

Minutes of the proceedings of the **WORKSHOP MEETING** held on **Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**, in the Eugene Field Administration Building, at 8:00pm. *Dr. Ardie Walser, Board President, presided.*

Salute to the Flag

Presiding Officer’s Meeting Notice Statement

“I hereby call to order the Workshop Meeting of the Teaneck Board of Education, held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, in the Eugene Field Administration Building’s, 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, September 4, 2015.”

3. Roll Call

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Dr. Diuguid (David)	X	
Dr. Gruber (David)	X	
Mrs. Rappoport (Sarah) Arrived 8:20pm		X
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)	X	
Mr. Rose (Howard)	X	
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	X	
Ms. Worrell (Shelley)	X	
Mrs. Rice (Gervonn)	X	
Dr. Walser (Ardie)	X	

Attendance:

Ms. Barbara Pinsak, Superintendent of Schools
 Mr. Vincent McHale, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum and Instruction
 Dr. Dennis R. Frohnepfel, Interim SBA/Board Secretary

Teaneck Public Schools/ Goals for 2014-2015:

GOAL 1: Students attending the Teaneck Public Schools will acquire the skills, knowledge and understanding to be successful in the twenty first century.

GOAL 2: Teachers and administrators in the Teaneck Public Schools will acquire the skills, knowledge and understanding necessary to support student achievement.

GOAL 3: The environment in the Teaneck Public Schools will be safe and respectful, with students and adults appreciative of the unique contributions of members of the community.

GOAL 4: The Teaneck Public Schools will communicate effectively with parents and with the community.

GOAL 5: The Teaneck Public Schools will provide funding for Goals 1-4 and sustain school facilities while respecting community resources.

Superintendent’s Report

Our September opening has been great! I can report that all schools were ready on time, materials were available, classrooms were cleaned and important work began immediately. We commend all administrators, teachers and custodial staff on such a fine job getting ready for students. Most of our schools are in use throughout the summer and this year we had roofing and solar projects to facilitate. That we accomplished our summer schedule AND readied the schools was the result of the collaboration and focus of many people.

While the opening has been good, the weather has been difficult. I want to acknowledge the school administrators who developed plans to keep our students comfortable in their learning environment. In most of our schools, students were scheduled into air conditioned spaces for meetings and lessons. They were extra vigilant about students drinking plenty of water and not over-exerting themselves.

One of the most successful summer ventures for us is our Teaneck High School course preview program. The program, in its third year, continues to grow each year. Last summer, seventy-nine students registered for the two sessions of our Pre-Algebra program. The number of registrants who attended all classes for Session One or Session Two was 95% and 93% respectively. Thirty-six students attended our Global History Honors preview class and 39 attended our College Prep Global History session. Attendance for the Global History College Prep was 83%, with an 80% attendance rate for Global Honors. The attendance figures for the history classes appear lower because students who were only able to take the class for one week were allowed to attend.

Fifty-six students attended the College Prep Summer Book Club Sessions and 46 participated in the Literacy Honors. Six students did not complete the College Prep classes (92% attendance), with 100% of the Honors students participating. Congratulations to the students who took advantage of these opportunities. We hope that you find that the experience was valuable to you in your first year at Teaneck High and we are proud of your commitment to your education.

Our registration office has been busy all summer and parents continue to register their children for the school year. As of this morning, we have registered 458 new students for our seven schools, including 132 who are new to Bryant. The increased enrollment (when transfer students subtracted) is:

Whittier 16	Hawthorne 25	Lowell 14	BF 29	TJ -1	THS 8
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On September 17th, Teaneck is proud to host an Awareness Session for school districts who wish to learn more about the Network to Close the Achievement Gap. The network is a collaboration between the University of Pennsylvania, the Educational Information and Research Center (EIRC) and school districts. Dr. Bob Jarvis of the University of Pennsylvania and the originator of the Network will discuss the program and be available to answer questions.

Public Comment (agenda ONLY)

Board Review of Agenda for September 16, 2015 Meeting

Addendums

Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following **Addendum** resolutions #012 and #013.

012. that the Board approves an Agreement with Be Lingual LLC, to provide French instruction at Teaneck High School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School, for the 2015/16 school year, service at flat fee of \$6,700 per month, September 2015 thru June 2016, in accordance with terms and conditions of Agreement, funds available from accounts 11-190-100-320-18-50-JJ and 11-190-100-320-18-50-TH.

013. that the Board approves the employment of Melissa Toubin, Speech Language Specialist, at annual salary of \$60,000 (MA/Step 4), effective start date to be determined.

Addendums #012 and #013				
Motion: Dr. Diuguid		Second: Mr. Rose		
Board Member	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Dr. Diuguid (David)	X			
Dr. Gruber (David)	X			
Mrs. Rappoport (Sarah)	X			
Mr. Rodriguez (Sebastian)	X			
Mr. Rose (Howard)	X			
Mrs. Williams (Clara)	X			
Ms. Worrell (Shelley)	X			
Mrs. Rice (Gervonn)	X			
Dr. Walser (Ardie)	X			

Public Comment (non-agenda)

Executive Session

Be It Resolved, that the Teaneck Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, to discuss matters of personnel, negotiations, anticipated litigation and/or alleged incidents of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB); and

Be It Further Resolved, that these matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Dr. Diuguid motioned to convene Executive Session at 10:15pm to discuss personnel and matters of alleged incidents of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) and Personnel. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Rose, and carried by unanimous vote.

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Dr. Diuguid motioned to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene the Public Meeting at 10:25pm. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Rose, and carried by unanimous vote.

Adjournment

Dr. Diuguid motioned to adjourn at 10:45pm. Said motion was seconded by Mr. Rose, and carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis R. Frohnapfel, Ed.D.
Interim SBA/Board Secretary