

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION MEETING OF THE WOODSTOWN-PILES GROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. THE MEETING WAS HELD REMOTELY THROUGH GOOGLE HANGOUTS DUE TO COVID-19 DISTRICT CLOSURE.

CALL TO ORDER

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

READING OF STATEMENT OF NOTICE

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

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Dr. Carr, Mrs. Chiarelli, Dr. Haddad, Mr. Kinney, Mrs. Miller (arrived at 6:54 p.m.), Mr. Morris, Mr. Scardino, Mr. String, Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Zigo.

Members absent: Mr. Carney.

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

Also Present: Ms. Pessolano, Mr. Ursino and Mrs. Martinez (arrived at 6:46 p.m.).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT I

Mrs. Grossman reported on the following:

- Provided a COVID update, discussed a general trend towards pandemic improvement, and previewed next steps of school reopen phasing plans.
- Previewed the 21/22 draft calendar.
- Discussed one-to-one initiative and progress, student learning assessments and differentiated instruction to close learning gaps.
- Recap of the Equity and Diversity task force meeting and next steps.
- Mr. Kinney inquired about school reopening plans, and expressed his opinion in support of implementing later phases of reopening plans as soon as possible.

PRESENTATIONS

2021-2022 Budget Presentation – Mrs. Grossman a qualitative presentation of the 2021-2022 budget, budget development process and priorities. Quantitative aspects of the presentation hinge upon the allocation of State Aid on February 25th.

Board members posed clarifying questions concerning assessments; learning gaps; efficiencies; shared services; new hires.

INSTRUCTION/CURRICULUM

Mrs. Grossman clarified items and discussed the DAANJ conference, support of the Creative Writing and Poetry Club, and the SEMI Corrective Action Plan.

Mrs. Martinez joined the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION/PERSONNEL

Mrs. Grossman clarified items and discussed the job description item.

OPERATIONS/FINANCE

Mrs. Chin clarified items and gave an update on the following:

- January food service performance, profitability compared with same time last year.
- Update on the recent Department of Agriculture Seamless Summer Option Technical Assistance call with Jill Logan from the Department of Agriculture. She was very pleased with how Nutri-Serve is running the program.
- Preview of the auditor's presentation to be presented at the Regular meeting in February.
- Fire alarm project – usage of Hunterdon Co-Op for vendor selection.

Mrs. Miller joined the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

- Usage of Maintenance Reserve for sinkhole repair.
- Responded to Mr. Kinney's question concerning RYEBREAD HVAC item.

REPORTS – Mrs. Chin had nothing further to report.

BOARD REPORTS

Mrs. Chiarelli indicated that Mr. Zigo is the primary liaison for the Ag report and she is the second and requested that be reflected on the agenda going forward.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None

GOOD OF THE ORDER – None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Motion made by: Michael Kinney

Motion seconded by: Richard C. Morris, Jr.

Voting

Richard Carr – Yes

Maricia Chiarelli – Yes

Victoria Haddad – Yes

Michael Kinney – Yes

Eileen C. Miller – Yes

Richard C. Morris, Jr. - Yes

Robert Scardino – Yes

Jeffrey String – Yes

Shonta Thomas – Yes

Travis Zigo – Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Rose Wang Chin
SBA/BS

Approved by Motion of the Board

Date

Signature /SBA