

I. A Workshop Meeting of the Point Pleasant Board of Education was called to Order by the President at 7:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Jordan, Munn, Ruiz, Wieland, Ward

Absent: Peterson, Williams

III. ANNOUNCEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT (by President)

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provision of this law, PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting was advertised in The Ocean Star on Friday, January 6, 2017, and was provided to The Asbury Park Press, the Borough Clerk, and posted in each school and the Board Office on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

IV. SALUTE TO THE FLAG (led by President)

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Transgender Policy

Superintendent Smith provided the Board with a draft of Board Policy 5756-Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students, something that the district has been working diligently on for approximately one year. In addition, Dr. Rodriguez-Rust was present to discuss the policy with the Board.

PARCC Report

Dr. Ladd will present the district's testing report at the October 16, 2017 Business meeting. PARCC and NJASK scores have already been provided to the Board.

Professional Development Day October 6, 2017

Schools are closed for students so that district training can be provided on the many initiatives we have in place this year, which includes time for teachers to articulate and plan with grade level and department colleagues.

Week of Respect/School Violence Awareness Week

The week beginning with the first Monday in October has been designated as the Week of Respect in New Jersey. Age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidate and bullying will be observed. The week beginning with the third Monday in October has been designated as School Violence Awareness Week. Age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing school violence, conflict resolution, issues of student diversity and tolerance will be observed.

Special Meeting – October 11, 2017

A Special Meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a pupil residency hearing.

2017-2018 District Goals

Superintendent Smith distributed the 2017-2018 District Goals, asked the Board to review them so they could be on the October 16, 2017 Board of Education agenda for approval. Superintendent Smith mentioned that goal addressing financial literacy for students at the Point Pleasant High School was included as one of the goals. Ms. Wieland requested this topic be reviewed and to see if feasible to make it a District Goal.

Loren Donley Celebration

Superintendent Smith mentioned to the Board that the Celebration of Life for Mr. Donley was held on Sunday, October 1, 2017 in the performing arts center which is named after Mr. Donley. It was

a fitting tribute to an outstanding teacher and someone who served as a mentor to many people. He was praised by both his family, friends and former students.

Homework Policy

Ms. Wieland requested that the current Homework Policy and Regulation be reviewed and involve the necessary parties, including administrators and teachers. Ms. Wieland spoke about the difference of Homework vs. Home Learning.

VI. PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Ruiz thanked Mr. Corso and the Transportation Department for their quick turn-around on transportation of band equipment to a competition.

VII. BOARD COMMENTS

None.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Munn moved, seconded by Ms. Wieland, the following resolutions:

Upon recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools, be it resolved that the following resolutions are approved by the Board of Education: (Items 1-8)

1. Approval of the following leave of absence request(s) for the 2017-2018 school year:

| Name | Position | Type of Leave | Effective |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Megan Meier | NB Music Teacher | Intermittent Unpaid Family Leave | 09/22/17-02/20/18 |

2. Approval of the following staff for the 2017-2018 school year:

| Name | Position | Effective | Rate |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Laura Sleys | NB Instructional Paraprofessional | 09/20/17-06/30/18 | Step 1-\$10.92* Per hour/1.25 hrs. p/d |

*Salary subject to change pending the outcome of negotiations.

3. Approval of the following substitutes:

| Name | Position |
|--|-------------|
| Katherine Keniston – Effective 9/25/17 | Mathematics |

4. Approval of the following revision to the 2017-2018 school calendar:

| Date | Reason | Change |
|----------|--------------|--|
| 10/11/17 | PSAT Testing | Delayed opening – 10:00 a.m. for Grade 9 and 12 students |

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 2 (Peterson, Williams)

5. Approval of the following professional development:

| Name | Description | Date | Rate |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| Sarah Stevenson 517 Summit Drive Pt. Pleasant, NJ 08742 | Mindfulness Training | 10/6/2017 | \$375.00/Session Total: \$750.00 |

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstain: 1 (Ward)
Absent: 2 (Peterson, Williams)

6. Approval of the following professional development and reimbursement of travel-related expenses:

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Name/School</i> | <i>Conference Title</i> | <i>Cost</i> Registration – R, Travel – T | <i>Purpose</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|
| 10/12/2017 11/1/2017 11/21/2017 | Kristen Kimak | Webinar: The Writing Strategies | R = \$169.00 | Prof. Dev. | Online |
| 10/19-10/20/17 | Kurt Karcich | NJPSA Fall Conference | R - \$310.00 T – \$27.65 | Prof. Dev. | Long Branch, NJ |

7. Approval of the bills for October 2, 2017, in the amount of \$283,220.00.

8. Approval of the following change order:

| Contractor | Change Order/Description | Amount |
|---|--|------------|
| Down To Earth Landscaping, Inc. 705 Wright-Debow Road Jackson, NJ 08527 | PCO #1 – Install retaining wall behind and up sides of High School Spectator Plaza | \$3,220.00 |

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0
Absent: 2 (Peterson, Williams)

IX. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Jordan made a motion to adjourn the Workshop Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Wieland and was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Steven W. Corso, CPA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary