

PITTSGROVE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES –AUGUST 21, 2014

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the Township of Pittsgrove, County of Salem, New Jersey, was held on Thursday, August 21, 2014, 7:00 P.M., Arthur P. Schalick High School.

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Board President, Mr. Dominick Miletta, opened the meeting at 7:02 P.M., leading the group in the pledge to the flag.

PLEDGE TO
THE FLAG

II. CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Dominick Miletta, read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by notifying the Clerk of the Township of Pittsgrove and having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Building, South Jersey Times, The Daily Journal and the Elmer Times.

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MEETINGS
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III. DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Board President, Mr. Dominick Miletta, read the District Mission Statement:

The Pittsgrove Township School District promotes the academic and personal growth of all students to the best of their abilities with a rigorous program that supports personal strengths and self-sufficiency, inspiring an ethic of lifelong learning. We strive to instill traditional values and a diversity of 21st century skills necessary to succeed in global environment.

DISTRICT
MISSION
STATEMENT

Chain of Communication Regarding School Related Matters

IV. The Board President, Mr. Dominick Miletta, called for a Roll Call of the Board:

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mrs. Conover, Mr. Lawlor, Mr. Rumpp, Mrs. Snyder
Mr. Wentzell, Mr. Wheaton, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Miletta

Members Absent: Mrs. Penven

Also in Attendance:

Mr. Henry Bermann, Superintendent; Mrs. Suzanne R. Fox Abdill, Business Administrator/Board Secretary; Ms. Yvette DuBois, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; Ms. Terry Lewis, NJSBA Representative; the press, staff members, and the public.

V. PRESENTATIONS**A. STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION**

Terry Lewis, NJSBA Representative, reviewed the Strategic Plan. The Board of Education broke up into groups to answer questions to help determine the goals of the Board. As a result of this exercise, the Board of Education determined culture as a theme. Following Goal Area #3 of the Strategic Plan under Climate and Culture, items identified from the Strategic Plan were as follows:

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- #1 Develop and maintain a progressive academic culture that is inclusive of all student needs.
- #2 Provide and improve clubs, sports, and activities along with transportation services.
- #5 Keep our community informed and engaged in the culture and activities of the District.

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The Board also identified curriculum and instruction under Goal Area #1 as a theme. In review of the Strategic Plan specific items reflected in the Strategic Plan were:

- #2 Staffing will reflect smaller student-teacher ratio.
- #5 Establish programs to improve the academic and personal growth of each child.

The Board also identified a possible goal of increasing the knowledge and effectiveness of the Board.

The fourth area identified by the Board was increasing the Board understanding of the policy process.

These items will be further discussed at a Special Board Meeting Retreat to be held on 10/9/14 at 6:00 P.M.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION I
No Comments.

VII. RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION
The Board did not recess into Closed Session.

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS

1. Workshop 2014 – Please inform the Business Administrator if you will be attending and staying overnight.
2. Board Member Candidates – Two (2) applications were received for the open seat and will be on the Agenda for the next Board meeting.

The Board President thanked everyone for their input, stating these activities will make the Board stronger.

The Board President asked the Board Members to please inform the Board Office if they cannot attend a meeting.

WORKSHOP
2014

BOARD
MEMBER
CANDIDATES

BOARD
PRESIDENT
COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. Penven and seconded by Mr. Rump that the Board of Education meeting be adjourned. (9:25 P.M.)
Unanimously approved

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SUZANNE R. FOX ABDILL, BOARD SECRETARY