

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILES GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 21, 2019 AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Miller, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

READING OF STATEMENT OF NOTICE

Mrs. Miller read aloud the following: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Woodstown-Piles Grove Regional Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the South Jersey Times, Elmer Times, Borough of Woodstown Municipal Hall, Township of Piles Grove Municipal Hall, general offices and faculty rooms of the district's four schools, the school district's central office, and with the Borough of Woodstown Clerk and the Township of Piles Grove Clerk.

FLAG SALUTE

Mrs. Miller then led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Mr. Carney, Mrs. Chiarelli, Mr. Kinney, Mrs. Madiraca, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Morris, Dr. Nielsen, Mr. Pennal, Dr. Stanton, Ms. Wojciechowski and Mr. Zigo (arrived at 6:17 p.m.)

Members absent: None.

Also Present: Mrs. Virginia M. Grossman, Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Rose Chin, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Ms. Terry Lewis of NJSBA.

Administrators Present: Mr. Rich Senior, High School Principal and Michele Spaventa, Assistant High School Principal.

Superintendent's Report – Mrs. Grossman reported on the following:

- Reviewed the outline of the agenda or "Road Map"

Presentations

Mrs. Chin presented on the following:

- Budget Consolidation #3, Administrative input to date
- Team is still working on finalizing the budget
- Mrs. Grossman previewed shared service CST initiative
- Questions from BOE re: Health Benefit cost increase; usage of tuition and maintenance reserve; staffing; Appel Farm levy; etc.

Mrs. Grossman presented on the following:

- Curriculum Review and Renewal Plan
- Highlights of 19/20 initiatives include: Student Info System update; Math pilot
- Goal is to reinvigorate curriculum

Mrs. Grossman and Ms. Terry Lewis presented on the Curriculum presentation.

- Board's perspective -- set policy; define role of Board; BOE ensures oversight of implementation; study data to ensure initiative works
- Other best practices for BOE -- data-driven and ask the right questions; 8 characteristics of an effective board; define how to measure success at the onset; what is Board's vision for curriculum (e.g., define the metrics of rigor)
- Curriculum is beyond a textbook; need to understand the context
 - KUD -- Know Understand Do
 - E.g., math pilot deemed area of greatest need
 - Continuous improvement; key criteria (rigorous and relevant)
- Process to ensure continuous improvement
- BOE questions include:
 - Quad (sending districts) collaboration
 - Second curriculum pilot -- cost; life cycle; how pilot subject is determined

Mr. Senior and Ms. Spaventa presented on the High School Schedule.

- 3 driving forces: WHS no common planning time; no teacher office hours; lengthen class period
- Discussed committee makeup; sequencing and game plan; quantitative and qualitative metrics
- Discussed student self-advocacy; robust elective offerings; objectives
- Comparison analysis includes -- teacher prep time; lunch schedule; Lunch and Learn benefits
- Student in audience presented petition against new class schedule
- BOE discussion included: timeline of implementation; online platforms; AP course load and AP credit
- BOE had extensive discussions on this topic. Some topics of objection by BOE members included:
 - Dr. Stanton -- impact on advanced students given the reduced opportunities to take AP classes; impact on Communications Academy students who would be without electives as Juniors; impact to students who had mapped out a 4-year plan; change in teaching schedule for lab-based science courses; reduced opportunities to take the dual-credit courses; sharing of cafeteria space by WMS/WHHS students; survey methodology/interpretation of students/parents data

Dr. Stanton and Ms. Wojciechowski -- new AP exam rule for students not taking the AP exam

- Mrs. Grossman discussed -- state assessment; graduation rate; socio economic factors; AP achievement; how new schedule can add depth and rigor; first step to a positive curriculum change

Mrs. Miller will present the Ethics review at the upcoming Board meeting.

Instruction/Curriculum

- Calendar -- collaborative quad effort to align calendars; Veterans Day off added
- Other items were discussed and clarified as needed

Administration/Personnel

- Agenda items were discussed and clarified as needed.

Operations/Finance – Mrs. Chin discussed the following:

- Agenda items were discussed and clarified as needed.
- Food Service performance -- January and YTD profitability
- State Audit process, conclusion, CAP, no impact to State Aid, and process improvement going forward

Policy

- Mrs. Grossman shared the policy process and next steps.

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION I

The Open Public Meetings Act allows the Board to enter into executive session for confidential matters (N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b). Matters discussed in executive session will remain confidential until such time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Motion that the Board of Education enter into executive session, by resolution, to discuss personnel contracts. It is expected that the executive session will last approximately 45 minutes. The Board will reconvene in open public session immediately following. Formal action may or may not be taken as a result of the executive session. (9:22 p.m.)

Motion made by: Amy Wojciechowski

Motion seconded by: Jessica Madiraca

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes
Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Jessica Madiraca – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
Anne Nielsen – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Julie Stanton – Yes
Amy Wojciechowski – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Motion to resume the public portion of the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Motion made by: Michael Kinney

Motion seconded by: Amy Wojciechowski

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes
Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Jessica Madiraca – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
Anne Nielsen – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Julie Stanton – Yes
Amy Wojciechowski – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

The Board agreed to change the March BOE meeting date from March 21st to March 28th.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 9:58 p.m.

Motion made by: Amy Wojciechowski

Motion seconded by: Jessica Madiraca

Voting

Nelson Carney – Yes
Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
Michael Kinney – Yes
Jessica Madiraca – Yes
Eileen C. Miller – Yes
Richard C. Morris – Yes
Anne Nielsen – Yes
Floyd Pennal – Yes
Julie Stanton – Yes
Amy Wojciechowski – Yes
Travis Zigo – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

February 21, 2019

Mrs. Rose Wang Chin
SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

Date

Signature /SBA