

The Working Meeting of the Commercial Township Board of Education was held in the Commercial Township Board of Education Office, located at 1308 North Avenue, Port Norris, NJ, on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Board President, Mrs. Perrelli, opened the meeting at 6:00 PM, leading the group in the pledge to the flag.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Board President, Mrs. Perrelli, read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meeting of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Commercial Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and South Jersey Times, and posted in the Commercial Township Schools and District Office.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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Roll call was performed by Board Secretary, Trish Birmingham, and is listed as follows:

Mrs. Abbott	Present
Mr. DeFabrites	Present
Mrs. Perrelli	Present
Mrs. Pettit	Present (7:10 P.M.)
Mrs. Porter	Present
Mrs. Ronan	Present
Mrs. Stormes-Rivera	Present
Mr. Sutton	Present
Mrs. Wilson-Smith	Present

The following were also present:

Mr. Adam Weiss, Esq. – Board Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS

The following departmental reviews were included within the Board packet and were not verbally presented during the meeting.

DEPT REVIEWS

1. Buildings & Grounds
2. Transportation
3. Technology
4. Curriculum
5. HMS
6. PNS

REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 5, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA (submitted as DRAFT)

REVIEW OF AGENDA

The draft agenda was reviewed and the following items were discussed:

E. Correspondence – Change in budget calendar: Ms. Birmingham reviewed the timeline update for the budget process due to the new governor taking office and the State allowing for additional time to review the budget items.

3. Donation – Discussion took place regarding the approval of donations and utilizing said funds within the fiscal year received.

7. Facilities Use – Mrs. Ronan questioned why the PTA facilities use requests are approved each meeting and if a blanket approval could be given. It was confirmed that the PTA requests have been approved as long as the facilities are not previously in use/are reserved, however each use does in fact need to be brought to the Board.

PERSONNEL – Mrs. Wilson-Smith questioned why personnel are being hired with the “pending certification” clause.

12. Paraprofessional Coaching Project – Mrs. Wilson-Smith questioned the details of this item, however the administrators present did not explain due to no directive from the Superintendent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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None

EXEC SESSION #1

EXECUTIVE SESSION #1

Motioned by Mr. DeFabrites and seconded by Mrs. Wilson-Smith that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Executive Session, from which the public is excluded to discuss the network incident. The results of this session will be made public immediately after, or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached, if permitted by law. (6:45 pm)

Ayes: (8) Noes: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion Carried

Item reviewed in Executive Session:

1. District Network Incident

Discussion occurred detailing the steps taken during and after the incident. The update was given to better understand the contract language and changes being made in the better interests of the District.

Moved by Mrs. Wilson-Smith and seconded by Mrs. Abbott to adjourn from Executive Session and reenter into the public portion of the meeting. (7:00 pm)

Ayes: (8) Noes: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion Carried

DISCUSSION

Additional discussion occurred regarding meeting audio files and access to them, legal bill access, and confirmation of no lawsuits held against the District.

EXEC SESSION #2

EXECUTIVE SESSION #2

Motioned by Mr. Sutton and seconded by Mrs. Pettit that the Board of Education adjourn, by Resolution, into Executive Session, from which the public is excluded to discuss the possible or anticipated litigation. The results of this session will be made public immediately after, or as soon thereafter as a decision is reached, if permitted by law. (7:20 pm)

Ayes: (9) Noes: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion Carried

Item reviewed in Executive Session:

1. Possible or Anticipated Litigation

Discussion occurred regarding further legal details to explain the process of receiving tort notice claims and the timeframe that accompanies these notices/claims in order to confirm there are no lawsuits against the District. Other items were discussed and explained regarding stating names during meetings and the RICE process.

Moved by Mrs. Abbott and seconded by Mrs. Porter to adjourn from Executive Session and reenter into the public portion of the meeting. (7:47 pm)

Ayes: (9) Noes: (0) Abstain: (0) Motion Carried

COUNTY MEETING

Mrs. Perrelli explained her meeting with Interim County Superintendent – Mrs. Peggy Nicolosi was held in order review the process of having an interim superintendent as to not rush through the tedious and lengthy applicant screening/interviewing process. Discussion of the process of gaining an interim superintendent

occurred. It was noted the process is a coordinated effort between the District and Cumberland County Education Office.

ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Mr. DeFabrites and seconded by Mrs. Pettit to adjourn the meeting. (7:59 pm)

Ayes: (9)

Noes: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Motion Carried



Lawren Birmingham, Board Secretary

January 30, 2018

