

BOARD RETREAT MEETING – FEBRUARY 6, 2012

1. Call to Order

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in a Board Retreat Meeting on Monday, February 6, 2012 in the library of the W.R. Satz School, 24 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Ms. Garrity, President of the Board.

2a. Opening Statement

Statement is hereby made that adequate notice of this meeting was given by:

- Posting written notice prominently on the bulletin board in the Office of the Board of Education, 65 McCampbell Road, Holmdel, New Jersey, the District's website and sent to the four district schools.
- The mailing and/or hand delivery of said notice to the designated newspapers, Asbury Park Press, Independent, the PLG, PSG, PSA, PTSO, SAB presidents and student representatives to the Board.
- Filing with the Clerk of Holmdel Township, Police Headquarters and Public Library.

2b. Open Public Meetings Act

Meetings of the Board are open to the public and all members of the community should feel free to participate:

- There are two opportunities for the public to speak; the first is for agenda items only and the second is at the end of the meeting for other items.
- Any individual desiring to speak shall give his or her name, address, and the group, if any, that is represented.
- The presentation shall be as brief as possible but no more than three (3) minutes per individual.
- The board vests in its president, or other presiding officer, authority to terminate the remarks of any individual if he/she deems it in the best interest of those present to do so.

3a. Roll Call/Flag Salute

The following Board members were present: Mesdames: Garrity, Wetmore, Liu, Pascucci and Vander Woude and Messrs: DeSario, Pavlik, Sockol and Tai. Also present were Mrs. Barbara Duncan, Superintendent, Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Ms. Mary Beth Currie, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction. Absent: Mr. Martin Barger, Board Attorney. Both student representatives to the Board were absent.

3b. Reading of Mission Statement

The mission of the Holmdel Township Public Schools is to provide a comprehensive and caring educational environment that will develop the potential of every student into achievement. In partnership with our community, the School District will support all our students' efforts to meet and exceed the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards, and to become responsible and resourceful citizens and life-long learners.

4. Presentations - None

5. Approval of Minutes - None

6a. Questions from the Public - None

6b. Committee Reports(s) - None

7. Committee of the Whole -None

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- 8a. Superintendent's Report and Recommendations - None
- 8b. Personnel - None
- 8c. Student Matters -None
- 9. Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Report and Recommendations - None
- 10. Old Business – None
- 11. New Business

Retreat:

1. School Election Bills A-3494/S-3148
 - The Board had a detailed discussion regarding this new legislation that authorizes the Board to move their elections to November, and the pros and cons of making such a change. After discussion was complete, via a show of hands, all Board members approved including this resolution on the 2/15/12 agenda for a Board vote.
2. HBOE Articles/Assignments/Frequency
 - There was general discussion among the Board regarding the frequency of Board articles. The consensus of the Board was to skip the summer months (June, July & August) and then publish bi-monthly, thereafter, in September, November, January, March and May. The Community Relations committee will review/recommend general topics to address during the course of the school year.
3. State of the District (SOD)
 - There was general discussion among the Board regarding this topic. The consensus of the Board was to keep the SOD short and not have all the committee chairs present. The Board President should present the introduction/overview and lead directly into the budget which would be presented by the Budget & Finance Chair and Business Administrator.
4. Leadership Selection Process
 - The Board had a detailed discussion regarding this topic. Historically, the process was as follows: Board members interested in serving as Board leadership would contact fellow Board members to solicit their support. After the Board discussed several different methods, consensus was not reached as to a best practice. However, the Board supported the concept of having Board members who are interested in serving as leadership to announce their interest at the last Board meeting prior to reorganization.
5. Agenda and Other Documents – Lead Time, Hard vs. Electronic Copy
 - After general discussion among the Board, consensus was that all Board members will receive Board mailings electronically. However, the Board mailing packets containing voluminous material (i.e. agendas, minutes, policies/regulations) will be mailed hard copy as well. The following Board members requested to only receive electronic copies: Mr. DeSario, Mr. Sockol and Dr. Tai.
6. Mr. Pavlik inquired about the Board's decision to end meetings by 11:00 p.m. There was general discussion among the Board on this topic and suggestions as to how to stay within whenever feasible the agreed upon ending time.

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12. Questions from Public
Mr. Shelton made general comments regarding the Board Retreat agenda topics and applicable discussion.
13. Executive Session (if required) - None
14. Adjournment
By a unanimous voice vote the meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary