

BOARD RETREAT MEETING JULY 18, 2012

1. Call to Order

The Board of Education, Township of Holmdel, met in a Board Retreat Meeting on Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in the library of the W.R. Satz School, 24 Crawfords Corner Road, Holmdel, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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 and Vander Woude and Messrs: DeSario, Pavlik, Sockol (left meeting at 9:11 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 9:35 p.m.) and Tai. Absent: Mrs. Pascucci. 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 and Mr. Martin Barger, Board Attorney. Both student representatives 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.

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4. Board Retreat

1. District/Superintendent Goals 2012/2013

Mrs. Duncan explained the process as to how these goals were generated

Goal #1: Selection and Adaption of a New Teacher Evaluation Model;

Mrs. Duncan explained the process, committee structure and the status of the goal.

Goal #2: Differentiation of Instruction: Formative Assessment – To Inform Instruction, Revise Curriculum and Improve Student Achievement;

Mrs. Vander Woude had questions/comments on this goal. In addition, there was general discussion among the Board regarding this goal.

Goal #3: World Language – To Review and Study the World Language Program K-6;

Mrs. Vander Woude had questions/comments on this goal. In addition, there was general discussion among the Board regarding this goal.

Goal #4: Technology – To Expand the Use of Technology to Support Instruction;

Mrs. Liu, Mrs. Vander Woude and Mr. Sockol had questions/comments on this goal. In addition, there was general discussion among the Board regarding this goal.

Goal #5: Character Education-Continue to Implement Policy, Evaluate Programs, and Provide Training that Adheres to the New Jersey Department of Education's Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) Guidelines;

There was general discussion among the Board regarding this goal.

Goal #6: Financial Efficiencies

There was general discussion among the Board regarding this goal. As a result, there was a minor adjustment to the goal.

2. Draft of the Athletic Handbook: Students, Parents and Coaches

Mr. Sockol had questions/comments on the following pages of the handbook:

4, 6, 12, 13, 15&16.

Mr. Pavlik had questions/comments on the following page of the handbook: 16

Mrs. Vander Woude had questions/comments on the following pages of the handbook:

2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14& 16.

Ms. Garrity had questions/comments on the following page of the handbook: 9

Mrs. Liu had questions/comments on the following pages of the handbook: 13 & 14

Mrs. Wetmore spoke about items that were not included in the handbook, specifically the summer camps

3. Board of Education Communications

Mrs. Garrity reminded the Board that when you send emails to the Board President, Vice President or Committee Chairs, to include the Superintendent.

Mrs. Duncan stated that if there are issues that Board members become aware of to please notify her so that she can address the matter accordingly.

There was general discussion among the Board regarding this matter.

Mrs. Vander Woude inquired with Mr. Barger if there have been any changes with the Sun Shine Laws.

Mr. Barger stated that although there have been discussions at the state level; nothing has been finalized/changed.

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4. Other Matters

Mr. Pavlik inquired why the District hires schedule B positions for spring sports so early in the year.

Mr. Loughran explained that it is predominately due to past practice.

Mr. Sockol requested, when possible, that the Board approve volunteers sooner than later in the process.

5. Adjournment

By a unanimous voice vote the meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Petrizzo, CPA
Business Administrator/Board Secretary