MINUTES OF THE BOARD RETREAT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Pascack Valley Regional High School District

July 25, 2018

Minutes of the Board Retreat of the Board of Education held on Wednesday, July 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Pascack Hills High School – 2nd Floor Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order in the conference room at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, board president.

Present:

Mr. Jeffrey Steinfeld, President

Ms. Janet Bissinger, Vice President

Mr. Joseph Blundo Mr. Brian Hallowell Ms. Tammy Molinelli Mr. Kenneth Ralph Mr. James Stankus Mr. David Steinberg

Absent:

Mr. Arnold Scher

Also Present: Mr. P. Erik Gundersen, Superintendent

Ms. Pamela Baxley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

I. FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Steinfeld led all those present in a salute to the flag.

III. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY PRESIDING OFFICER

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by mailing copies of said notice to The Record, filing copies of said notice with the municipal clerks of Hillsdale, Montvale, River Vale and Woodcliff Lake and publishing said notice in The Record on June 12, 2018.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

1. Welcome

Mr. Gundersen welcomed the board members and gave a brief overview of what would take place during the day.

2. Discussion Topics:

Mr. Barry Bachenheimer, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment presented district instructional priorities within each of the subject areas to the board. Discussions on the various areas took place within the group.

Mr. Joseph Orlak, Supervisor of Instruction, facilitated a discussion regarding professional skills by reviewing the district Internship program and the Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) skills profile. Discussions centered on ways to infuse career exploration into the curriculum.

- 3. Mr. Matthew Lee, NJ School Boards Association, provided school board ethics training and presented the results of the board self-evaluation to the group.
- 4. Lunch Break

5. Discussion Topics:

Mr. Gundersen and Ms. Baxley presented an overview of the host responsibilities for Region II including a cost benefit analysis and a brief historical perspective of the Region. It was agreed that a new, more current MOA would be developed this year that would limit the liabilities associated with hosting.

Mark Russo presented his analysis of <u>racial equity</u> at the high schools, identifying potential areas of concern in an effort to provide equal growth levels for all students.

Paul Zeller, Director of Technology & Communications, facilitated a discussion with the board surrounding methods of communication relative to target audiences, key areas in which to engage the community and development of a communication plan.

6. Goal Development

Mr. Gundersen initiated a conversation regarding board and district goals based on all the areas which had been discussed during the retreat.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Bissinger to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. Mr. Hallowell seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Respectfully,

Pamela Baxley

Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

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