



TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK
BOARD OF EDUCATION

**BOARD RETREAT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The February 17, 2022 Board Retreat of the Board of Education, Township of Pequannock, County of Morris, was called to order at 6:03 pm in the Pequannock Township High School Cafeteria, 85 Sunset Road, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444, with public access provided via online platform, by Joseph Blumert, Board President. The following statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Public Law 1975, Chapter 231, notice of this meeting has been properly advertised in the Daily Record and the Suburban Trends, its agenda has been posted at the appropriate locations, and a copy has been filed with the Pequannock Township Clerk.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Joseph Blumert Mr. Sam Ciresi Ms. Megan Dempsey
 Mrs. Danielle Esposito Mr. Timothy Gitin Mr. Greg MacSweeney
 Mr. Brian Senyk Mrs. Cara Shenton Mr. Leonard Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Portas, Superintendent
 Sallyann McCarty, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 Anthony Sciarrillo, Esq., Board Attorney

The official minutes of the Pequannock Township Board of Education will indicate that Mr. Leonard Smith abstains from voting on any resolution regarding the Superintendent and any employee who directly or indirectly supervises Mr. Smith's family member who serves as the basis for this conflict as well as any resolution that concerns any aspect of the terms and conditions of employment of Mr. Smith's family member.

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN TO PUBLIC - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Members of the public may speak once for a maximum period of five minutes by the clock during this portion of the meeting. The public may speak on any agenda item during their five minutes. If a member of the public raises a question, all questions should be directed to the Board President. Please state your name and sign in before you begin.

None

BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION

Review Ongoing Accomplishments of 2021-2022 District Goals

District Goal 1: LinkIt!

Progress: The multi-year LinkIt! goal began last year and will continue into 2022-23. We have been mindful of not further complicating an already challenging school year. Rather, we have focused on streamlined integration of data from assessment resources such as iReady with local data such as standards measurements and attendance, as well as state testing results (Start Strong). Teachers have been able to implement Fingertip Profiles for easily accessible information on the students in their classes.

District Goal 2: Assessment & Growth

Progress: This goal emphasizes the need to apply accurate information about our students, which is gathered from meaningful assessments, to help teachers adapt their planning and adjust instruction to ensure measurable progress towards learning goals. Staff members have been provided opportunities to collaborate with colleagues, supervisors and principals to support the development and analysis of assessments.

District Goal 3: Instructional Practices

Progress: We have focused on the principles of Understanding by Design (UbD), which encourages educators to plan backwards by starting with the culminating learning outcomes in mind, determining how to assess those objectives, and then adjusting planning for lessons and units accordingly. Our professional development has included collaboration time and guidance on effective assessment, which will in turn influence our curriculum design.

Begin the Process for Developing the 2022-2023 District Goals

District Goal 1

Next Steps: Continue to unpack the program in digestible pieces. As a point of emphasis, during PD sessions we will provide time and guided support to explore assessments and the data warehouse.

District Goal 2

Next Steps: Continue to base decisions on acceleration, remediation, and differentiation on accurate and relevant data. Staff will continue to be provided the tools and as much time as possible to generate effective assessments and develop strategies to meet individual needs.

District Goal 3

Next Steps: Apply these principles to daily instructional practice, and look to how this framework can inform our curriculum revisions. We will use EduPlanet as the platform to create, revise, house, and share curriculum that embodies a UbD mindset.

Review Previous Board of Education Goals and Develop New Board of Education Goals

2022 Goal #1: The Board will continue to provide the means for multi-faceted supports that promote academic growth and address mental health needs in an environment that celebrates mutual respect and constructive interactions.

2022 Goal #2: The Board will work collaboratively to make substantive progress towards the achievement of board certification status through the New Jersey School Boards Association.

2022 Goal #3: The Board will support the development, completion, and approval of the 2021-2026 strategic plan.

Ethics Training - Anthony Sciarrillo, Esq.

CONSIDERATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L., the Board has the authority to adjourn to closed session to discuss student matters. Said matters will be made public upon their disposition. No action will be taken.

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Shenton	Voice Vote: 9-0-0	Time: 9:04 pm
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ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by: Senyk	Second by: Smith	Voice Vote: 9-0-0	Time: 9:09 pm
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Respectfully,



Sallyann McCarty
Board Secretary

FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Regular Business Meeting	7:00 pm	PTHS
Tuesday, March 15, 2022	Workshop/Preliminary Budget Meeting	7:00 pm	PTHS