

BLAIRSTOWN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

Blairstown, New Jersey 07825

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September 28, 2019 Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER The Blairstown Township Board of Education held this meeting in the School Library on Saturday, September 28, 2019.

Mr. Cook, Board President, called the meeting to order at 9:02AM

FLAG SALUTE Everyone present was requested to rise and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

SUNSHINE LAW Mr. Cook read the Notice of Meeting and Mission Statement.

MISSION STATEMENT

ROLL CALL The following board members were present: Mr. Cook, Mrs. Inscho, Mr. Karolchyk, Mrs. McElroy, Mrs. Rolph, and Mrs. Shaffer, and Mrs. Sikkes
Absent: Mrs. Gerkhart and Mrs. Krauss

Also Present: Mr. Saalfield, Superintendent, Mrs. Petty, SBA/Board Secretary
Andrew Brown, Esquire, and Kathleen Helewa, NJSBA representative

NEW BUSINESS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION – None.

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU” – Board members, administrators and guests briefly introduced themselves and gave brief overviews of their backgrounds.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1) Building Referendum

After Mrs. Petty updated the Board on some new additional information concerning a possible building referendum, Board members discussed at length the tax impact on property taxes of a possible referendum for needed facilities repairs. The Board took no action on this matter.

2) Effective Boardsmanship – Discussion led by A. Brown and K. Helewa

Mr. Brown and Mrs. Helewa reviewed how effective boards operate and how committees function.

3) Student Achievement – Discussion led by K. Helewa

The Board would like to be more knowledgeable about instructional programs and what goes on in the classrooms.

4) Open Discussion

The Board discussed the use of surveys with Mrs. Helewa, who cautioned the Board on their use.

There was a lengthy conversation over what does and doesn't fall under a Board's jurisdiction.

The Board discussed the evaluation instrument to be used for the Superintendent.

CORRESPONDENCE

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING & PETITION

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Shaffer, seconded by Mrs. Inscho, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:25PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Petty

School Business Administrator