



PARK RIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES - High School Curriculum

Date: June 2, 2014

Public Started: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting Ended: 8:15 P.M.

Board of Education Conference Room

I. Roll Call

F. Church	P. Montalbano	B. von Bradsky	R. Sileo	D. Browne	P. Moran	J. Bruno
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Also Present:

R. Gamper	R. Wright
Y	Y

II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Joseph Bruno.

III. Open Public Meetings Statement was read by Board President Joseph Bruno.

This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act," the Park Ridge Board of Education on May 12, 2014 caused to be posted at the Office of the Board of Education located at 85 Pascack Road, Park Ridge, New Jersey and on May 12, 2014 sent to The Record, 1 Garret Mountain Plaza, P.O. Box 471, Woodland Park, NJ 07424-0471 and The Ridgewood News, 41 Oak Street, Ridgewood, NJ 07450-3805 and on May 12, 2014 delivered to the Office of the Municipal Clerk of Park Ridge and the Park Ridge Public Library a meeting notice setting forth the time, date and location of this meeting.

IV. EDUCATION

1. Board Discussion on HIB

The Board watched a PowerPoint presentation by Power Educational Consultants. The presenter was joined by Ms. Bernardo, the Child Study Team Director. The presenter reviewed the definition of HIB and explained that one of the main difficulties with the topic is how broadly it is defined. He gave examples of what was and what was not considered bullying. He then reviewed several examples of typical scenarios and how they should be handled.

2. Board Discussion on HS Curriculum

Mr. Lederman and Dr. Gamper discussed some of the issues they have found with the High School curriculum. Both pointed to the lack of a traditional college track program for average students. The current curriculum seems to favor more advanced level courses. They also suggested increasing the difficulty level for the upper level courses.

3. Student Registration

Dr. Gamper pointed out several deficiencies in the way students are enrolled into the district. He also pointed out that failure to have the appropriate paperwork in place could put the district at a disadvantage when dealing with McKinney-Vento situations.

4. Elementary Schedules

Dr. Gamper reported to the Board that in reviewing the schedules for the elementary schools, he noticed that the two schools were operating on different schedules. He presented his solution to the Board, which corrects this issue.

V. Hearing of Citizens - None

VI. Adjournment – 8:15 P.M.

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Robert Wright
Business Administrator/Board Secretary