

March 9, 2017

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 in the Summit H.S. Library/Media Center beginning at 7:35 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, Dr. Block, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Ambrose, Director of Elementary Education, and Ms. Masbang, Assistant Business Administrator. There were 3 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.

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, March 9, 2017 to discuss:

1. Legal – Special Education Matter – Student #6652530824

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 Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. McCann, and carried to Executive Session at 7:39 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:15 PM.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Dietze spoke about the following:

- Tonight's budget presentation by Mr. Chang & Mr. Pepe
- Negotiations Committee update – good progress being made
- New Director of Secondary Education to be appointed at the March 16th meeting
- Success of Summit H.S. musical, "*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*"
- Congratulations to senior Cecily Stabler who was highlighted in the March issue of *Sports Illustrated*
- District events during Read Across American Week
- Upcoming Summit Arts Festival on March 24th

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:

- District to honor five Merit Scholars
- Summit H.S. junior Donnell Williams is the third student highlighted on the district website
- Hoops for Humanity at LCJSMS raised over \$6,150 for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital
- Nearly 100 young inventors (grades 3-5) participated in the “Invention Convention”
- Summit Step Team “Genesis” – took 3rd place in Regionals and advances to Nationals in Hershey Park, PA. Home competition on March 18th at Summit H.S. – all are welcome!
- Asked Mr. Pepe to speak on today’s bid openings – both came in under budget

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on March 16, 2017.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on March 8th. Items discussed include: guidance update from Laura Kaplan, Director of Guidance; LCJSMS Principal Damen Cooper gave an update on how the two new MS Assistant Principals are doing; Lynette Diaz gave an update on programming with focus on college planning and college application process
- B. Operations Committee – No report
- C. Policy Committee – No report
- D. Communications Committee – Ms. Chang stated the committee met on March 8th. Items discussed include: Dr. Scarpello, Athletics Director, attended and discussed the athletics program; discussions about how to best communicate with students about athletics information such as schedules, forms
- E. Negotiations Committee - No report
- F. Liaison Reports
 - Mr. Bonner reported on the Union County School Boards Association – will attend the next meeting and report to the board
 - Mr. Dietze attended the SEF meeting
 - Mr. Pepe stated he will be attending the Suburban Chamber of Commerce dinner on March 22nd where they will be honoring Davie Dietze

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Mr. Hanley commended Dr. Block for attaining his doctorate degree.

Mr. Bonner said he attended the H.S. musical; he commended SHS Principal Grimaldi on the excellence of the program.

Mr. Hanley congratulated J.J. Stewart, tonight’s student videographer, for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Ms. Primack attended the performance of the 5th grade Honors Band and congratulated all on the great performance.

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 March 16, 2017.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATION

Mr. Hanley moved the following under School Board Operation:

G. ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET 2017-2018

Emergency Reserve Account Withdrawal

RESOLVED that the Summit City Board of Education requests the approval of an emergency reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$395,086. The district intends to use these funds as follows: paging system replacement at Summit H.S. \$109,703; automated lock-down notification system at all schools \$236,050; security camera replacements at LCJSMS \$49,333.

Adoption of Tentative Budget 2017-2018

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2017-2018 School Year and sent to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools in accordance with the statutory deadline for review and approval:

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUES	DEBT SERVICE	TOTAL
2017-2018 Total Expenditures	\$68,443,494	\$ 1,016,314	0	\$69,459,808
Less Anticipated Revenues	4,879,812	\$ 1,016,314	0	5,896,126
Local Tax Levy to be Raised	\$63,563,682	0	0	\$63,563,682

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Local Source in accordance with the form suggested by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the public hearing be held in City Hall Council Chambers, 512 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey on March 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2017-2018 School Year.

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 March 16, 2017.

PERSONNEL

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 March 16, 2017.

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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 March 16, 2017.

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 March 16, 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:

C. That it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Thursday, March 16, 2017 to discuss:

1. Personnel – Superintendent Merit Goals

D. 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 Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. McCann, and carried to Executive Session at 8:46 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:13 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. McCann, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary