

October 13, 2016

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 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. D'Acunto, Director of Secondary Education. There were 8 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:

- FDK Presentation
- Upcoming negotiations with SEA; make-up of the Negotiations Committee
- Summit's Annual Friday Night Lights game – welcomed all to attend and reminded people to abide by rules of safety, security, and good conduct
- STEAM Carnival at Jefferson School on Saturday, October 15th

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:

- STEAM Carnival
- PRIDE – character building focus at the elementary schools
- “DON'T HIDE IT – FLAUNT IT” programs at Washington & Franklin Schools
- Wellness Series for parents kick-off – looking forward to Chatham's event

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on October 20, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Education Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on October 11th. Items discussed include: FDK; Basic Skills data analysis; IXL data analysis; English Language Learners program review; 2017-2018 curriculum revisions; Pathways Project update; IB Program

- B. Operations Committee – Mr. Hanley stated the committee met on October 5th. Items discussed include: 2017-2018 budget calendar; FDK tuition; testing for lead in water; Greenhouse & Culinary Arts initiatives
- C. Policy Committee – Mr. George stated the committee did not meet in October.
- D. Communications Committee – Ms. Chang stated the committee met on October 5th. Items discussed include: social media strategy; emergency notification system
- E. Negotiations Committee - No report
- F. Liaison Reports
 - SEF – Ms. Chang reported on a meeting with the SEF auditor
 - UCESC – Mr. Bonner invited other Board members to attend the next meeting
 - Mayor’s Forum on Diversity – Ms. McCann reported on the last meeting which focused on Special Services

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Wilson asked if information is available about the size of next year’s FDK classes. Mr. Chang responded. She followed up with a question about using food service profits elsewhere in the budget. Mr. Pepe responded.

Past BOE President Colbert thanked the Board for moving up the FDK discussion to October to give parents more time to decide. She concurred with Ms. Primack’s comments about universal FDK, and asked that the Board reconsider the cost of the tuition and impact on all families involved.

Ms. Wilson invited all to view the Speak Up Summit website for information on Mr. Bramnick’s upcoming speech.

Mr. Hanley spoke about the proposed N.J. Fairness Formula and Governor Christie’s Town Hall meeting in New Providence on October 18th.

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 October 20, 2016.

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 October 20, 2016.

PERSONNEL

The items listed under Personnel on the agenda were presented to the Board.

Ms. McCann moved the following under Personnel:

- AA. Approval to appoint Rebecca Zarabi, pending criminal history review, as Library Media Specialist Summit High School, MA+30-Step 7, \$64,745 (prorated), effective December 15, 2016, or earlier if released from current contract
- BB. Approval to hire the following individuals to work as chaperones, assisting with crowd control and safety at the Friday Night Lights event on October 14, 2016, for a flat rate of \$100 each:
 - 1. Kyle Stratton
 - 2. Taylor Evans

Motion was seconded by Ms. Chang. 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 October 20, 2016.

POLICIES

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 October 20, 2016.

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 October 20, 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. Legal
 - a. Settlement Agreement (employee)
 - b. Personnel Matters
 - c. Student Residency Matter

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 Mr. Bonner, and carried to Executive Session at 8:32 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 9:34 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Hanley, seconded by Ms. Chang, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Secretary