

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Work Session meeting on Tuesday, March 08, 2016 at 07:15 p.m. Randolph High School Library, 511 Millbrook Avenue Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President Alfredo Z. Matos called the meeting to order and read the following statement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Randolph Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in The Daily Record. It is also posted in all district schools as well as the Randolph Township Municipal Building.

### **Roll Call**

The following Board members were present: Ms. Christine Aulenbach, Mr. Sheldon Epstein, Ms. Colleen Pascale, Ms. Anne Standridge Dr. Diana Thomas and Mr. Alfredo Z. Matos.

Board members Mr. Jeffrey Braverman, Mr. Ronald Conti and Ms. Tammy MacKay were absent.

The following administrators were present: Miss Jennifer Fano, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Gerald M. Eckert, Board Business Administrator / Board Secretary, Mr. Eric Burnside, Assistant Board Business Administrator / Assistant Board Secretary and Board Counsel Marc H. Zitomer, Esquire was also present.

### **Closed Session – 07:17 p.m.**

Board Vice-President Christine Aulenbach made a motion seconded by Board President Alfredo Z. Matos and carried by roll call vote to adopt the following:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that the Board of Education of the Township of Randolph will hold a Closed Session regarding Personnel, Negotiations, Litigation and matters of Attorney-Client privilege. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

The Board reconvened to open session at 08:05 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Allison Freeman was also present.

## **Review of Board Minutes**

Closed Executive Session: 02-09-16

Work Session: 02-09-16

## **Correspondence**

Mr. Matos gave an update on a mother's email received concerning disciplinary matters regarding staff member.

## **President's Report**

Mr. Matos attended an award ceremony at Morris county clerk association. Mr. Matos updated the public on the Superintendent search.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Miss Fano initiated a discussion on four snow days to be put back into the school calendar. The snow days are reserved for as long as possible in the school year in a proposed new calendar. Friday May 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday June 6<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday June 7<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup>. This was done in collaboration with each school's principal.

## **Student Council Representative Report**

Miss Molly O'Meara updated the Board of an art competition at Community Theater and three students were recognized. Miss O'Meara asked about the possibility in changing start times. Miss Fano replied that a survey will be sent out and gather data for two weeks. Board will start to review the information and explore adjustments. Miss O'Meara stated it is hard to get into the school after practices. With PARCC coming up Miss O'Meara asked about schedules. Miss Fano stated the schedule will be released shortly and testing should only be one week.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Finance, Facilities and Transportation:*

Mr. Epstein notified the Board the FFT committee met with budget managers Mr. Walter Curioni, Mr. Frank Perrone and discussed the culinary arts & transition rooms. There is now final resolution on baseball and softball field fences. The budget was discussed and the FFT committee recommends going to 2% tax levy cap. After \$1 million cap reserve and possible \$350k emergency reserve, cap hit is 1.18%. Mr. Matos reminded the Board the tentative budget will be up for vote on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### *Personnel:*

Miss Fano informed the Board a meeting will be set later, but will be before

March 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Policy:*

Dr. Thomas stated the policy committee met on the February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Breathalyzers were discussed and how to use it at events. The next meeting is Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

*Education:*

Ms. Aulenbach and the Education Committee met March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The committee met with the elementary principals. They gave an update on what is happening at each school. Start times have shifted club meetings to morning and full day kindergarten has also been successful. Mr. Olsen has makerspace at high school and has invited middle school students to come on four Saturdays. Next meeting is March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

**Liaison Reports**

Ms. Standridge spoke about the last RamRac meeting and the dodgeball tournament that was held.

**Public Discussion**

A concerned Randolph resident sent a letter to the Board and a copy of said letter to Mr. Perrone. They also commented that when the policy committee meets, she believes Miss O'Meara would be allowed to attend.

A concerned Randolph resident emailed the Board on Friday in regards to a bean bag incident. The resident claims it was very demeaning for her son and the incident has been hard for her family. She is concerned about the disciplinary action taken on the teacher and doesn't understand why the teacher is still with children.

A concerned Randolph resident is dismayed at the lack of discipline against the Shongum PE teacher that was involved in a bean bag incident. The resident stated her daughter was in the same class as the other child.

**Old Business**

Mr. Matos reviewed old business and the Board agreed the baseball issue is closed. The intersection of Millbrook and School House is open and Mr. Eckert will send e-mail to entire Board from the town. The breathalyzer topic is open being discussed.

Blackboard – Mr. Zitomer will have answer at next Board meeting.

**New Business**

Mr. Epstein questioned the 4 day options of the snow days.

**Adjournment**

Board member Colleen Pascale made a motion seconded Board member Sheldon Epstein and carried by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 09:22 p.m.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 09:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gerald M. Eckert  
Board Secretary