

MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to achieving the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels and providing a safe and supportive environment where educators inspire, empower, and encourage students to excel.

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Students will become life-long learners, critical thinkers, and creative problem solvers who achieve success as honorable members of society.

SPECIAL MEETING on August 6, 2012, Board Meeting Room at the Administration Building, One Crest Way, Aberdeen, NJ.

I. CALL TO ORDER

As Board President, Charles Kenny was not present, Elizabeth Hayward, Vice President of the Board of Education assumed the chair and called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Vice President, Ms. Hayward led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Ms. Hayward read the following Statement:

“The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or agreed upon. In accordance with the provision of this act, the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District Board of Education advertised this meeting on August 1, 2012. This notice was sent to the Asbury Park Press and the Star Ledger, the Municipal Clerks of the Borough of Matawan and the Township of Aberdeen, and the Matawan Aberdeen Joint Free Public Library. The notice was also placed on the district’s web site.”

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Ms. Elizabeth Hayward - Vice President
Mr. Kenneth Aitken Mr. Dennis Daniels
Dr. Jeff Delaney Ms. Anissa Esposito
Dr. Todd Larchuk

Absent: Mr. Charles Kenny - President; Mr. Gerald Donaghuc; Ms. Patricia Phillips

Also Present: David Healy, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Marc Natanagara, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
James H. Strimple, Jr., Board Secretary

V. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Board Vice President Elizabeth Hayward announced that the purpose of the meeting is to give the Board an opportunity to discuss and formulate goals for the 2012-2013 school year. She stated that no action would be taken this evening on affirming the goals, but that action would take place at the next Regular Action Meeting scheduled for August, 27, 2012.

Ms. Hayward indicated that there was a need for the Board of Education, after the discussion on the goals, to enter into Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel matters.

VI. BOARD DISCUSSION ON SETTING GOALS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2012-2013

Ms. Hayward then began the discussion by describing the criteria for creating realistic goals. Using the following acronym the letters are used to guide the Board as it develops its goals.

Specific
Measurable
Attainable
Realistic
Timely

Ms. Hayward then asked each board member to recommend the goals they would like the Board to consider for adoption.

Board Members proposed the following as potential goals:

- Implementation of the new Teacher Evaluation Program
- Enhance the culture and climate of the district schools
- To have all students by 3rd grade reading at grade level
- Establish and re-establish community relations by asking stakeholders for their input - that the use of surveys as a tool would be helpful in getting feedback
- Community building
- Examine the district's practice of tracking students
- Use of technology in the classroom and to guide curriculum
- District pursue affirmative action to attract staff and administrators that reflect the racial composite of the two communities

After input from the Board, Mr. Healy provided an update on the districts efforts over the past year regarding goals previously adopted by the Board.

Ms. Hayward then indicated that she would like the Board to narrow the list to three goals.

The three goals that the Board put forward are:

- By 3rd grade all students are to be reading at grade level
- To enhance the schools' culture and climate with feedback from parents, staff and students
- Provide evidence at all grade levels of 21st Century learning skills.

The Board then requested the administration to determine the steps and benchmarks to be used to measure progress toward achieving the goals.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

One member of the public stated that he liked the discussion of the Board this evening, felt the goals are attainable and liked that the Board would solicit input from various stakeholders. He also commented that regarding the reading goal it is imperative that parents are involved with assisting their children.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Daniels, seconded by Dr. Larchuk, and approved by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board convene in Executive Session at 9:01 PM to discuss confidential personnel matters regarding the appointment of individuals to the positions of Principal at Lloyd Road Elementary School, Assistant Principal at Lloyd Road Elementary School and Director of Accountability Math/Science/Technology K-12. The Board will not take action after returning from Executive Session.

IX. RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned from Executive Session at 9:34 PM and on a motion by Dr. Delaney and a second by Mr. Daniels and a unanimous voice vote the Board Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James H. Strimple, Jr.
Interim Business Administrator/Interim Board Secretary