

Capital School District
945 Forest Street
Dover, DE 19904-3498

Thursday, November 3, 2011
North Dover Elementary School
MINUTES



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Phillip Martino, Jr., President
Kay Dietz-Sass, Vice-President
Dr. Raymond Paylor
Kiran Clements
Brian E. Lewis

(A)	ACTION
(D)	DISCUSSION
(I)	INFORMATION

Board Members Present:

Mr. Martino
Mrs. Dietz-Sass
Dr. Paylor
Ms. Clements
Mr. Lewis

Also Present:

Dr. Michael D. Thomas, Superintendent
Mr. David Williams, Attorney to Board
Ms. Susan Francis, Executive Director, DSBA
Members of Media
Members of Community

1.0 Open Session

On a motion by Mrs. Dietz-Sass, seconded by Ms. Clements, and on a unanimous vote, the Board entered public session at 6:00 p.m.

1.04 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

All members are present.

2.0 Action/Discussion/Information Items (A/D/I)

2.01 Board Operations

President Martino opened the work session with a statement of its purpose – review board operational procedures in light of debate among members as to the function of operational policies and their application to the board as a formal body. Ms. Sue Francis, Executive Director of the Delaware Schools Boards Association, and David Williams, Attorney to the Board, discussed board operational policies and Delaware law. The following topics and questions were discussed as follows.

Effective boardsmanship; First Amendment right; Board member code of ethics; Accepting will of majority; Dissenting vote and opinion; Board Policy making function; Authority of board only in effect when in formal session; Privacy rights of employees and students; Board member censure; Requirement of each board member to follow policies of operation; Protocols for concerns received by board members; Board members' visitation to schools.

3.0 Adjournment

3.01 Adjournment

On a motion by Mrs. Dietz-Sass, seconded by Ms. Clements, and on a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.