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MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING WITH THE COMMUNITY OF THE MAHWAH BOARD OF EDUCATION held on Monday, December 16th, 2024, in the Joyce Kilmer Elementary School gymnasium, 80 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey

PLEASE NOTE: Adequate notice of this meeting's agenda was given to The Record specifying that the Mahwah Board of Education will meet on December 16, 2024, in the Joyce Kilmer Elementary School gymnasium, 80 Ridge Road, Mahwah, New Jersey. A copy was filed with the Township Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. DeSilva called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mesdames. Daveniero, and Jansen
Messrs. Coplin, Dinice, Galow, Hughes, DeSilva, and Kezmarsky

ABSENT: Dr. Moorthy

ALSO PRESENT: Michael DeTuro, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Dennis M. Fare, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent
Thomas Lambe, Business Administrator, Board Secretary
Linda A. Bovino-Romeo, Ph.D., Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Lisa Rizzo, Director of Special Services
Matthew Lee, NJ School Boards Association Representative
Eight (8) members of the public attended in-person
One (1) member of the public attended via Zoom

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

NEW BUSINESS- OTHER

RESOLVED: STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING #1

Dr. DeTuro and Dr. Fare reviewed the goals and positive outcomes of the prior Strategic Plan, covering the areas of Curriculum and Instruction, Social and Emotional Learning, as well as Facilities.

Dr. DeTuro introduced Mr. Matthew Lee from the NJ School Boards Association, who then explained the 3-D Strategic Planning Process.

The board members, administrative staff, district staff, and members of the public broke into groups to brainstorm a list of the district's strengths/ achievements and challenges. Each group posted their ideas on the gymnasium walls; participants then circulated through the gym to view and read the other groups responses

Dr. DeTuro thanked all for their participation and encouraged them to return to the next strategic planning meeting taking place on Thursday, February 27th, 2025.

MOTION TO OPEN THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

It was moved by Mr. Dinice, seconded by Ms. Jansen to open the meeting to the public.

Motion carried 8 ayes, and 0 nays at 7:24 pm.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENT

A member of the public asked for more details concerning the dual enrollment programs with colleges, to which Dr. DeTuro answered.

A member of the public asked how much public funding was provided to the district. Mr. DeSilva answered that the majority of the district's budget is funded by local tax dollars.

A member of the public asked how goals discussed in Strategic Planning Meetings are administered and followed up on. Dr. DeTuro answered that there are mid-year and year-end progress updates provided on the district website to show the work completed towards each specific goal.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

It was moved by Mr. Galow, seconded by Mr. Coplin to close the meeting to the public.

Motion carried 8 ayes, and 0 nays at 7:32 pm.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Kezmarsky, seconded by Mr. Hughes to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 8 ayes, and 0 nays at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas Lambe
Business Administrator/Board Secretary