



TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK
BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD RETREAT MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The August 12, 2024 Board Retreat of the Board of Education, Township of Pequannock, County of Morris, was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Pequannock Township High School Cafeteria, 85 Sunset Road, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444, 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 (arrived 7:12 pm) Mrs. Danielle Esposito
 Mr. Timothy Gitin Mr. Greg MacSweeney
 Mr. Vincent Pompeo Mr. Brian Senyk
 Mrs. Cara Shenton (arrived 7:04 pm)

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Portas, Ed.D., Superintendent
 Gordon E. Gibbs, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary
 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

The Board reviewed the responses to the self-evaluation survey. The strengths and challenges were reviewed. A summary of challenges included budget and increased costs for staffing and special education, space for preschool and special education, staffing, student achievement including test scores, student opportunities and enrollment, growth in special education needs and resources.

A summary of suggested areas of additional training included HIB/discipline, understanding financial reporting, multiyear education plan and ensuring students are prepared for technological job market, ongoing training to keep up certification, correct use of social media, continuing effective work on board policy, and effective communication in between board meetings.

In addition, topics such as board goals, community relations, committee structure, and chain of command were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING

Motion by: Ciresi	Second by: Esposito	Voice Vote: 9-0-0	Time: 8:50 pm
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Respectfully,



Gordon E. Gibbs
Board Secretary

FUTURE PUBLIC BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, August 19, 2024	Workshop / Regular Business Meeting	7:00 P.M.	PTHS
Tuesday, September 3, 2024	Workshop Meeting	7:00 P.M.	PTHS