BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 in the Wilson School Board Meeting Room beginning at 7:37 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. Kachnar-Desonne, Director of Special Services, Mr. Block, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Ambrose, Director of Elementary Education, and Ms. D’Acunto, Director of Secondary Education. There were 4 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:
- Upcoming school schedule
- SHS College & Career Night
- National Red Ribbon Week
- Summit High School’s Play “You Can’t Take It With You” – November 17, 18 & 19
- Summit’s Scholar Athletes

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:
- Spanish Club’s “Dia de los Muertos”
- Author, Todd Parr’s visit to Franklin School
- SHS’s Word! Club
- SHS Peer Leaders
- Presentation to 7th graders by The N.J. Frontier Guard

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on November 17, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on November 3rd. Items discussed include: Grade 8 BSI data; ELL programs; 2017-2018 SY calendar; Gifted & Talented programs; Holocaust program
B. Operations Committee – Mr. Hanley stated the committee met on November 2nd. Items discussed include: FY 2015-2016 audit; Assistant Business Administrator search; FY 2017-2018 budget preparation

C. Policy Committee – Mr. George stated the committee met on November 3rd. Items discussed include: policies on substance abuse, electronic communications, employment contracts, student teachers/interns

D. Communications Committee – No report

E. Negotiations Committee - No report

F. Liaison Reports
   • SEF – Ms. Chang covered Partners’ Night; fall grant cycle; meeting with the Curriculum Directors
   • UCESC – Ms. Primack reporting on the meeting highlights, events, and programs
   • Mayor’s Forum on Diversity – Ms. McCann reported on the last meeting
   • CHAT – Ms. McCann reported on an upcoming special event on November 6th

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There was no discussion.

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 November 17, 2016.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATION

Ms. Primack moved the following under School Board Operation:

M. Approval of an out-of-state field trip to The Metropolitan Museum of Art for 52 high school students and 4 chaperones on November 16, 2016

Motion was seconded by Mr. Bonner. 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 November 17, 2016.

PERSONNEL

The items listed under Personnel 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 November 17, 2016.
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No items listed under Policies.

Financial

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 November 17, 2016.

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, October 13, 2016 to discuss:

1. Personnel – Assistant Business Administrator Position

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. McCann, seconded by Ms. Chang, and carried to Executive Session at 8:30 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:56 PM.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Ms. Chang, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Secretary