

April 7, 2016

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY**

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 in the Wilson School Board Meeting Room beginning at 7:00 PM. Those present: Ms. Kalin, presiding, Ms. Chang, Ms. Colbert, Mr. Dietze, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Hanley, and Ms. McCann.

Also present were Mr. Chang, Superintendent, Dr. Glazer, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Pepe, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary, and Mr. Block, Director of Human Resources. There were 8 members of the public in the audience.

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION

The following notice was presented:

Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kalin spoke about the following:

- SEF Reception on April 21st - To celebrate 30 extraordinary years, SEF will host a reception prior to the April 21st Board meeting at SHS. All are welcome to attend.
- Special Education Presentation on April 21 - Sandra Gogerty, Union County Supervisor of Child Study, and Dr. Jane Kachmar-Desonne, will present at the April 21st meeting. Sandra will discuss procedures and protocols of the special education process. Dr. Kachmar-Desonne will present the highlights and services of Summit's special education programs.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:

- **Scholar Athletes** - Three of our SHS student athletes were recognized as Scholar Athletes recently. Callie Humphrey was named NJSIAA Scholar Athlete. Robert Faris and Caitlin Osmulski were named Union County Scholar Athletes. Each Scholar Athlete must be a graduating senior, have a GPA higher than 3.0, must participate in one varsity sports and have exhibited outstanding school and community citizenship.
- **SHS Open Mic** - Lili Arkin spearheads the SHS poetry club and has been hosting Open Mic events throughout the year. At today's event, students and teachers read original or favorite poems. Mayor Nora Radest stopped by and read a poem as well.
- **Multicultural Day at Jefferson**
- **Pre-K** - Mrs. Shire's pre-k students studied various kinds of rocks and fossils for two weeks. They worked on projects showing rock varieties and today, parents visited their

- Rock Museum for children-led tours to learn about sedimentary rocks and dinosaur fossils
- **All City Music Masters** - Today, LCJSMS hosted the 2016 All-City Music Masters Showcase. This will feature a band, orchestra, and chorus student musician from each school in the district.
- **Living Voices at Lincoln-Hubbard** - This program returned on Monday, April 4th, presenting two programs; one for fifth graders and one for first through fourth. The programs were brought to the school through the PTO.
 - "Through the Eyes of a Friend" focused on friendship and survival, during the Holocaust.
 - "Island Hope—A Journey Through Ellis Island" focused on the struggle to escape oppression and discover life at Ellis Island during its busiest years, through the eyes of a young Russian girl.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on April 21, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee – Ms. Colbert stated the committee met on April 5th. Items discussed include: Student support services; Greenhouse Project; Holocaust study tour
- B. Operations Committee – No report
- C. Policy Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on March 31st. Policies discussed include: HS Graduation Option II; Board Meetings; Health & Phys Ed; Athletic Competition; Student Residency
- D. Communications Committee – No report
- E. Negotiations Committee - No report
- F. Liaison Reports: Ms. McCann reported on the UCESC meeting – topics included the BMW sponsorship of West Lake School; programs at Overlook Hospital for work force placement. Ms. Colbert reported on the Mayor’s Forum on Diversity meeting she attended with Ms. Kalin – topics included exploring new opportunities to expand awareness of other cultures. Ms. Colbert reported on the Speak Up Summit meeting she attended on March 22. Mr. Dietze reported on the Joint Fields Meeting he attended with Ms. Kalin and Mr. Pepe as well as the Sustainable Summit meeting he attended.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no questions from the public.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The items listed under Approval of Board Minutes on the agenda were presented to the Board.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on April 21, 2016.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATION

The items listed under School Board Operation on the agenda were presented to the Board.

Mr. Hanley moved approval of the following item under School Board Operation:

- D. Approval of Special Education Settlement Contract between Summit Board of Education and parents of student #6406899624 per attorney recommendation

Motion was seconded by Mr. Dietze. The roll was called and all present voted “Aye.” The motion was declared adopted.

After discussion, there was consensus that the remaining items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on April 21, 2016.

PERSONNEL

The items listed under Personnel on the agenda were presented to the Board.

Mr. Hanley moved approval of the following items under Personnel:

- A. Approval to appoint DeAnna Nelson as a long-term substitute teacher, effective March 14, 2016, end date to be determined, \$225/day
- F. Approval to appoint Andrea Manzo-Rivera as a Wilson Primary Center kindergarten aide, Aide Step 3, \$33,074 (prorated), effective March 29, 2016

Motion was seconded by Mr. Freeman. The roll was called and all present voted “Aye.” The motion was declared adopted.

After discussion, there was consensus that the remaining items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on April 21, 2016.

POLICIES

There were no policies on the agenda.

FINANCE

Items listed under Finance on the agenda were presented to the Board.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on April 21, 2016.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time, Ms. Kalin stated that the Board would now go into executive session and asked that the appropriate resolution be presented. The following resolution was then presented:

A. That it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Thursday, April 7, 2016 to discuss:

1. Personnel

B. That the matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Mr. Freeman, and carried to Executive Session at 8:06 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:58 PM.

Mr. Hanley moved approval of the following items under Personnel:

N. Approval of the resignation for purposes of retirement of Ann Maria Flynn effective July 1, 2016

Motion was seconded by Mr. Freeman. The roll was called and all present voted "Aye." The motion was declared adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Chang, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary