

The Working Meeting of the Commercial Township Board of Education was held in the Commercial Township Board of Education Building, located at 1308 North Avenue, Port Norris, NJ, on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Perrelli, and she read a statement as to the time and place of the meeting, as set forth in the "Open Public Meetings Act".

ROLL CALL

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Roll call was performed by Board Secretary, Trish Birmingham, and is listed as follows:

Mrs. Abbott	Absent
Mrs. DeFabrites	Present
Mr. DeFabrites	Present
Mrs. Pettit	Present
Mrs. Porter	Present
Mr. Jay Sutton	Present
Mr. Ronald Sutton, Jr.	Present
Mrs. Wilson-Smith	Present
Mrs. Perrelli	Present

The following were also present:

Dr. Daniel Dooley, Superintendent/Principal
 Ms. Lawren Birmingham, Board Secretary
 Mrs. Kerri Zeleniak, IT Director
 Ms. Lindsay Reed, Director of Special Services
 Ms. Natalia Michalkiewicz, Curriculum Supervisor.

Dr. Dooley reviewed Meeting Norms as follows:

MEETING
NORMS

- 1.) The length of the meeting will not exceed the predetermined amount of time
- 2.) Meet with a purpose and stay on track
- 3.) Stay positive and respectful
- 4.) Assume good intentions from all participants

Dr. Dooley reviewed the Current Mission Statement in efforts to have Board Members read and reflect on any possible updates to the Mission Statement for the 2017-2018 year. The current Mission Statement reads as follows:

MISSION
STATEMENT

The mission of the Commercial Township School District is to provide an education to all students that prepares each to be a successful, productive, and positive member of the community. This will be done in direct collaboration with teachers, staff, parents, students, and families in a community that mimics the functional family unit where each member is met with respect, pride, and adoration as all promote and encourage each other to become the best version of themselves where one continues to grow and reflect intellectually, socially, and emotionally.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC
COMMENTS

None

AGENDA

1. Highlights explained by Ms. Trish Birmingham, BA, from transportation presentation to be explored in its entirety at 7/11/17 Regular Meeting.

TRANSPORT.
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Overviews of the presentation were discussed in regards to salary of Transportation Coordinator and drivers, maintenance services for the buses, insurance, and the general positives for the District.

Board Members discussed fuel costs and options to reduce those.

Mrs. Pettit questioned Sheppard Bus Service owner John Sheppard's intentions while commenting during the Public Comment section of the June 13, 2017 meeting. Dr. Dooley stated he would have liked to know Mr. Sheppard was coming so a more positive and effective discussion could have ensued.

Dr. Dooley invited Mr. Wally Webster to speak on his experiences with the in-District transportation services. Mr. Webster stated the ability to make sure the students were provided reliable and timely transportation between the schools was key to the success in his areas of advisement. This availability increased student participation.

Mr. Webster also commented that having parents be involved and attend after-school functions is necessary. Mrs. Pettit asked about being able to provide transportation to the parents, to which Dr. Dooley stated the District would be able to begin providing parent transportation.

Mr. Matthew Mingin then spoke in regards to the athletic programs' need for timely and reliable transportation, which was not handled well with Sheppard. He also commented in regards to the 21st Century program transportation needs and the cost of transportation is 1/3rd of the entire grant, which takes away from the actual learning benefits of the program.

Mr. DeFabrites stated the District would be saving money and procedures/policies would get ironed out.

Dr. Dooley asked what the scary part is since the Transportation Coordinator salary (Regular Meeting Agenda Item #11) was changed from \$6500 stipend to \$6.50 per hour rate. Mrs. Wilson-Smith stated she wasn't aware of the position approval but that she agreed on the position requiring knowledge and experience.

Mrs. Perrelli questioned if the Transportation Coordinator position would be required to verify driver credentials, to which Dr. Dooley answered Mrs. Alaina Baner would handle the certification credentials just like any other personnel, along with drug testing and finger printing.

Mrs. Porter stated she wanted to have more time to discuss the transportation items as well as the possibility drivers may not be readily available due to requirements of credentials.

Mrs. Wilson-Smith stated she was mad about wasting time on other items, to which Dr. Dooley responded the information has been available, as well as the District having leased 2-3 buses in the 16-17 school year would have been informational and experience.

Danielle Dickson, from the public, stated she's a parent of a special needs child and due to Mrs. Susan Banks' assistance, her child and others in the District are finally riding the bus due to the District drivers going above and beyond to assist those special needs children.

2. Highlighted changes to #11 of the Regular Meeting Agenda
a. Rice Received

3. FYI: Employee petition for arbitration through PERK

4. Overview of #3 of the Regular Meeting Agenda: Ms. Reed, Director of Special Services

5. Board Meeting Procedures:

- Policy 9325: Meeting Conduct
- Job Description of the Superintendent
- Policy 9121: President
- Policy 9122: Vice President
- Policy 9123: Board Secretary

Dr. Dooley explained how the policies were construed and the roles of the Board we reflected. He stated work and review of these would begin during the next meeting.

6. Video and dissemination of all public meetings

Dr. Dooley explained that the meetings are most likely being taped without our knowledge, which is legal. He explained that we should begin taping the meetings ourselves while being proactive to post the meetings on the website, possibly YouTube, and/or any other medium deemed appropriate. This action will allow for the negative use of phrases or snippets to have full-context backup.

CHANGES

ARBITRATION

HIB OVERVIEW

BOARD MEETING PROCEDURES

RECORDING

7. Generator Project Update

Ms. Birmingham stated the generator project went well, despite a Federal holiday and a few foul weather days.

The District was back up and running for the most part, with the network and phones still experiencing minor issues.

GENERATOR
PROJECT
UPDATE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mrs. DeFabrites and seconded by Mr. DeFabrites that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.


Ayes: (8)

Noes: (0)

Abstain: (0)

Motion Carried

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Lawren Birmingham, Board Secretary
July 11, 2017