

LONG HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 3, 2010

The Long Hill Township Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 in the Board of Education Conference Room at Gillette School. The meeting was called to order by Board President Lisa Scanlon at 6:06 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Barone, Mr. Blocker, Mr. Carbone, Mr. Meringolo, Mrs. Nyquist, Dr. Rae, Mr. Russo, Dr. Verlezza, and Mrs. Scanlon.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Rovtar, Superintendent of Schools
Joanne Borin, NJSBA Field Services Representative
No members of the public were present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mrs. Scanlon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING:

Adequate notice of this meeting of the Long Hill Township Board of Education was given as required by the Open Public Meetings Act as follows:

Notice was sent to the Courier News, Echoes Sentinel or the Daily Record on July 12, 2010. Notice was posted on the bulletin board in the first floor entrance hall of the School District Administration Building, Gillette, New Jersey. Notices were filed with the Township Clerk; and notices were mailed to all persons who have requested individual notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Scanlon stated that she had received a letter from the Morris Executive County Superintendent, Dr. Kathleen Serafino, indicating that she had approved the contract for Mr. Esposito for 2010-2011.

BOARD RETREAT AND GOAL SETTING

Ms. Joanne Borin, Field Services Representative from the New Jersey School Boards Association, facilitated the meeting. She began by reviewing the results of the Board Self-Evaluation, which was compiled based on the input of the Board members who served for the 2009-2010 school year. As newly elected members, Mr. Russo and Mrs. Nyquist, did not complete the self-evaluation instrument.

The areas most valued by the Board are Planning, Policy, Student Achievement and Finance. Ms. Borin stated that it is an excellent self-evaluation. The general overview is very positive. The Board spent time discussing some of the indicators in depth.

Ms. Borin then reviewed the Code of Ethics for School Board members and discussed its application in various scenarios.

The Board discussed what is wonderful in terms of the district and district operations, what initiatives are in progress and need more time, and which challenges need more attention. Discussion took place with the aim of developing goals for both the district and the board.

The following district goals were developed:

1. Ensure that student achievement meets or exceeds the No Child Left Behind Adequate Yearly Progress standards for 2011.
2. Develop a life skills based educational program for middle school special education students for implementation in the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Develop and present a Strategic Plan for Facility Utilization to the Board of Education.
4. Develop a Staff Recognition Program.

The following Board of Education goals were developed:

1. Develop a plan to share services.
 2. Pass the district budget while improving community relations and community involvement.
 3. Provide training for the board members on Board of Education effectiveness.
- Ensure that Board Members complete required training during the course of the 2010-2011 year.

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It was moved by Mr. Carbone and seconded by Mr. Meringolo that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

August 16, 2010 – Worksession/Regular Meeting – Town Hall – 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Rene Rovtar
Superintendent of Schools/Acting Secretary

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