

MARCH 5, 2014

A Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Teaneck, County of Bergen, New Jersey, was held in the Eugene Field Administration Offices, Margaret Angeli Staff Development Room, One Merrison Street, Teaneck, New Jersey, on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Ardie D. Walser, President of the Board, presided.

FLAG SALUTE

PRESIDING OFFICER'S MEETING NOTICE STATEMENT

"I hereby call to order the Workshop Meeting of the Teaneck Board of Education, held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 in the Eugene Field Administration Offices, Margaret Angeli Staff Development Room. Adequate notice of this meeting has been sent to The Record, The Suburbanite, filed with the Municipal Clerk of the Township of Teaneck and posted inside the Teaneck Board of Education, One Merrison Street, on Friday, February 28, 2014."

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present: Dr. David Diuguid
Dr. David Gruber arrived @ 8:03 pm
Mrs. Sarah Rappoport
Mrs. Gervonn Rice
Mr. Sebastian Rodriguez
Mr. Howard Rose
Dr. Ardie Walser
Mrs. Clara Williams
Ms. Shelley Worrell

Absent:

Others Present: Ms. Barbara Pinsak, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. Robert Finger, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Mr. Vincent McHale, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction

**Teaneck Public Schools
Superintendent's Report
March 5, 2014**



The following information was posted on the district website today:

March 5th Update on Solar Canopies from Superintendent Barbara Pinsak
Removal of the Benjamin Franklin solar modules was completed on March 5th. The contractor will next remove the steel structure at BF. When the array is completely removed at Benjamin Franklin, the contractor will begin removal of Bryant School panels. We anticipate that once the work at Bryant begins, it will take approximately 2 – 2 ½ days to complete module removal. Please be assured once again that we are addressing this situation as expeditiously as possible. We will continue to keep you updated with further information when it becomes available.

The district has now added E-Alerts to its repertoire of communication options. E-Alerts offer parents and community members the opportunity to obtain information from the district website or school websites as they are updated. You can find directions for registering for E-Alerts under the Headlines column of the website (www.teaneckschools.org). Thanks to one of our webmasters, Kenneth Zollo, for creating great directions with screenshots. I have added the instructions to this document for your use.

Today concluded the second day of HSPA testing at Teaneck High School. School administration reports that there were only six student absences yesterday and one today.

Read Across America is occurring at all of our elementary schools throughout the week. We sincerely thank the many staff and community members who volunteered to read in our schools. We also encourage families to emphasize reading by continuing the special events at home.

Congratulations to the Teaneck High School Boys' Basketball Team and Coach Jerome Smart on their victory over Old Tappan last evening. The team captured the Bergen County Championship and is now on its way to winning another Sectional title. Our Boys' team is the first team in the county to win the Bergen County Championship for four consecutive years. It was a double victory as Girls' Basketball Team and Coach Shenee Clarke also achieved a victory over Lakeland last night and they are moving ahead in the Sectionals.

Please join me this Sunday for Sunday with the Superintendent (SwS), which is held in the Margaret Angeli Staff Development Room at Eugene Field School from 2 PM to 3:30 PM. SwS is an informal meeting, where I give a brief overview of district current events, followed by a group discussion of my report and a general question/answer period.

PRESENTATIONS – the Superintendent reported on the progress of the removal of the collapsed solar panels and gave her Superintendent Report.

Math Department update presented by Trina Gillet, Supervisor of Math and Science.

2014-2015 Preliminary Budget Discussion – presented by Robert Finger, Business Administrator.

PUBLIC HEARING ON MEETING AGENDA

The public hearing on matters appearing on this meeting's business agenda commenced at 10:48 p.m. The following members of the public wished to address the Board.

Angela Taylor, teacher & activist – asked about corporate sponsors and grants to supplement our budget.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Review of agenda items for the March 12, 2014 meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON OTHER THAN MEETING AGENDA

The public hearing on matters other than those appearing on this meeting's business agenda commenced at 11:18 p.m. The following members of the public wished to address the Board.

Angela Taylor, teacher & activist – students do not have resources in the classrooms. Claims she was not given interviews for administrator positions in the district. Not approved for Professional Development workshop, done for personal and vindictive reasons, wants the Board to approve the day.

Resolution to enter into Executive Session

Motion made by Dr. Diuguid seconded by Mr. Rose;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Teaneck Board of Education that:

1. It does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, to discuss matters of personnel, involving specific individuals, negotiations, anticipated litigation and/or alleged incidents of Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying.
2. These matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.
3. The time that the Board anticipates to be in Executive Session is 15 minutes.

Roll call approved 9-0

Time In: 11:30 PM

Time Out: 11:44 PM

School Operations & Curriculum #86

On a motion made by Dr. Diuguid seconded by Mr. Rose, the Board, by roll call vote of the members present, approved the following resolution:

The Board acknowledges the receipt of the findings and determinations of the Superintendent of Schools regarding **Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying** (HIB) incidents reported to the Board in Executive Session during the March 5, 2014 Board meeting.

Roll call on School Operations & Curriculum Motion #86. Motion approved 9-0.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD COMMITTEES AND APOINTED REPRESENTATIVES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Dr. Diuguid and seconded by Mr. Rose, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Finger, CFE, CGFM
Business Administrator/Board Secretary