

May 4, 2017

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY**

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 4, 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, Dr. Kachmar-Desonne, Director of Special Services, Dr. Block, Director of Human Resources, Ms. Masbang, Assistant Business Administrator, Ms. Ambrose, Director of Elementary Education, and Ms. Derpich, Director of Secondary Education. There were 5 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:

- Testing ongoing throughout the district
- Invite the public to the Reorganization/Regular Meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> – resolution to approve the hiring of Mr. Joseph Cordero as Jefferson School Principal. There will be a reception for Mr. Cordero beginning at 6:30 PM.
- Washington School Country Fair on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>
- Upcoming calendar: single-session on May 16<sup>th</sup>; district closed for Memorial Day on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>; DARE graduation May 30<sup>th</sup>; LCJSMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation on June 21<sup>st</sup> on the MS field; SHS Graduation on June 22<sup>nd</sup> on Investors Field; last day of school for students June 21<sup>st</sup>
- Thanks to Mia Bivaletz, Communications Officer for her updates & highlights on the website
- SHS Speech & Debate team had 30 qualifiers for the TOC at the University of Kentucky
- Recognized board member Emile George for his years of service to the district – as a former administrator he brought a great perspective to the board

At this time, Ms. McCann added her thanks to Mr. George for his service; a well-respected board members who dove right into his position as Policy Committee Chair

Mr. Hanley added that Mr. George is an exceptional gentleman and neighbor; barely missed any meetings, whether committee or board – really dedicated himself in his board roles

Ms. Chang added that although she was officially his mentor, she feels she learned a great deal from him on the board and will miss him

Mr. George said he was very happy to have had this opportunity and thanked his fellow board members.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:

- Fifth graders from Franklin & Jefferson Schools performed with the CJMEA Honors Band: *Akira Bofinger, Breanne Bowman, Olivia Cui, Tyler Kessel, Christian Lim, Will Moon, Randy Rodriguez, Noah Siberstein, Mihir Shrestha, Vir Shrestha, Logan Valerio*
- Student *Filip Vizitiu* was selected for All State Jazz Ensemble for trumpet
- Selected for All State Choir were *Caroline Abut, Brooke Beckett, and Christine Wilson*
- SHS Boys and Girls Track athletes had one of their most successful trips to the Penn Relays last week
- SHS Step Team, *Genesis*, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Six Flags Invitational competition
- Upcoming Community Helper Day at JPC & WPC on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>
- Senior Zack Olsen highlighted on the district website
- Teacher Christine Bohan highlighted on the district website
- The SHS Prom will be on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>
- Majority of schools celebrated *Teacher Appreciation Week* – a special thanks to all our PTO's for their generosity

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on May 11, 2017.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Items discussed include: new data from Jen Ambrose on ELL, iExcel, 8<sup>th</sup> grade math, PARCC testing, K-2 reading, gifted and talented program; Ms. McCann thanked the committee and talked about their accomplishments & updates on district happenings
- B. Operations Committee – Mr. Hanley stated the committee did not meet – however, Mr. Pepe circulated a memo regarding EOY analysis; vehicle replacement on agenda this month
- C. Policy Committee – Mr. George stated the committee did not meet in April as there are no policies up for review. He thanked the committee for their hard work and wished the new chair good luck. Mr. George also thanked Kathleen Murphy, newly hired in the Superintendent's Office, for hitting the ground running and doing an outstanding job getting settled in the job, specifically on getting the committee preparation materials ready from her very first day
- D. Communications Committee – Ms. Chang stated the committee met briefly in April. Items discussed include: Powerschool data; quick dissemination of information to the public thanks to Mia; thanked all committee members for the productive year
- E. Negotiations Committee - No report
- F. Liaison Reports
  - Ms. McCann attended a meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> with the Summit Police Department focusing on an community outreach program for residents with autism and

dementia; attended the graduation of the Latino Literacy Program; Annette Dwyer of Shaping Summit Together starting a community initiative where they promote a book that everyone reads and discusses; Mayor’s Forum on Diversity meeting with the YMCA and The Connection discussing how to better communicate the types of services available in Summit

- Ms. Chang attended the SEF meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> where they recapped the Spring to Excellence fundraiser which was a huge success; Ms. Chang explained the mission of SEF and the process of spring & fall grants – will be presenting at the June 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no questions/comments from the public.

### 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 May 11, 2017.

### SCHOOL BOARD OPERATION

Mr. Hanley moved the following under School Board Operation:

- G. Approval of Statement of Assurance for 2016-2017 Board of Education Policies and Procedures for Eligibility Under part B of the IDEA

Motion was seconded by Ms. Primack. 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 May 11, 2017.

### PERSONNEL

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 May 11, 2017.

### POLICIES

Ms. Primack moved the following under Policies:

**Second Reading**

P 2460 Special Education (M) (Revised)

P 2467 Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents (M) (Revised)

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 May 11, 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 May 11, 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, April 6, 2017 to discuss:

1. Personnel – Superintendent

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 Mc. Chang, seconded by Mr. Bonner, and carried to Executive Session at 7:37 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 8:22 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. McCann, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Secretary