

January 12, 2017

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY**

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 in the Wilson School Board Meeting Room beginning at 7:00 PM. Those present: Mr. Dietze, presiding, Mr. Bonner, Ms. Chang, Mr. George, Mr. Hanley, Ms. McCann, and Ms. Primack.

Also present were Mr. Chang, Superintendent, Mr. Pepe, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary, Dr. Kachmar-Desonne, Director of Special Services, Mr. Block, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Ambrose, Director of Elementary Education, and Ms. Masbang, Assistant Business Administrator. There were 14 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 Dietze spoke about the following:

- Welcomed and wished a happy new year to all those in attendance
- Encouraged attendance at the January 19<sup>th</sup> meeting for presentations – National Merit Scholars' presentation of books to their favorite teachers & greenhouse/culinary arts presentation by Jennifer Ambrose, Director of Elementary Education and EI Associates
- Upcoming kindergarten registration on February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- High School-hosted HISPA event
- Developments on the district website giving a shout-out to students and educators

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:

- Buddy Classes at Franklin School
- Technology events at LCJSMS
- LCJSMS teacher Jacek Lodziato won first place in a NEWSOLA contest
- Jefferson School hosted Lisa Athan – who spoke about supporting children through challenging life events
- Brayton School grade 4 & 5 National Geography Bee tomorrow
- Washington School Multicultural event, "World Dance"
- Health Care Career Fair on January 27<sup>th</sup>

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on January 19, 2017.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed include: Dr. Kachmar-Desonne’s discussion regarding special education topics such as CPAC; new course proposals; greenhouse initiative and upcoming presentation
- B. Operations Committee – Mr. Hanley stated the committee met on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed include: budget process and deadlines; budget presentations; staffing needs; employee health care; greenhouse update
- C. Policy Committee – Mr. George stated the committee met on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed include: mandated district policies and discussion with Strauss Esmay
- D. Communications Committee – Ms. Chang stated the committee met on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed include: registration system coming online the end of February
- E. Negotiations Committee - No report
- F. Liaison Reports
  - SEF – Ms. Chang attending the SEF meeting and saw an excellent presentation by the district Hispanic Liaison; upcoming “Spring Time to Excellence” fundraiser on March 11<sup>th</sup> at the Elks Club

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Willecke had questions related to HIB issues and guidelines. Mr. Chang responded.

Mr. Skitson asked about the full day kindergarten program. Mr. Chang responded.

Ms. Wilson and Mr. Wattick asked questions about state funding. Mr. Chang and Mr. Pepe responded.

### 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 January 19, 2017.

### 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 January 19, 2017.

### PERSONNEL

Mr. Hanley moved the following under Personnel:

- A. Approval to appoint the following new staff, pending criminal history review and

Ability to obtain NJ teaching certification:

3. Kathleen Murphy, Confidential Secretary, Board of Education Office, \$59,500 (prorated), effective March 1, 2017 or earlier if released from current contract
- C. Approval of the following Change of Assignments:
4. Rachel Petrella, from Substitute to Long-Term Substitute Aide, Jefferson Primary Center, \$175/day, effective January 11, 2017
  5. Tim Lynch, from Substitute to Long-Term Substitute Aide, Wilson Primary Center, \$175/day, effective January 9, 2017
  6. Giselle Dodeles, from Substitute to (.5) Inclusion Aide, Wilson Primary Center, Aide-Step 1, \$16,066 (prorated), effective January 9, 2017

Motion was seconded by Ms. McCann. 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 January 19, 2017.

#### POLICIES

Mr. George moved the following under Policies:

##### **Second Reading**

P 2415.30 Title I – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

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

#### 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 January 19, 2017.

#### CLOSED SESSION

At this time, Mr. Dietze 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, January 12, 2017 to discuss:

1. Personnel – Mid-year Review of Non-tenured Staff

B. That the matters 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 Ms. Chang, seconded by Mr. Bonner, and carried to Executive Session at 8:46 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:36 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. McCann, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L. Lopez', is written in a cursive style.

Secretary