

February 11, 2016

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 11, 2016 in the Wilson School Board Meeting Room beginning at 7:00 PM. Those present: Ms. Kalin, presiding, Ms. Chang, Mr. Dietze, Mr. Hanley, and Ms. McCann. Ms. Colbert was absent, Ms. Chang departed at 9:24 PM, and Mr. Freeman arrived at 7:35 PM and departed at 9:00 PM.

Also present were Mr. Chang, Superintendent, Dr. Glazer, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Pepe, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary, Dr. Kachmar-Desonne, Director of Special Services, and Mr. Block, Director of Human Resources. There were 22 people 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.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

1. Technology Budget Presentation – Mr. Doug Orr

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kalin spoke about the following:

- Availability of board meetings via telephone has been discontinued due to technical issues; videotapes of the meetings will continue to be available soon after each meeting
- "Hearts for Hope" project sponsored by the Summit Principals Association to benefit Carol Hassert, Secretary to Paul Sears
- Sankova Festival to be held at Summit High School on February 19<sup>th</sup>
- Speak Up Summit's "State of the District" meeting was well attended

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:

- Parking at Summit HS – switch over of first half to second half
- Special BOE Budget Workshop Meeting will be held on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 PM – action may or may not be taken
- End of NCLB – switch to Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on February 18, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee – Ms. Colbert was absent and the report will be given at the February 18 Regular Meeting
- B. Operations Committee – Mr. Dietze stated the committee met on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed include: Fiscal Year 2017 budget; 2016-2017 Full
- C. Policy Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Policies discussed include: High School Graduation & Option 2; Substance Abuse Regulation
- D. Communications Committee – Mr. Hanley stated the committee met on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed include: Update on website development and rollout schedule; overview of the technology 1:1 initiative and impact on instruction and learning; opportunities to highlight district diversity; draft of “Telling the Summit Story”
- E. Negotiations Committee - No report
- F. Liaison Reports: No reports

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Councilwoman Lizza stated since the city’s schools take up 50% of the tax bill, the board should reduce its expenditures to reduce resident tax burden.

Ms. Kruffusz, Jefferson School PTO president, warned reductions in staffing could turn back progress made in standardized testing for students whose second language is English.

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 February 18, 2016.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATION

The items listed under School Board Operation 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 February 18, 2016.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Dietze moved the following under Personnel:

- B. Approval to appoint Steven Baldwin, high school long-term substitute teacher (medical), \$225/day, effective February 8, 2016

Seconded by Mr. Hanley. 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 February 18, 2016.

POLICIES

Items listed under Policies 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 February 18, 2016.

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 February 18, 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, February 11, 2016 to discuss:

1. Personnel – H.S. Assistant Principal Search

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. Dietze, seconded by Mr. Hanley, and carried to Executive Session at 9:25 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:41 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Mr. Hanley, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary