MINUTES OF BOARD RETREAT HELD October 20, 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 Board Vice President Michele Kaish at 6:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room at the District Administration Building. The following Board members were present:

Ms. Louisa Ho	Ms. Michele Kaish	Mr. Scott Powell
Ms. Rachel Juliana	Ms. Dana Krug	Mr. Yingchao "YZ" Zhang

Board Member Zhong was absent. Board Member Cheng arrived at 6:25 PM; and, Board Member Fleres arrived at 6:30 PM.

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. Also present were Mr. Rick Cave, Mr. Alan Johnson, and Mr. Russell Wray.

Some children and parents were present in connection with the evening's demonstrations.

Welcome/Review Purpose and Outcomes

Mr. Smith remarked that tonight's topic centers on the 1:1 Learning Initiative: Its history and future. He outlined the evening's agenda. Two students, who had previously addressed the Board of Education several years ago, will provide an introduction and then teacher resource specialists and students from several grade levels will conduct demonstrations of their learning in the lobby area. Once the parents and students depart, members of the technology staff will address pertinent issues, answer questions and provided a foundation for Board review and discussion.

To start off the topic for the evening, Mr. Smith presented a short video: "A New Vision for Education." After the video, the students provided a short introduction and then the Board moved to the lobby for the student demonstrations.

The Board regrouped to the multipurpose room, Mr. Smith reviewed tonight's remaining agenda. Then he covered aspects relating to students managing their own learning, aspects of learning that do not change with devices, and expectations for students and parents.

Mr. Johnson covered support for teachers and parents, online resources, and using devices. Mr. Wray reviewed lessons learned, including the no-tech lunch practice. Throughout their presentations, Board Members asked clarifying and probing questions. After they departed, Mr. Cave discussed the technology plan: its history, devices, and process methodology, as well as the current

recommendation for the high schools. Regardless of the precise solution followed, substantial technology costs will be incurred over the following years. The exact composition of those costs will soon be determined. Mr. Cave answered questions and departed.

Closing and Next Steps

The Board Members discussed a variety of elements associated with choosing a direction on this matter. The Board noted that the communication of both the process and the eventual decision should get careful consideration and attention in the coming months.

The Superintendent and Mr. Fleres thanked everyone for their participation.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Powell, seconded by Ms. Kaish. All Board members that were present voted in favor of adjourning the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:36 p.m.

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