

TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK
BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD RETREAT MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The February 13, 2024 Board Retreat of the Board of Education, Township of Pequannock, County of Morris, was called to order via Zoom, at 7:03 pm by Brian Senyk, 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

ABSENT: Mr. Vincent Pompeo

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Michael Portas, Superintendent
 Ms. Charlene Peterson, NJSBA Field Representative

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 of Board of Education Self-Evaluation – Ms. Peterson

The Board inquired as to how the district compares to others in terms of completion of the self-evaluation. Ms. Peterson reviewed scores in each category and supporting evidence. A discussion ensued regarding having regular updates on action plans and data. Ms. Peterson recommended a monthly calendar of presentations and will provide an example from another school district. The Board discussed what goes into the budget and asked for incremental information and a comparison of year-to-year expenditures. The Board reviewed the committee structure.

Review of Board Goal #1:

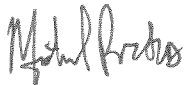
The Board will continue to provide the means for multi-faceted support that promotes academic growth and addresses mental health needs through programs such as the School Start Time Committee and the proposed Digital Citizenship Initiative as well as consideration of the expansion of special education programs.

A discussion ensued including topics such as data/growth reports provided to the Board and the public, assessment culture, and school start time surveys. The Board also discussed the continuation of goals 2 and 3, with language amended to reflect progress.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by: Blumert	Second by: Esposito	Voice Vote: 8-0-0	Time: 8:18 pm
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Respectfully,



Michael Portas, Ed.D.
Superintendent

FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, February 22, 2024	Board Retreat	7:00 P.M.	PTHS
Monday, March 4, 2024	Workshop Meeting	7:00 P.M.	PTHS