

**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 6:09 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, Mr. Gaffney, Ms. Cooper, Mr. Scerbo, Ms. Shelkin. Also present were Dr. Gina M. Coffaro, Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Kyle J. Bleeker, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and no members of the public.

- *Superintendent's Report*
  - OEA notified that will do calls to NJEA members in Oakland reminding them about the April Election
  - Discussion on extra snow day and when to use it
  - Contract for literacy consultant for 15/16 school year
    - will provide balanced literacy, readers and writers workshop training

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- *Superintendent's Report (continued)*

- PARCC
  - discussed the memorandum from the State about concerns with social media
  - Discussion of transportation situation after school today
    - delay of bus today for VMS and Heights

Tonight's Schedule

- . 6:00 p.m. - Public Work Session
- . 7:30 p.m. - Board of Education Regular Meeting

- *Business Administrator's Report*

Ms. Sheli Dansky - Bergen County SBA President, visit to District

Buildings & Grounds

- VMS Parking Lot
  - Plans being sent to State for approval
  - No planters, bollards only
  - Lights part of the way up
- Safe School Grant
  - Meeting on Friday
- Scoreboard
  - Town should approve next week
- Discuss Maintenance Truck
  - Currently being re-bid
- Security Cameras on Agenda for Tonight
  - Budget in 14/15
  - Dogwood Hill School
- Drainage Heights
  - Currently in the process of reviewing plans
- Busy April Break
  - Energy Audit, Patwood Finalize, Security Cameras, Scoreboard, RTK Survey, Brinkerhoff for Investigation of 6-month and Drain, Staff Room at VMS, Paint in Cafeteria, Outside Cleaning Up grounds, Speedbumps, AME, Manito Roof Repair to Soffit, Fire Alarm Repair, Blackflow presenter, Clean Buses/Paint Lines, Partition for Cafe

Technology

- Has been performing very well for PARCC

Cafeteria

- New equipment installed last week - everyone very satisfied
- State coming for a review later this week and next week.
  - Ms. King and Ms. Hartley very well prepared

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• *Business Administrator's Report (continued)*

Finance

- Refunding
  - Closed on March 10
- Copy of letter about budget sent to all members last week
- Two PTO gifts on for tonight
- Budget has been approved by the County
  - Hearing is on 3/24 - next week is at 6:00 pm

Transportation

- Ms. H is requesting she be out the remainder of the year
- May need to bring on additional driver
- Will look at potential new bus to be ordered in the spring

Other

- Agenda
  - Will be posted noon the day before
- Future Dates
  - March 24, 2015 - Budget Hearing
  - April 14, 2015 - Regular Meeting
  - April 21, 2015 - Election
  - April 28, 2015 - Reorganization Meeting

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

Executive Session was entered at 6:31 PM

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

Open Session was returned to at 7:21 PM

**Adjournment** Ms. Shelkin moved and Mr. Akovity seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Kyle J. Bleeker  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator