

**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 6:04 PM by Mr. Gaffney.

Meeting Notice Mr. Gaffney 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 May 3, 2014 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, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Gaffney, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Also present were Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kyle J. Bleeker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, one staff member - Tara Keane - and no members of the public. Mr. Fogarty arrived for Executive Session at 7:00 pm.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

- Ms. Tara Keane, Gifted and Talented Teacher, gave an overview to the BOE of projects that are planned for this year's G&T students
 - Junior Academy Finance Park
 - Biztown for grades 4&5
 - Financial Literacy programs

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- Ms. Keane also spoke about her summer experience with the "Sneak on the Lot" program in Los Angeles, CA, and how it can be incorporated into the Oakland Curriculum
- Ms. Cooper asked Ms. Keane to explain the G & T program in general and how students are selected for it
 - Ms. Keane, along with Dr. Coffaro, explained the program as well as the Workshop PM program at Valley which is also associated with G & T.

- Mr. Gaffney mentioned that we should re-visit conversation from last year about security and door access during basketball games
- Mr. Bleeker gave the Business Administrators report:

Buildings and Grounds

- Heights Roof Project
 - Installation of New Roof is completed
 - Installation of exhaust fans is completed and balanced
 - Trim is installed except for Gym area
- Hoping to have punch list created next week
- Heights Library
 - Furniture installed
 - Chairs and Punch list items reviewed
- Manito Electrical Upgrade
 - Coordinating with Optimum and Verizon to move their utility lines
- Valley Roof
 - Completed
- Valley Gym Curtain
 - Late September / Early October is the anticipated delivery date
- District Wide
 - Awarding Maintenance Truck Bid
 - Discussion on Door Access District-Wide
 - Discussion on Replacement of Certain Electrical Switches District-Wide (Approximately 10)

Technology

- Chromebooks deployed to all schools
- Discussion on need to increase bandwidth from 150mb to 300mb
- AESOP rollout discussed

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Cafeteria

- POS System at VMS up and running very well
- Ability to pay online also up and running
- Village Fresh Concept introduced at Back to School Night – slated to begin November 2014
 - Pomptonian would like to advertise this new program
 - Discussion on holding a ribbon cutting

Transportation

- Ridership down by 30 students
- Adjusted release schedule at Valley Middle School is working well
- Bus # 30 may be going to town
- Assembling information to bid for new bus

Finance

- Waiting to confirm date from auditor – expected in November
- Budget Process should start next month

Personnel

- One custodian on for approval this evening at Valley
 - One spot remaining at Heights

Other

- Housekeeping
 - Discussion on next OAA Negotiation meeting
- Policy manual from School Boards
 - Policies will be accessible electronically for Central Office and Administrators
- Anti-Idling
 - Scheduled for September 26
- Upcoming Dates
 - Oct 21 – October Regular meeting
 - Oct 28 – 30 – NJSBA Convention

Tonight's Schedule

- . 7:00 p.m. - Public Work Session
- . 7:30 p.m. - Board of Education Regular Meeting

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Executive Session Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Scerbo seconded to Enter Executive Session. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES.

Executive Session was entered at 6:58 PM

Return to Open Session Ms. Cooper moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to Return to Open Session. On a roll call vote: ALL AYES.

Open Session was returned to at 7:28 PM

Adjournment Ms. Shelkin moved and Ms. Cooper seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kyle J. Bleeker
Board Secretary/Business Administrator