

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
OAKLAND, NEW JERSEY**

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Meeting A Work Session of the Board of Education was held at the Administration Office on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Mr. Scerbo.

Meeting Notice Mr. Scerbo led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Open Public Meetings announcement as follows: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Oakland Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted on March 1, 2013 in the Municipal Building, the Board Offices, all school offices and copies sent to newspapers serving Oakland: The Record, Ridgewood News and Suburban News. The Board reserves the right to limit public discussion of personnel items, so as to preserve individual privacy.

The Board appreciates the concerns and comments expressed by the public and will take them into consideration. However, please remain advised that, neither the Board nor the administration may comment on or respond to public inquiries or statements regarding any internal personnel matters involving a District employee.

Please be further advised that there is no privilege or qualified privilege with regard to any statements that you make before the Board of Education. Furthermore, in addition to their respective rights to privacy, employees of this school district retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according the laws of New Jersey.

Roll Call The following members were present: Mr. Akovity, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Matts, Mr. Scerbo, Mr. Talamini. Also present was Dr. Jeffrey P. Feifer, Interim Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Joan C. Dunn, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and one member of the public.

REPORTS

Tonight's Schedule

- . 6:00 p.m. - Public Work Session
- Closed Session - To discuss Personnel and Legal matters
- . 7:30 p.m. - Board of Education Regular Meeting

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REPORTS (continued)

Enrollment Update

. Our total enrollment for February 2013 was 1672. This represents an increase of one student since January 2013.

Meetings Since the Last Board Work Session

- . Administrative Team - Weekly meetings, agendas sent to BOE via e-mail
- . Administrators/Coordinators - Individual meetings to discuss school and liaison issues and responsibilities
- . OEA President- Weekly meetings to discuss district matters
- . Negotiations
- . FLOW- Met with Calendar Committee to review survey results
- . PTO Council - monthly update and exchange concerning PTO activities
- . Mayor Schwager
- . Council Liaison Marcalus

Additional Meetings in March

- . Negotiations – March 20
- . BCASA – March 25
- . Budget Hearing – March 27

Technology

- . Swiftreach/Realtime
- . Parent Portal on Realtime
- . Electronic Lesson Planning
- . Applitrack - working with it now
- . District Policy Manual - seeking quotes from Strauss Esmay and NJ School Boards
- . Paperless Board Meetings

HIB Report for February 2013

- . Number of HIB Investigations – 0; Number of Affirmed HIB Incidents – 0

First Reading of Policy 1140: Distribution of Materials By Pupils and Staff

. Ms. Matts commented on concerns about other organizations and the possibility of establishing a link to a community bulletin board. Mr. Akovity asked that it be clarified that all copying costs are the responsibility of the requesting organization.

Proposed 2013/2014 School District Budget

- . Public Hearing: March 27, 2013, 7:30 p.m. – VMS
- . PTO Council-Sponsored Budget Presentation: April 1, 2013, 7:00 p.m. - VMS
- . Budget Vote and Board Election: April 16, 2013, 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Recognition of Future City Competition National Award Winners

Introduction of Superintendent and Business Administrator Designees

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve Superintendent of Schools

Approve Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Approve First Reading of Policy 1140: Distribution of Materials By Pupils and Staff

Approve the Elimination of Minimum Days on April 16, 17, and 18 for Spring Conferences

Approve 2013-2014 School Calendar

Approve a Change in Time for the Position of Curriculum Office Secretary from .8 to 1.0, effective April 15, 2013

Approve the Change in Assignment for Cheryl Morris from Twelve Month School Secretary at Dogwood Hill Elementary School to Twelve-Month Secretary, Curriculum Office, Effective April 15, 2013.

Approve the Change in Assignment for Josephine Capizzi from .8 Secretary, Curriculum Office, to Full-Time, Twelve-Month School Secretary at Dogwood Hill Elementary School, Effective April 15, 2013.

Increase in Aide Time at Manito

Approve Conferences/Workshops

Approve Special Education Motions

Approve Transportation Motions

Approve Field Trips

Approve Monthly Reports

. Safety Drills

. HIB

. Cafeteria

. Nursing Services

. Library Media Center

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Open to Public

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to open to public. On a voice vote: ALL AYES.

Meeting was opened to public at 6:45 PM.

Mr. Birchenough did not wish to comment at this time.

Closed to Public

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to close to public. On a voice vote: ALL AYES.

Meeting was closed to public at 6:45 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Matts moved and Mr. Gaffney seconded to enter Executive Session at approximately 6:45 PM. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES.

Executive Session was entered at 6:45 PM.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education must discuss subjects concerning legal issues and contract negotiations concerning the District;

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects are not appropriate subjects to be discussed in a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid subjects to be discussed are within the exemptions that are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in closed executive session pursuant to P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, it is therefore

RESOLVED, that the aforesaid subjects shall be discussed in a closed executive session by this Board and administrative staff at the conclusion of the public segment of this meeting and information pertaining thereto will be made available to the public as soon thereafter as possible and once the reasons for nondisclosure no longer exist.

Adjourn to the Regular Meeting

Mr. Akovity moved and Mr. Talamini seconded to adjourn meeting to Regular Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Joan C. Dunn
Board Secretary/Business Administrator