MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REORGANIZATION & MEETING HELD January 2, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Reorganization Meeting and Business Meeting of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education was called to order by Dr. Christopher Russo at 7:34 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the District Administration Building. The following board members were present:

Mr. Isaac Cheng Ms. Louisa Ho Ms. Dana Krug

Mr. Anthony Fleres Ms. Rachel Juliana Mr. Yu "Taylor" Zhong

Ms. Carol Herts Ms. Michele Kaish

No Board members were absent. Present also were: Dr. David Aderhold, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Christopher Russo, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/Board Secretary; Mr. Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction; Mr. Gerard Dalton, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services/Planning; and, Ms. Charity Fues, Director of Human Resources. Also present was board attorney, Mark Toscano, Esq.

II. CONVENE

This is the Reorganization Meeting of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for the period January 2018 through January 2019. In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending a notice of the time, date, location, and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting on January 3, 2017, and on December 22, 2017, to The Princeton Packet, The Times, The Home New Tribune and West Windsor and Plainsboro Public Libraries. Copies of the notice also have been placed in the Board Office and in each of the district schools on January 3, 2017, and on December 22, 2017, and sent to Plainsboro and West Windsor township clerks on January 3, 2017, and on December 22, 2017.

III. RESULTS of the November 7, 2017 Election – Board Secretary

Dr. Russo announced the school board results from the November 7, 2017 election and welcomed the returning board members: Dana Krug for West Windsor and Isaac Cheng for Plainsboro; and, newly elected board member Martin Whitfield for West Windsor.

IV. OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS

Dr. Russo administered the oath of office to the following individuals:

- 1. Dana Krug, Board member for West Windsor
- 2. Martin Whitfield, Board member for West Windsor
- 3. Isaac Cheng, Board member for Plainsboro

V. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

Dr. Russo accepted nominations for president. Ms. Krug nominated Anthony Fleres for president. By ballot vote, with each Board member present voting, Mr. Fleres received 8 votes and Ms. Ho received 1 vote. The election of Anthony Fleres for Board president was announced.

Mr. Fleres assumed the presidency and assumed control of the meeting.

VI. NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. Fleres accepted nominations for vice-president. Ms. Juliana nominated Ms. Kaish for vice president. By ballot vote, with each Board member present voting, Ms. Kaish received 8 votes and Ms. Ho received 1 vote. The election of Ms. Kaish for Board vice-president was announced.

Upon motion by Ms. Krug, seconded by Ms. Ho, following a discussion regarding item XXI, and by roll call vote with all board members present voting yes, except Ms. Herts, who voted no on item XX, the following board actions were approved:

VII. NJ SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS, CHAPTER 178

Members of the Board of Education received, discussed, and adopted the New Jersey School Board Member Code of Ethics as the official code for their actions, which means that individual members declare themselves willing to abide by principles proved over the years as the best guides for service on the Board.

- VIII. <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate Christopher J. Russo, EdD, as Board Secretary and as temporary chair to conduct officer elections for the period of January 2018 through January 2019.
 - IX. It is recommended that members of the Board of Education authorize Christopher J. Russo, EdD, Board Secretary/Assistant Superintendent of Finance, or his designee, to advertise and solicit bids/quotes for the following commodities: audio-visual supplies, arts and crafts supplies, technology (hardware and software), office supplies, teaching supplies, photocopiers, paper products and related supplies, athletics supplies, plaques and awards, building and ground equipment, services and supplies, gasoline and diesel fuel, industrial art supplies, furniture, and leases. These bids, when accepted by the members of the Board of Education, will be encumbered against the budget.
- X. <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate Christopher J. Russo, EdD, or his designee as Public Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.) under *N.J.A.C.* 17:27-3.2 and appointment of purchasing agent and authorization to award contracts up to bid threshold and set quote threshold at 15 percent of bid threshold amount for the school year.
- XI. It is recommended that approval be given to appoint Assistant Superintendent/School Business Administrator, Christopher J. Russo, EdD, as the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District's Qualified State Purchasing Agent (18A:18A-2b) for the school year in accordance with the New Jersey State Statutes and be authorized to advertise for and received bids and purchase through state contracts wherever practical in the best interest of the Board of Education; and to authorize that West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District evoke the supplemental authority of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 and 18A:18A-4.3 to set the District's bid threshold to the statutory bid threshold of \$40,000 (quote threshold for local units with a QPA is \$6,000 15% of the \$40,000 QPA bid threshold).
- XII. <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate Geraldine Hutner as Custodian of District Records under New Jersey Open Public Records Act (P.L.2001, Chapter 404) for the school year.
- XIII. <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate responsibility for Integrated Pest Management and Asbestos to Thomas Daly or his designee the responsibility for HAZCOM, Right-To-Know, and Indoor Air Quality, and Environmental Regulations under the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Program Hazard Communication Standard (*N.J.A.C.* 12:100-7) for the school year.

- XIV. It is recommended that approval be given to designate Superintendent or designee as district liaison for the education of homeless children under Students At Risk of Not Receiving a Public Education (N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.5); NJ Department of Children and Families, Division of Child Protection and Permanency (formerly Division of Youth and Family Services); and appointments of: 504 Committee Coordinator(s), ADA Officer, Issuing Officer for Working Papers, collection and maintenance of student records (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7.3, and approval of Emergency Operations Plan, Crisis Intervention Procedures Manual, and Emergency Management Plan; for the school year.
- XV. <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate Superintendent or designee as Title IX Coordinator under the Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. Section 1681 (20 United States Code Section 1681) <u>et seq.</u>; 34 C.F.R., Part 106 (34 Code of Federal Regulations), for the school year.
- **XVI.** It is recommended that approval be given to designate Superintendent or his designee to implement the approved safety and health plan in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:19-6.5, for the school year.
- **XVII.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate Jill Liedtka as Treasurer of School Monies for the school year.

XVIII. NAME FINANCIAL DEPOSITORIES

A. <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate the following financial institutions as Depositories for School Funds:

Bank of America
Bank of New York Mellon
Beneficial Bank
Investors Bank
JP Morgan Chase Bank
The Bank of Princeton
TD Bank
New Jersey Cash Management
PNC Bank
Santander Bank, N.A.
Sun National Bank
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

- **B.** It is recommended that approval be given to designate bank accounts and authorized signatories.
- C. <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate petty cash accounts and establish dollar thresholds.

XIX. ADOPT THE BOARD POLICIES NOW EXISTING

<u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to adopt all Board policies and regulations now existing, subject to review, recession, or addition during the school year.

XX. ADOPT CURRICULA

<u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to adopt all existing curricula based upon the New Jersey Student Learning Standards (Visual and Performing Arts; Comprehensive Health and Physical Education; Language Arts Literacy; Mathematics; Science; Social Studies; World Languages;

Technology; and 21st Century Life and Careers), textbooks, and course offerings for the district and each school.

XXI. ESTABLISH TIME, DATE, AND PLACE OF MEETINGS

- a) <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to establish the time, date, and place of the meetings of the Board of Education, in which action may be taken, at 7:30 p.m. at Central Office, Multi-Purpose Room, for the meetings from February 2018 through January 2019, as follows:
 - February 13, 2018
 - March 6, 2018
 - March 20, 2018
 - April 24, 2018
 - May 8, 2018
 - May 22, 2018
 - June 12, 2018
 - June 26, 2018
 - July 24, 2018
 - August 21, 2018
 - September 11, 2018
 - October 9, 2018
 - October 30, 2018
 - November 20, 2018
 - December 11, 2018
 - January 8, 2019
 - January 29, 2019

Public Hearings: April 24, 2018, 2017-2018 Budget; June 12, 2018, Administrator Contracts & Salaries pursuant to P.L. 2007, Chapter 53; June 26, 2018 Semi-Annual District Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Report; October 9, 2018, 2017-2018 Annual District Report of Violence & Vandalism and Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying; and, January 29, 2019, Semi-Annual District Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying Report.

- b) <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to establish the time, date, and place of two Special Meetings of the Board of Education for the purpose of Board Retreats, in which action will not be taken, at 6:00 p.m. at Central Office, Multi-Purpose Room, as follows:
 - June 14, 2018
 - December 18, 2018
- **XXII.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to designate *The Princeton Packet* and *The Times* as the official newspapers for the school district.
- **XXIII.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to adopt the rules and regulations of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association as resolved in the July 11, 2000, Resolution for the High Schools' Athletic Departments.
- **XXIV.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to empower the Superintendent of Schools and the Board Secretary to implement the budget pursuant to policies and regulations of the New Jersey Board of Education and West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional Board of Education.

- **XXV.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to empower the Superintendent of Schools and the Board Secretary to audit and approve chart of accounts and demands for payment prior to presentation to the Board.
- **XXVI.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to empower the Superintendent of Schools and the Board Secretary to approve transfers of funds, except for transfers to and from surplus, between meetings of the Board of Education. Transfers approved shall be reported to the Board, ratified, and duly recorded in the minutes at the next Board Business Meeting.
- **XXVII.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to empower the Superintendent of Schools to authorize routine employment appointments between the last day of school and the first Board of Education meeting in September, with the understanding that formal action would be taken at the next voting meeting of the Board.
- **XXVIII.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given for the Nursing Services Plan, subject to review, revision, or addition during the school year.
- **XXIX.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to adopt all board-approved job descriptions now existing, subject to review, revision, or addition during the school year.
- **XXX.** <u>It is recommended that</u> approval be given to use the "Violence, Vandalism, and Substance Abuse Incident Report Form," which is available on the state EVVRS web page, for the school year.

XXXI. Affirmative Action Officers/Anti-Bullying Specialists/Statement of Assurance

1. To adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, New Jersey public schools and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District are required to develop, submit, and implement a Comprehensive Equity Plan to identify and resolve all equity needs affecting its schools, pupils, or staff, as indicated in *N.J.A.C. 6:4-1 et.seq.*; and

Whereas, an Affirmative Action Officer is necessary to uphold the regulations pertaining to *N.J.S.A. 18A:36-20, 10:5, N.J.A.C. 6:4*, Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1977; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that Affirmative Action Officers be appointed with the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District, for the school year, as follows:

- Charity Fues, District Affirmative Action Officer
- Peter James, High School North Affirmative Action Officer
- Paul Hamnett, High School South Affirmative Action Officer
- Daniel Savarese, Community Middle School Affirmative Action Officer
- Jack Colella, Grover Middle School Affirmative Action Officer
- Lori Skibinski, Millstone River School Affirmative Action Officer
- Guy Tulp, Village School Affirmative Action Officer
- Laura Bruce, Dutch Neck Elementary School Affirmative Action Officer
- Erin Falk, Maurice Hawk Elementary School Affirmative Action Officer
- Renee Osterbye, Town Center Elementary School at Plainsboro Affirmative Action Officer
- Michael Welborn, J.V.B. Wicoff Elementary School Affirmative Action Officer

- 2. To appoint a district anti-bullying coordinator and anti-bullying specialists for the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District, for the school year, as follows:
 - Lee McDonald, District Anti-Bullying Coordinator
 - Jenna Cavadas-Fonseca, High School North Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Chelsea Allen, High School South Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Callandra Peters, Community Middle School Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Wendy Alley, Grover Middle School Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Lisa Valeriani, Millstone River School Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Melissa Greiner, Village School Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Nancy Dunne, Dutch Neck Elementary School Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Kelly Marshall, Maurice Hawk Elementary School Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Erica Anas, Town Center Elementary School at Plainsboro Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - Ellen Incollingo, J.V.B. Wicoff Elementary School Anti-Bullying Specialist
 - C. Shannon Martin, Community Education Anti-Bullying Specialist
- 3. Approve the submission of the Statement of Assurance regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2017-2018 school year stating the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District is in compliance with state and federal requirements.
- **XXXII.** It is recommended that approval be given to empower the Superintendent of Schools and the Board Secretary to enter into agreements in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:14-4.3(b)5, with county special services school districts, educational services commissions, and private schools for students with disabilities, which have been approved by the Department of Education (according to *N.J.S.A.* 18A:46-14 and 15) for the purpose of special education placements.
- **XXXIII.** It is recommended that approval be given to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, during the fiscal year, there exists a need for a variety of specialized services; and

Whereas, funds are available for this purpose; and

Whereas, the Public School Contracts Law (N.J.S.A.~18A:18A-5) requires a resolution authorizing the award of contracts/agreements for "professional services" or "extraordinary unspecifiable services" (N.J.S.A.~40A:11-5(1)(a)(ii) and 40A:11-5(1)(m)) without competitive bids; now therefore be it

Resolved, by the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional Board of Education:

1. The Superintendent of Schools and Board Secretary are authorized to execute contracts and/or agreements with:

Business Office

Allen & Stults, Co., Inc. – Student Accident Insurance Broker of Record Certified Testing Laboratories, Inc. – Engineers & Land Surveyors Consultants Comegno Law Group, P.C. – School District Board Attorneys Edwards Engineering Group, Inc. – School District Engineering Consultants Environmental Tactics, Inc. – School District Asbestos Abatement Consultants Fraytak Veisz Hopkins Duthie, P.C. - School District Architectural Consultants French & Parrello Associates – School District Engineering Consultants Hill Wallack – Special Legal Counsel Kelter & Gilligo – School District Consulting Engineers

McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, School District Bond Attorneys

Methfessel & Werbel – School District Board Attorneys

NJ School Boards Association - Special Legal Counsel for Negotiations Resources

Parker McCay, P.A. - School District Board Attorneys

PARS Environmental, Inc. – School District Health & Safety Compliance Consultants

Phoenix Advisors, LLC – School District Financial Advisors

Phoenix Advisors, LLC - School District Disclosure Agent of Record

Rue Insurance – School District Risk Management Broker of Record (extraordinary unspecifiable services)

Trumbo, Gregg - School District Engineering Consultant

Van Cleef Engineering Associates – School District Engineering Consultant

Wells Fargo/USI Insurance Services - Health Insurance Broker of Record

Wiss & Company, LLP - School District Auditor

Vendors – Investment Accounts

457 Investment Accounts: AXA Equitable Life Insurance Co., Voya Financial, Lincoln Investment Planning, MetLife Group Services, Valic Financial.

403(b) and Roth 403(b) Investment Accounts in accordance with the district's 403(b) plan's adoption agreement: Appendix I: AXA Equitable Life Insurance Co., Voya Financial, Lincoln Investment Planning, MetLife Group Services, and Valic Financial.

Vendor – Disability Insurance

Aetna Life Insurance Company

Prudential

Central Office-Medical

Dr. Gerald Raymond, Medical Services Director

Dr. Adam Naddelman, Medical Inspector

Interstate Mobile Care (Transportation)

Lawrence Orthopedic Group

Princeton HealthCare System Occupational Health

Princeton Health Care Systems - Occupational Medicine Services

Princeton Nassau Pediatrics

Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center

University Orthopedic Associates

Athletics (medical coverage for home football games.)

- a) Dr. Scott Miller (Champion Orthopedic Group)
- b) Dr. William Rossy (Princeton Orthopaedic Associates)

Special Services – Consultants/Evaluators

- a) 360 Translations International, Inc.
- b) Advancing Opportunities
- c) Alexander Road Associates
- d) ASL Interpreter Referral Services, Inc.
- e) B A Vision Education Services
- f) B&B Therapy Solutions, LLC
- g) Ball, James, JB Autism Consulting
- h) Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. (formerly Bayada Nursing Services, Inc.)
- i) Beautiful Minds of Princeton
- j) Behavior Therapy Associates
- k) Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC

- Camelot Educational Resources (formerly Comprehensive Educational Resources)
- m) Center for Hearing & Communications
- n) Center for Vocational Rehabilitation
- o) The Children's Hospital at St. Peter's University Hospital Pediatric Specialties
- p) CHOP Specialty Care Center in Princeton
- q) Counseling Center at Scotch Road
- r) Cross Country Clinical Educational Services
- s) Crowley, Chelsea
- t) Delta-T Group North Jersey, Inc.
- u) Dr. Andre J. Francios dba The Bilingual Child Study Team
- v) Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center
- w) Dynamic Therapeutic Services
- x) Eden Autism Services
- y) Eye Care Professionals
- z) Hunterdon Medical Center Rehabilitation Services
- aa) Hunterdon Care Systems Dev. Pediatric Assn.
- bb) Inlingua Services
- cc) Interim Healthcare
- dd) KDH Enterprises, Inc.
- ee) League for the Hard of Hearing
- ff) Learning Tree Multicultural/Multilingual Evaluation & Consulting, Inc.
- gg) Life Enhancement Institute (Dr. Nupur Lahiri)
- hh) Maida Mobility and Sharon Maida
- ii) MDW Education Services
- jj) Newborn Nurses (NBN Group)
- kk) Newgrange Educational Outreach Center
- ll) New Hope Psychological Services, LLC
- mm) NJ Hearing Health Center
- nn) Susan Norwell-Educational Specialist
- oo) Occupational Medicine Services (Princeton HealthCare System Program)
- pp) Occupational Therapy Associates of Princeton
- gg) Outpatient Rehabilitation Network and University Medical Center
- rr) PENTA Hearing Care
- ss) Positive Steps Pediatric Occupational Therapy Ctr.
- tt) Princeton Healthcare System/Occupational Medicine Services
- uu) Princeton Mental Health (Dr. Bhalla)
- vv) Elisa Shipon-Blum (Select Mutism)
- ww) Sankay Systems
- xx) Tiny Tots Therapy, Inc.
- yy) UMDNJ-University Behavioral Healthcare-Rutgers University Behavioral Healthcare
- zz) US Health Works

Special Services - Hearing Audiologist

- a) Heidi Wolfinger (HA Wolfinger & Associates, LLC)
- b) Dr. Donna Goione-Merchant (Educational Audiology Resources)
- c) Dr. Julie Gonzalez
- d) State of New Jersey-Katzenbach School for the Deaf

Special Services – Interpreters

- a) Neera Kothary (Gujarati)
- b) Gonga Moonglea (Tamil)
- c) Sankay Systems-Sandhya Telluri (Telugu)

- d) Sylvia Dall'Asta (Spanish)
- e) Gwendolyn Yeung (Mandarin Chinese)
- f) Arin International, LLC (Amee Shah Urdu)
- g) Julie Troger (Sign Language)
- h) Sandhya Telluri (Telugu)
- i) Jun Zheng (Mandarin)

Special Services – Learning Consultants

- a) Deborah Canciello
- b) Judith Hanna
- c) Elizabeth Hoyt
- d) Kelley Educational Consultants (Karen Kelley)
- e) Amanda Lamoglia
- f) Sandra Middlemiss
- g) Arlene Roman
- h) Donna Starker
- i) Joy Toft

Special Services - Neurodevelopmental Pediatricians

- a) Dr. Vanna Amorapanth
- b) Dr. David Atkins
- c) Dr. Audrey Mars
- d) Dr. Frances Rhoads
- e) Dr. Kapila Seshadri (Children's Specialized Hospital)
- f) Dr. Kavita Sinha (Neuroscience Associates, MD PA)
- g) Dr. Michele Willems-Plakyda
- h) Dr. Vergara and Hunterdon Healthcare Centers

Special Services – Occupational Therapists

- a) B&B Therapy Solutions, LLC, Bruce Roller
- b) Pamela Dorman
- c) Lori Wanner
- d) Liz Weber

<u>Special Services – Pediatric Neurology</u>

- a) Dr. Victoria Surgan (The Children's Hospital at St. Peter's University Hospital Pediatric Specialties)
- b) Dr. Carolos Lastra (The Children's Hospital at St. Peter's University Hospital Pediatric Specialties)

<u>Special Services – Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy</u>

a) Clarity Service Group

Special Services – Physical Therapists

- a) Joan Cochrane Greene (Versatile Physical Therapy NJ)
- b) Lynn Frass

Special Services - Psychiatrists

- a) Saranga Bhalla (Princeton Mental Health)
- b) Jackie Chen (Chinese Bilingual)
- c) Elliot Gursky
- d) Nidagelle Gowda

- e) Kani Ilangovan
- f) Nupur Lahiri (Life Enhancement Institute, LLC)
- g) Jagwinder Sandhu
- h) Princeton Family Care Assoc. LLD, (Dr. Ricardo Fernandez)
- i) Gagandeep "Raj" Singh, M.D.
- j) Village Counseling Services, PC (Elizabeth Albers)

Special Services – Psychologists

- a) Margaret Cangelosi
- b) Judith Hanna
- c) Diane Lantz-Hacker
- d) Stacey Luckus-Benedict
- e) Suzanne McMaster
- f) Yvette Roche Muniz
- g) Vivian Rodriguez-Silverstein
- h) Richa Sharma
- i) Dr. Elisa Shipon-Blum
- j) Michael Rowley
- k) Kenneth Shore
- 1) Barbara Sterlin-Blanc (Haitian Creole)
- m) Mary Tamm
- n) Village Counseling Services, PC (Elizabeth Albers)

Special Services – Sign Language Interpreters

- a) Chris Gouker
- b) Julie Troger

Special Services – Social Workers

- a) Donna Crocomo (Bilingual-Spanish)
- b) JoAnn Quinlan
- c) Olga Sharma
- d) Jay Sloan
- e) Alexandra Lawrence

<u>Special Services – Speech Language Specialists</u>

- a) Bonnie Lee (All About Speech & Accents)
- b) Janet Mariano
- 2. These contracts/agreements are awarded without competitive bidding as "professional services" or "extraordinary unspecifiable services" under the provisions of the Public School Contracts Law.

XXXIV. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Fleres welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming out.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Aderhold welcomed everyone to the first board meeting of the new year. He welcomed back Dana Krug and Isaac Cheng as Board members, and welcomed Martin Whitfield to the Board. Dr. Aderhold remarked that January is School Board Recognition Month. He thanked the Board members for their

valuable service and contributions to the district as well as their dedications and commitment to our students. He requested the Board members enjoy the book, Turtles All The Way Down by John Green. On the agenda this evening is a resolution recognizing and honoring the West Windsor-Plainsboro School Board members.

Dr. Aderhold shared several announcements: On January 9 2018, Mercer County Superintendents will be hosting a call to action regarding suicide prevention at Rider University; On January 3, The West Windsor Township Planning Board will review the master plan. On January 17, the West Windsor Township Planning Board will hold a courtesy review of the Maurice Hawk addition. The District plans to present an update on the Maurice Hawk addition at the January 23 Board meeting. The District is still awaiting the judge's decision on COAH to determine a number or a formula for a number. Dr. Aderhold thanked Senator Turner, Senator Greenstein, and Assemblyman Benson for their support of two bills regarding cooperative sports arrangements. Opportunitites for equal access for our athletes to sports programs. Dr. Aderhold welcomed audience member Joy Guidarie as the new West Windsor Liaison to the district.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Alexandra Vena, High School South, reported that the spring musical "Sister Act" has been casted and has started the rehearsal process. The swim team was able to escape the cold during this winter break and trained in Florida, swimming 31.5 miles overall. The winter track team has a meet tomorrow. The Student Council furthers their preparation for their winter spirit week with a fundraiser next week.

Dillon Henry, High School North, was not present.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNUAL ETHICS TRAINING

Mr. Toscano, school board attorney, remarked that the Board of Education is required to annually review and discuss the School Ethics Act at a public board meeting and that the ethics presentation will become part of the Board minutes. He asked Board members to return the signed ethics forms to the Board Secretary.

Mr. Toscano presented information regarding the School Ethics Act to the Board. His presentation included: review and analysis of the School Ethics Act *N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1*; negotiations; chain of command; and, areas of concern or retractions. He provided evidence of violations and case examples for each of the 10 items listed in the code of ethics. He spoke about the School Ethics Commission; ethics complaints; advisory opinions; conflicts in definitions between the Ethics Act and Nepotism Regulations; confidentiality; collective negotiations participation; Doctrine of Necessity; Board member involvement in hiring/evaluation of superintendent; Board member limitations on hiring/evaluation of school staff; volunteering; and shared services.

Mr. Fleres thanked Mr. Toscano for the presentation.

XXXV. FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Three members of the public spoke in regards to the following topics: the football cooperative program, congratulating the re-elected and newly elected Board members, and thanking the Board for their service.

XXXVI. BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORTS (None)

XXXVII. MEETING

A. ADMINISTRATION

Upon motion by Mr. Cheng, seconded by Ms. Kaish, following a discussion regarding the football program and cooperative sports, and by roll call vote with all Board members present voting yes, except Ms. Herts who abstained on item #3, the following board actions were approved:

School Security Drills

1. Acknowledge the following fire and security drills were performed in December, 2017 in compliance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:41-1:

| Fire Date | Security Date | <u>School</u> |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| 12/19/17 | 12/15/17 | Dutch Neck Elementary School |
| 12/7/17 | 12/8/17 | Maurice Hawk Elementary School |
| 12/11/17 | 12/6/17 | Town Center Elementary School |
| 12/1/17 | 12/12/17 | J.V.B. Wicoff Elementary School |
| 12/4/17 | 12/19/17 | Millstone River School |
| 12/19/17 | 12/6/17 | Village School |
| 12/4/17 | 12/8/17 | Community Middle School |
| 12/4/17 | 12/20/17 | Thomas Grover Middle School |
| 12/4/17 | 12/21/17 | WW-P High School North |
| 12/11/17 | 12/9/17 | WW-P High School South |

School Board Recognition Month

2. January is School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey and the district would like to acknowledge, with gratitude, the school board members for their contributions to the success of the district and our students for the time they volunteer to set policy and oversec the operations in our schools and to recognize the following resolution:

Whereas, January is School Board Recognition Month, a time that all residents might acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

Whereas, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education is 1 of more than 581 local school boards in New Jersey who sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

Whereas, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

Whereas, New Jersey's local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers, and parents for the betterment of public education; and

Whereas, boards of education strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students; and

Whereas, boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that we recognize January as School Board Recognition Month and honor the following individuals: Isaac Cheng, Anthony Fleres, Louisa Ho, Carol Herts, Rachel Juliana, Michele Kaish, Dana Krug, Martin Whitfield, and Yu Taylor Zhong.

Cooperative Football Agreement

3. Authorize entering into an agreement regarding the cooperative football team between High School South and High School North for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.

B. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (None)

C. FINANCE

Upon motion by Ms. Juliana, seconded by Mr. Zhong, and by roll call vote with all Board members present voting yes, the following board actions were approved:

Business Services

- 1. Payment of bills as follows:
 - a) Bill List General for January 2, 2018 (run on 12-21-17) in the amount of \$2,360,358.18.
 - b) Bill List Capital for January 2, 2018 in the amount of \$0.

Solar Renewable Energy Certificates

2. Authorization for Sale of Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SRECs) in accordance with the following notice to bidders:

The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District is soliciting bids for the sale of its Solar Renewable Energy Certificates. The auction will take place over the Internet using the FlettExchange, an online auction, located at www.flettexchange.com. [The online auction shall take place on January 17, 2018, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.]

D. PERSONNEL

A personnel addendum was added to include the following: B. Certificated Staff – a couple of appointments, leave of absences, and changes; C. Non Certificated Staff – two appointments and six changes; E. – Extracurricular/Extra Pay – several additions and changes.

Upon motion by Ms. Ho, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, and by roll call vote with all Board members present voting yes, the following board actions were approved:

Personnel

1. To approve the following personnel items:

| Name (Last, First) | Nature of Action | Position | Step | Salary | Loc. | Date Effective | Date Term. | Discussion |
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| A. Administra | ition | | | | | | | |
| None | | | | | | | | |