motion** by Rich, seconded by Fleischhauer, the Board voted to return to Regular Session at 7:15 pm.

**VOTE: 5 AYE (Slayton, Rich, Hatter, Fleischhauer, Kantaros); 0 NAY; 0 ABSTAIN;**

**2 ABSENT (Burns, Cascio)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**3.0 Action Items**

**3.1 Motion** by Hatter, seconded by Fleischhauer, the Board voted to adopt the following resolution:

**Whereas** the Board of Education expresses its desire to have policies that provide teaching and learning opportunities for students, allow for dialogue between students and adults, and for contextual understanding of student actions as well as progressive discipline, and

**Whereas** the Board of Education is responsible for creating consistent and educationally sound policies, with appropriate guidance for administrators, and

**Whereas** the Board of Education believes that the District’s administrators have consistently, faithfully and fairly implemented those policies, including in this situation, and

**Whereas** several members of the Varsity Boys Soccer team recently have been suspended from participating in soccer matches for violating Board policy #5305, and

**Whereas** the incident involving the Varsity Boys soccer team on September 10th had unique and extenuating circumstances, and

**Whereas** this policy was not conceived with this sort of extenuating circumstance in mind, and

**Whereas** the Board believes these students have learned valuable lessons from the event, and

**Whereas** the suspended athletes have already sat out one (1) game of a three (3) game suspension,

**Be it resolved** that the Board of Education deems that a two (2) game suspension is appropriate in this instance, and

**Be it further resolved** that the suspension not be calculated as a first offense, until such time as Board of Education policy #5305 be subject to a complete review and possible revision, and

**Be it further resolved** that an educational workshop on learning how to handle difficult situations be provided by the District and required of the entire Varsity Boys Soccer team before the end of the current soccer season.

**VOTE: 5 AYE (Slayton, Rich, Hatter, Fleischhauer, Kantaros); 0 NAY;**

**0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Burns, Cascio)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**4.0 Adjournment**

**Motion** by Rich, seconded by Fleischhauer, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

**VOTE: 5 AYE (Slayton, Rich, Hatter, Fleischhauer, Kantaros); 0 NAY;**

**0 ABSTAIN; 2 ABSENT (Burns, Cascio)**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Todisco

District Clerk

Paul Slayton

Clerk Pro Tempore