

**MINUTES OF BOARD RETREAT HELD
June 21, 2016**

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 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.

The Board Retreat of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Fleres at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the central office. The following Board members were present:

Mr. Anthony Fleres	Ms. Rachel Juliana	Ms. Dana Krug
Ms. Louisa Ho	Ms. Michele Kaish	Mr. Scott Powell

Board Members Cheng, Zhang and Zhong were absent. Present also were: Dr. David Aderhold, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Larry Shanok, Assistant Superintendent for Finance/Board Secretary; Mr. Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction; and Mr. Gerard Dalton, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services/Planning.

No members of the public were present.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Fleres welcomed everyone to the retreat.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Dr. Aderhold thanked everyone for participating. The main purpose of the retreat is to set Board Goals for the 2016-2017 school year, much in the manner of last year's efforts.

Welcome

The Superintendent suggested that each person think of one or two things about the past year that they feel good about. After a few minutes of thought, share them with others at your table.

Ms. Juliana arrived at 6:30 PM; and, Mr. Cheng arrived at 6:38 PM.

The many items discussed included but were not limited to: the WWPSA and WWPEA negotiations, opening a new addition on time and on budget, the continued focus on what is best for kids, the sorely needed focus on student stress, the successful transition to Genesis, new transgender policy, joining Sustainable Jersey, the recent graduation requirements resolution and the Homework Committee.

Process

Much in the manner of a year ago, the Board of Education broke up into three teams and circulated among the three goals and the associated tasks. Probing and clarifying questions were engaged by the members. Those elements eliciting "warm" and "cool" reactions were discussed to adjust the draft goals and tasks.

A similar process was utilized with respect to measurable indicators associated with each task. Red and green dots were placed to indicate opinions on whether to proceed along the lines of the indicator or to urge rethinking of the measure.

Mr. Zhong arrived at 8:48 PM.

Closed Session

The Board moved to closed session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation and merit goals. Ms. Krug moved, seconded by Ms. Juliana, and by unanimous voice vote, the meeting moved to executive closed session at 9:20 PM. Mr. Shanok, Mr. Smith and Mr. Dalton departed.

Open Session

At 10:00 PM, a motion by Ms. Juliana, seconded by Mr. Cheng, and by unanimous voice vote, the meeting returned to open session.

The Board discussed videotaping of the Board of Education meetings and the location of future Board of Education meetings.

At 10:30 PM, moved by Ms. Kaish, seconded by Mr. Zhong, and by unanimous voice vote, the meeting was extended by one hour.

The discussion broadened to communications topics, including taping issues, site of board meetings, website changes and other elements of communications.

Closing and Next Steps

The Superintendent and Mr. Fleres thanked everyone for their participation in the retreat. The administration will utilize tonight's discussions to generate the next draft of goals, tasks and measurable indicators for 2016-2017.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Ms. Ho, and by unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 p.m.



Larry Shanok, Board Secretary

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