

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
RETREAT MEETING MINUTES
May 30, 2013**

The meeting of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education was called to order by President Hemant Marathe at 5:35 p.m. in the media center at Grover Middle School. The following board members were present:

Ms. Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz	Ms. Michele Kaish	Mr. Alapakkam Manikandan
Mr. Anthony Fleres	Mr. Richard Kaye	Mr. Hemant Marathe
Mr. Robert Johnson	Ms. Dana Krug	Mr. Yibao Xu

Present also was: Dr. David Aderhold, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Larry Shanok, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/Board Secretary; Mr. Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction; and Mr. Gerard Dalton, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services/Planning (as of July 1, 2013).

CONVENE

In accordance with the State's Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing a notice of the time, date, location and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting to the PRINCETON PACKET, THE TIMES, THE TRENTONIAN, THE HOME NEWS TRIBUNE, AND WEST WINDSOR and PLAINSBORO PUBLIC LIBRARIES. Copies of the notice have also been posted in the board office and filed with Plainsboro's and West Windsor's township clerks and in each of the district schools.

No members of the public were present.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Marathe welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their participation.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Aderhold also welcomed the Board to the retreat. He reviewed the importance of the Board and administrative teams and the challenges in the previous years. With the upcoming administrative team changes, our commitment is still focused on the students and our commitment toward educational excellence.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Dalton led a teambuilding exercise; Board Members noted the applicability and usefulness of the exercise. The use of clarifying and probing questions facilitated discussions.

DISCUSSION

Reviewed the 2012-2013's completed goals. There were briefings on budgets, the new teacher evaluation system, and options and opportunities associated with the Village School Expansion project. Dr. Aderhold noted that he is seeking input in regard to his draft Superintendent's Entry Plan.

Deputy Superintendent Aderhold and President Marathe thanked everyone for their participation.

Upon motion by Ms. Kaish, seconded by Ms. Krug, and by unanimous voice vote of all present, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Larry Shanok, Board Secretary