

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILESGROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 11, 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-Pilesgrove 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 Pilesgrove 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 Pilesgrove 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, and Ms. Wojciechowski.

Members absent: Mr. Pennal, Dr. Stanton and Mr. Zigo.

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

Administrators Present: None

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

- Now that Strategic Plan is approved, we have started to incorporate Strategic Plan components into our District's plans.
- Will report out on the Final School Safety Report of the 18/19 year at the June BOE meeting.
- Upcoming 8th Grade Promotion -- assessed interest from BOE members to attend.
- Disciplinary incident (racial) -- Updated BOE re: still unsigned Agreement; progress has been slow; slow response by the family's attorney; Board provided input/opinions re: potential terms of the Agreement; will update BOE on progress, as needed.
- Board Retreat expected to take place in July; Suggested NJSBA training for the Board; also aim to devise Board Goals at July Work Session; Superintendent Goals will be aligned to these Board Goals.
- Prep for Negotiation -- Suggested Ad Hoc meeting for Board negotiations committee to prepare for upcoming negotiations; communication/relationship with WPREA leadership is strong; suggested idea of starting to prep for negotiations in the summer (e.g., meeting with our health care brokers/professionals); discussed potential dates and BOE members in negotiations committee
- Mrs. Chin's 19/20 Contract -- Discussed the structure and rationale of the contract (e.g., merit goals; base salary).
- Scoreboard -- various aspects of this topic was discussed, including but not limited to: funding, optics, risk, fundraising; Board members expressed their opinions; no conclusion was reached.
- District Financials -- no bank loan needed in 18/19 (typically as a result of the delay in June State Aid); Board confirmed that the creation of financial surpluses and reserve accumulation is perceived as positive as they enhance the financial sustainability for our District.
- Other topics discussed: 19/20 Gramin contract; concept of team cleaning this summer; implications for our District if charter school does not open/materialize; fundraising split of funds between vendor and district (follow-up with % split information).

Instruction/Curriculum – Items were clarified as needed.

- Mrs. Miller encouraged BOE attendance at the 2019 Annual Workshop in Atlantic City.
- Mrs. Grossman responded to questions re: HIB report (to include end of year data).
- Mrs. Grossman discussed plans for booster clubs.

Administration/Personnel – Items were clarified as needed.

Operations/Finance – Items were clarified as needed.

- CST Therapy Services RFP – Mrs. Chin discussed the benefits of competitive pricing unveiled from this process; some vendor-specific questions for follow-up.
- BOE interested in details of a transportation route -- follow-up.
- Other items discussed/clarified: on-line AP courses software; strategies towards lunch debt mitigation.

New Business

- The idea of regionalization/consolidation of Salem County school districts.
 - Discussed definitional differences between regionalization and consolidation.
 - Pros and cons of regionalization/consolidation; considerations include implications on education quality and cost structure; political implications/driving forces.
 - Sending district BOE member shared how his district is voicing their opinion.
 - Public opinion predicts timing of implementation in 1-2 years (theoretical estimate only).
- Q&A Session
 - Drug deterrent exercise – Mrs. Grossman shared findings; implications for logistical improvement.
 - MSS Memorial Garden -- plans towards clean-up.
 - MSS paving donation from Mrs. Chiarelli.

- o Mrs. Grossman advised that some questions/topics raised are more appropriately discussed in a non-BOE meeting setting.

Mrs. Grossman and Mrs. Chin exited the meeting at 7:50 p.m. to enable the Board to discuss Mrs. Grossman’s evaluation during the Executive session portion of the meeting.

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 personnel matters. It is expected that the executive session will last approximately 30 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. (7:50 p.m.)

Motion made by: Jessica Madiraca
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
 Amy Wojciechowski – Yes

Mr. Kinney and Mrs. Madiraca exited the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC PORTION OF THE MEETING

Motion to resume the public portion of the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Motion made by: Nelson Carney
Motion seconded by: Amy Wojciechowski

- Voting
 Nelson Carney – Yes
 Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
 Eileen C. Miller – Yes
 Richard C. Morris – Yes
 Anne Nielsen – Yes
 Amy Wojciechowski – Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn this meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Motion made by: Maricia Chiarelli
Motion seconded by: Amy Wojciechowski

- Voting
 Nelson Carney – Yes
 Maricia Chiarelli – Yes
 Eileen C. Miller – Yes
 Richard C. Morris – Yes
 Anne Nielsen – Yes
 Amy Wojciechowski – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rose Wang Chin
SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

_____ Date

_____ Signature /SBA