

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SPECIAL SERVICES SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE  
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY OF THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Special Services School District and The Institute of Technology of The County of Burlington was held in Virtual Format via Zoom Conference Call on Thursday, October 22, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice President Paula Lee, followed by the flag salute.

**BOARD REMARKS:** Vice President Paula Lee requested a moment of silence for deceased former Board President, Robert Silcox. Ms. Lee remarked on the multiple and priceless contributions Mr. Silcox had offered as he served on the Board of Education and to the Burlington County community for more than 40 years. The Board thanked Mr. Silcox's family for his involvement and offered their condolences.

Andrew Willmott, Board Secretary, stated that this meeting was in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and that this was a public meeting.

**Public Attendance:** Public did attend the virtual meeting.

**Oath of Office New Board Member:** Andrew Willmott administered the Oath of Office to new Board member, Mr. Robert Brittain.

**Roll Call:** Andrew Willmott, Board Secretary, called the roll:

Robert Brittain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Anna Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Leon E. Jones, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Lorene Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michelle Parker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Paula E. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Daryl Minus-Vincent Ex. County Supt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

**Election of Officers:**

Vice President Paula Lee requested nominations for the President position vacated by Mr. Robert Silcox.

Ms. Anna Evans nominated Ms. Paula Lee as President. Mr. Leon Jones seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:** Andrew Willmott, Board Secretary, called the roll:

Robert Brittain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Anna Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Leon E. Jones, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Lorene Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michelle Parker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Paula E. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Daryl Minus-Vincent Ex. County Supt	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recused

President Paula Lee requested nominations for the Vice President position recently vacated.

Ms. Lee nominated Mr. Leon Jones as Vice President and Ms. Moore seconded the motion.

**Roll Call:** Andrew Willmott, Board Secretary, called the roll:

Robert Brittain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Anna Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Leon E. Jones, Jr.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Lorene Moore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michelle Parker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Paula E. Lee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Daryl Minus-Vincent Ex. County Supt	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recused

### **Public Comments**

Ms. Christine Hewitt, President of BCSSSD Education Association (EA) congratulated all new officers and the new Board member and spoke to the BCSSSDEA's gratitude of Robert Silcox's leadership on the Board of Education. The Board thanked Ms. Hewitt for her comments.

Ms. Asha Carroll of 18 Paxton Street Mt. Holly, NJ offered congratulations to the new Board officers and the new Board member. Ms. Carroll introduced herself as an advocate for students in Mt. Holly. Ms. Carroll expressed her concern for equity of students in all counties. Ms. Carroll requested the Board make equity for students a priority, especially during the COVID 19 crisis.

Dr. Nagy addressed Ms. Carroll and thanked her for her comments. Dr. Nagy commented on the fact that the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education supported the creation of an Assistant Superintendent for Equity and Diversity and hired Dr. Ashanti Holley for this role in turn, there was a new Equity Task Force created for the district with the goal to address vertical and horizontal articulation across both districts regarding equity and diversity. Dr. Nagy asked Dr. Holley if she could invite Ms. Carroll to the Equity Task Force conversation.

### **Board Remarks:**

Mr. Brittain thanked and expressed his interest in working with the Board.

Ms. Evans congratulated Mr. Brittain on his appointment to the Board of Education, Ms. Lee to her new role as President and Mr. Jones on his new role as Vice President..

Mr. Jones echoed comments previously made on Mr. Silcox and commented how Mr. Silcox had raised both districts to a higher standard. Mr. Jones remarked that Mr. Silcox was a gentleman's gentleman. Mr. Jones congratulated Ms. Lee.

Mr. Minus-Vincent remarked that in his memory, Mr. Silcox will always be Mr. Silcox, never Bob. Mr. Minus-Vincent congratulated the new member of the Board and new officers also thanked Ms. Carroll for her comments.

Ms. Moore welcomed Mr. Brittain to the best board in the county. Ms. Moore expressed her sorrow for the loss of Mr. Silcox as he had made quite an impact on BCSSSD and BCIT.

Ms. Parker expressed her appreciation for working with the Board and her disappointment of not being able to have worked with Mr. Robert Silcox. Ms. Parker thanked Ms. Carroll for her comments.

**Superintendent Remarks:**

Dr. Nagy congratulated Ms. Lee for her appointment as president and Mr. Jones for his appointment as vice president. Dr. Nagy commented on the Board's contributions to the school district and thanked all for their support and thanked Mr. Brittain for his acceptance on joining the Board. Dr. Nagy posthumously thanked Mr. Robert Silcox for his contributions.

**Adjournment**

Since there was no further business, President Lee asked for a motion to adjourn. On a motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Ms. Moore. The Board adjourned at 9:25 a.m. with the next meeting to be on October 29, 2020 virtual platform at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew C. Willmott  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator