

**MINUTES OF BOARD RETREAT HELD
June 20, 2017**

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 June 16, 2017, to The Princeton Packet, The Times, The Home News 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 June 16, 2017, and sent to Plainsboro and West Windsor township clerks on June 16, 2017.

The Board Retreat of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education was called to order by Board President Anthony Fleres at 7:00 p.m. in multipurpose room at the District Administration Building. The following Board members were present:

Mr. Isaac Cheng	Ms. Louisa Ho	Mr. Yingchao “YZ” Zhang
Mr. Anthony Fleres	Ms. Michele Kaish	Mr. Yu “Taylor” Zhong
Ms. Carol Herts	Ms. Dana Krug	

Board Member Rachel Juliana was absent. Present also were: Dr. David Aderhold, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction; and Mr. Gerard Dalton, Assistant Superintendent, Pupil Services/Planning.

No members of the public were present.

OPENING COMMENTS

Mr. Smith began the meeting by introducing Sherry Sizemore, K-12 World Languages Supervisor to the Board of Education. Mr. Smith explained that the main purpose of the retreat is to discuss a proposal for a dual language immersion pilot program.

Welcome/Review Purpose and Outcomes

Dual Language Immersion Program

Sherry Sizemore, the K-12 World Languages Supervisor, and Martin Smith, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, provided a presentation to the Board on a proposal to implement a Dual Language Immersion program in Chinese and Spanish beginning in September 2018. They reviewed the current research supporting the benefits of dual language immersion. In addition, Ms. Sizemore and Mr. Smith discussed with the Board various things to consider, such as program model, program structure (which subjects will be taught in which language), program eligibility, transportation costs, and possible locations.

Ms. Juliana arrived at 8:55 pm.

District Goals

Dr. Aderhold introduced the second section of the retreat with the discussion of district goals. He shared that since the Board of Education and the community have already approved a new strategic plan that three of the four identified goals have already been approved by the Board of Education. The Board of Education discussed and identified key components of the approved goals. Next, the Board reviewed proposed goal #4 and offered feedback. Goal #4 will be reviewed again at the committee meetings in July.

At 10:25pm a motion was made by Ms. Ho, seconded by Ms. Herts, and approved by all Board members present, to continue the meeting beyond 10:30pm.

Closing and Next Steps

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

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:40 p.m.

Larry Shanok, Board Secretary

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