

**FREEHOLD BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD RETREAT
HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014 IN THE SUPERINTEDENT'S OFFICE OF
THE PARK AVENUE SCHOOL COMPLEX
280 PARK AVENUE, FREEHOLD, NJ 07728**

A. OPENING STATEMENTS

1. Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Jordan, in the Superintendent's Office of the Park Avenue Complex, 280 Park Avenue, Freehold, New Jersey, 07728 at 6:07 PM. She read the Open Public Meeting Act, C 231, P.L. 1975.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Jordan led all in the pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Mrs. Jordan asked Mr. Strimple to call the roll. A quorum of the board was present.

Present:

Annette Jordan – President
Susan Greitz
Maureen MacCutcheon
Margaret Rogers

Dr. Michael Lichardi – Vice President
James Keelan
Bruce Patrick
Michele Tennant

Absent:

Paul Ceppi

Other Attendees:

Dr. Rocco Tomazic – Superintendent

James H. Strimple, Jr. – Business Administrator

Kathy Winecoff - Field Service Representative, New Jersey School Boards Association

B. BOARD PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT COMMENTS

None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion Items were led by Kathy Winecoff

1. Kathy Winecoff discussed with the Board the Chief School Administrator Evaluation process.
2. Kathy Winecoff and the Board discussed the Board's 2014 Self Evaluation. During the discussion the Board discussed with Ms. Winecoff the findings from the Self Evaluation tool. The Board reviewed the areas measured, the value of the measurements, and comments provided by Board members. Also discussed were areas of strength and weakness.
3. From the discussion of the 2014 Self Evaluation the Board was able to tentatively identify areas the Board will focus on during the 2014-2015 School year. At a later date the Board will formally ratify goals for the next school year; however, what was discussed was the need to focus on student achievement; the need to advocate and inform the public regarding the proposed referendum; and, the importance of furthering the Board's outreach to all members in the community.
4. Kathy Winecoff and the Board then discussed the upcoming referendum and strategies the Board can implement to inform the public for the need of the building program and strategies that can be implemented to get out the vote. It was the consensus of the Board to create a committee that will concentrate on forming the various strategies and then share with the Board and community the implementation of the information program.
5. Dr. Tomazic discussed with the Board the use of district fields by outside groups and individuals. He informed the Board that the fields have seen increased use by what appears to be organized groups who have not sought Board permission. The Administration will continue to monitor the situation and reach out to groups to inform them of Board policy regarding the use of district fields.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Keelan, seconded by Mr. Patrick the Board of Education unanimously approved adjourning to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

WHEREAS, the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., (the "Act") provides that the Freehold Borough Board of Education may hold an "Executive Session" from which the public is excluded to discuss matters that are confidential or are one of the nine (9) subject matters listed Section 12(b) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Business Administrator that the Freehold Borough Board of Education go into Executive Session on April 23, 2014 at 8:23 pm to discuss matters that are permissible for discussion in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be twenty minutes after which the public meeting of the Board shall not reconvene and proceed with business; and

WHEREAS, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the following subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Freehold Borough Board of Education that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

- Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law
- Personnel and Evaluation of the Superintendent
- Appointment of a public official
- Matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- Pending or anticipated litigation
- Pending or anticipated contract negotiations to Discuss Administrators' Contract
- Protection of the safety or property of the public
- Matters which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy
- Matters in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the United States government
- Matters concerning collective negotiations and/or the negotiations of terms and conditions of employment of employees of the Board of Education
- Possible imposition of a civil penalty or suspension

ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WILL NOT RESULT IN BOARD ACTION WHEN THE BOARD RECONVENES TO PUBLIC SESSION.

G. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Patrick, seconded by Mr. Keelan the Board of Education adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by:



James H. Strimple, Jr.
Interim Board Secretary

