

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2018

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, 2018, and on October 5, 2018, to *The Princeton Packet*, *The Times*, *The Home News Tribune*, and the 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, 2018, and on October 5, 2018, and sent to Plainsboro and West Windsor township clerks on January 3, 2018, and on October 5, 2018.

The meeting of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education was called to order by Board Vice-President Kaish at 6:50 p.m. in the C110-111 at the District Administration Building. Upon motion by Ms. Krug, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, and by unanimous voice vote of all present, the meeting adjourned immediately into closed executive session to discuss the following:

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances;

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private session;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving:

1. Matters of personal confidentiality rights, including but not limited to, staff and/or student discipline matters, and specifically:	Personnel Matters
2. Matters in which the release of information would impair the right to receive government funds, and specifically:	
3. Matters which, if publicly disclosed, would constitute and unwarranted invasion of individual privacy, and specifically:	
4. Matters concerning negotiations, and specifically:	
5. Matters involving the purchase of real property and/or the investment of public funds, and specifically:	
6. Matters involving the real tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, and specifically:	
7. Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney client privilege, and specifically:	Docket# MERC-DC-4700-18; A-0962-17-T3; MERL-L-1005-18; Case No. 02-13-1351; BV & SV obo DV vs. WWP; OAL Docket #11952-2018S; Anticipated Tort Claim; AK & JK obo KK vs. WW-P; SV & VV obo SV vs. WW-P.
8. Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee, and specifically:	Personnel Issues as noted on the agenda and addendums
9. Matters involving quasi-judicial deliberations, and specifically:	

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board, which need not remain confidential, will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

The meeting reconvened to public session at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. The following Board members were present:

Ms. Carol Herts	Ms. Rachel Juliana	Mr. Martin Whitfield
Ms. Louisa Ho	Ms. Michele Kaish	Mr. Yu "Taylor" Zhong
	Ms. Dana Krug	

Board President Anthony Fleres and Board member Isaac Cheng were absent. Present also were: Dr. David Aderhold, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Christopher Russo, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/Board Secretary; Mr. James Earle, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services/Planning; Mr. Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; and, Ms. Charity Fues, Director of Human Resources. Also present was board attorney, Mark Toscano, Esq.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Board Vice-President Kaish welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained there was an executive session earlier so the meeting had already been called to order. Board Attorney Mark Toscano reported changes to executive session agenda, which are reflected in the table above.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS

Olivia Browndorf and Saniya Mandloi, High School North, reported the following: The homecoming game and dance were held on September 28 and 29, 2018. Even though WW-P lost the game, there was a great turnout and the homecoming king and queen were crowned. At the dance, there were many fun activities, including a milkshake bar and a photo booth. As the fun weekend concluded, the Spirit Week points were calculated for the grades and the seniors won. This homecoming was eventful and different from previous years and we cannot wait to keep improving in years to come. Some of North's sports teams have been doing very well: The boys' soccer team is close to an undefeated season and the girls' soccer team beat South. Last Thursday, parents were greeted to High School North's Back to School Night by freshly painted walls in the main hallway, a bright blue wall in the main office, and new and very spirited trashcans lining the main entrance. Along with the new renovations, the cheerleaders and members of our marching band greeted parents as they entered the building before Dr. Dauber addressed families in the theater, setting the course and vision for the school year. With the student peer leaders lining the hallways to help give parents directions, and the enthusiastic teachers waiting by the door to greet them, back to school night was a sure success. Back to School Night also kicked off our grand opening of the school store. Although the store was not fully stocked, we were able to give the parents an idea of what there is to look forward to as well as what to expect once the store is up and running. September was a very full month of activities and we look forward to what October brings.

Alexandra Vena, High School South, reported that after just the first month of school, South is already bustling with activity. PSAT's will be administered for sophomores and juniors on October 10. Homecoming king and queen nominations have been taking place this week at lunch for seniors. South's Homecoming Spirit Week themed "Destination Getaways" starts next Monday, October 15 and ends with the Homecoming football game on Friday, October 19 against Allentown High School and the Homecoming dance on Saturday, October 20. The North-South soccer game brought out many fans for a close match that unfortunately ended with a 2-1 Knights victory. South's Fall Drama "Almost, Maine" has been cast and rehearsals have begun for performances that will take place November 15-17.

REFERENDUM PRESENTATION

Dr. Aderhold presented information on the November 6, 2018 Facilities Referendum vote. He reported that there is a Fair Share Housing Center settlement agreement on the West Windsor Township Council agenda tomorrow evening that affects district enrollment. The settlement proposes a third round new construction obligation of 1,500 units. He explained that enrollment growth is undeniable across the district with an anticipated enrollment increase of 1,784 students over the next ten years or so. With eight of ten schools over capacity today, evidence of future course restrictions, challenges with our HVAC systems, and the rise in class sizes, a referendum is necessary. If the referendum passes, it would benefit every school in the district as it encompasses rehabilitation projects at all ten schools and additions at five of them. The referendum totals \$114,875,000, of which approximately \$63 million is for rehabilitation projects and approximately \$52 million is for additions and renovations. Dr. Aderhold clarified that even though the total dollar amount of the referendum seems intimidating, there would be \$0 tax increase on the debt portion of the budget. The district is able to do this due to retiring debt service payments, the receipt of state aid, and district funds on hand due to past fiscal prudence. The Superintendent presented a graph showing how the increase in debt payments for the referendum would be offset by the decrease in payments for retiring debt. He then reviewed the Referendum question itself and explained that Paragraph 1 defines the projects to be completed including the total value of all of the projects, and that Paragraph 2 explains the dollar amounts the state contributes towards the projects. He clarified the definition of eligible costs, ineligible costs, and excess costs and provided the amounts for each. He also defined the state aid calculation for the referendum project, including total costs, eligible costs for state aid, the state share, and the local share. A list of the proposed projects was provided showing which projects would take place at which location as well as the cost. Dr. Aderhold reminded the Board of the referendum presentations taking place over the next several weeks that are available for the public to attend. He also provided links to the referendum videos located on the WW-P website and YouTube that help to explain the referendum.

The Board engaged Dr. Aderhold in a discussion regarding items covered in the referendum presentation.

Ms. Kaish thanked Dr. Aderhold for his presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eight members of the public spoke regarding the following topics: the upcoming referendum and the High School South Cross Country Assistant Coach.

Board Attorney, Mark Toscano commended the student body on the way they handled themselves and explained that, due to certain laws, the Board would be unable to respond to any comments regarding personnel matters.

ADMINISTRATION

There was an addendum added for a legal settlement dated October 9, 2018.

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