

March 12, 2018

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, March 12, 2018 in the Summit High School Library/Media Center beginning at 7:14 PM. Those present: Mr. Hanley, presiding, Mr. Bonner, Mr. Dietze, Ms. McCann, Ms. Miller, Ms. Primack, and Ms. Wong.

Also present were Mr. Chang, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Pepe, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary, and Ms. Sarno, Assistant Business Administrator. There were 10 people in the audience.

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION

The following 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.

2018-2019 ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Ms. Primack asked how PARCC testing is impacting the budget. Mr. Chang responded.

Mr. Bonner asked what the largest capital outlay is anticipated to be in the next few years. Mr. Chang and Mr. Pepe responded.

Mr. Dietze thanked the Operations Committee and the Business Office for their work on the budget. He asked about the possibility of shared services with other districts to cut costs. Mr. Chang and Mr. Pepe responded.

Ms. McCann thanked her fellow Operations Committee members, Ms. Miller and Ms. Wong.

Ms. Miller also thanked the other members of the Operations Committee and asked about security in the schools. Mr. Chang responded.

Mr. Hanley asked what contingency plans are in place if we do not get a favorable health renewal in the future. Mr. Chang and Mr. Pepe responded. He spoke about the three contracts that have been settled with the SEA, SPA and SSA - and the investment in our staff. Mr. Hanley thanked the Ops Committee, Business Office, administrators and staff. He asked for a progress report on the district's learning workshop. Mr. Chang responded.

Mr. Dietze commented on how lucky we are as a district to have the community organizations support the schools as they do. Mr. Chang and Mr. Pepe responded.

Mr. Pepe thanked Kathy Sarno, Assistant Business Administrator, for her hard work during the budget process.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Gould asked what the plan is for universal full-day kindergarten. Mr. Chang responded.

Mr. McTernan thanked all involved with the budget process. He asked what the percentage differences are from last year. Mr. Pepe responded. He then asked for clarification on the bonding issue with the city regarding future capital projects. Also, he asked for a clarification of the cost of supplies. Mr. Pepe responded.

President Hanley then asked Mr. Chang to communicate to the community his thoughts regarding the "walk-out" movement. Mr. Chang gave his comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Bonner, seconded by Ms. McCann, and carried in a roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary