

MISSION STATEMENT

The East Stroudsburg Area School District fosters within all students a commitment to excellence, service, and life-long learning, which prepares students to be creative, productive and responsible citizens with a global perspective.

VISION STATEMENT

The East Stroudsburg Area School District supports all students on their path to success and values their rich diversity. Our dynamic programs are delivered by high-quality educators who utilize all the tools at their disposal, and collaborate with home and community, in order to deepen everyone's passion for lifelong learning.

EAST STROUDSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPOINTING AN ACTING SUPERINTENDENT

June 4, 2024 – 5:30 P.M.
Carl T. Secor Administration Building
and Via Zoom

Minutes

- I. **President, Michael Catrillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.** Board Secretary, Patricia Rosado called the roll.

Board Members present at the Administration Center Board Room were: George Andrews, Rebecca Bear (via Zoom), Ann Catrillo, Michael Catrillo, Jason Gullstrand, Keith Karkut, Debbie Kulick, Wayne Rohner, and Richard Schlameuss.

- II. **School personnel present in the Board Room:** Peter Bard, Steve Booth, Joe Formica, Patricia Rosado, and Steve Zall. Christopher Brown, Solicitor.

School personnel attended via Zoom: Patricia Turner.

- III. **Community members present in the Board Room:** Larry Dymond and Margaret Muth.

Community members attended via Zoom: None.

- IV. **WELCOMING OF GUESTS**

Mr. Catrillo said welcome to all who are here tonight. If you are here in person, please sign the sheet that is outside the doors.

- V. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to adopt this agenda for June 4, 2024, as submitted. Motion was seconded by Keith Karkut and carried unanimously, 9-0.

- VI. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Limited to comments on this agenda by residents and taxpayers of the school district (3 min. ea.)

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. PERSONNEL

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Keith Karkut to appoint Dr. John Toleno as Acting Superintendent effective June 10, 2024, pursuant to the Agreement as presented. Motion was seconded by Debbie Kulick and carried unanimously, 9-0.

Mr. Michael Catrillo said we are excited to have Dr. Toleno with us. He will be with us for the time being until a new Superintendent can be appointed. The posting is up for the new Superintendent. We are working with the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. That posting will be up for several weeks. There will be interviews at the end of July and we hope to have an appointment of the new Superintendent at the August Board meeting. Depending on how quickly that person can start, Dr. Toleno will stay with us until the new Superintendent can begin. Again, we are excited to have him with us. Dr. Riker's official last day for us will be this Friday and Dr. Toleno will begin on Monday. Mr. Karkut said, Mr. President, the public survey is live. Mr. Catrillo said we have a public survey from PSBA and you as parents and staff, received a Connect Ed. The link is also in the picture section of the East Stroudsburg Area website. We ask that all members of the community, staff and parents take some time to give us your input. We are very interested in what you have to say as far as the needs for a new Superintendent, the characteristics, the attributes, and the important issues. We very much want to work with the community and staff and include you as part of the process. The survey will be live through at least mid-July. It would probably take you about 5 to 10 minutes to do. It's not very time consuming. We are excited to be moving forward.

ACTION BY THE BOARD:

Motion was made by Debbie Kulick to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Jason Gullstrand and carried unanimously, 9-0.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT 5:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia L. Rosado
Board Secretary