



**ROBBINSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING – BOARD RETREAT**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2010 – 6:30 PM
RHS STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER**

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Michael Reca, President

Mr. Matthew O’Grady, Vice President

Mrs. Carol Boyne

Mrs. Sharon DeVito

Mrs. Florence Gange

Mr. Thomas Halm, Jr.

Mr. Richard Kasper

Mrs. Faith Silvestrov

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Mr. Steven J. Mayer

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Kathleen A. Foster

SCHOOL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR / BOARD SECRETARY

Mr. Robert DeVita

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES – BOARD RETREAT

August 12, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Mike Reca called August 12, 2010 meeting of the Robbinsville Board of Education to order at 6:32 PM.

II. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to insure the rights 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 Robbinsville Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Trenton Times and the Township of Robbinsville Bulletin Board. In addition, this notice was faxed to the Trenton Times and posted at Windsor School, Sharon School, Pond Road Middle School and Robbinsville High School.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Boyne, Mrs. DeVito, Mrs. Gange, Mr. Halm, Mr. Kasper, Mr. O'Grady, and Mr. Reca were present. Mrs. Silvestrov was absent.

Others present included Superintendent Mr. Steven J. Mayer and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kathleen A. Foster.

V. PRESENTATION: REVIEW OF SOLAR OPTIONS Scott Downie, Spieze Architect Group

Mr. Downie provided a Power Point presentation regarding options for converting the district to solar power.

VI. BREAK

VII. DISCUSSION

- The Board discussed the solar option and asked the following questions:
 1. What are the offsets attached to 2c and canopies and number 3?
 2. What does the PSE&G option offer the district?
 3. What is the path toward a PPA? Set up high school first, and then replace roofs and put solar on Sharon and Pond.
 4. Check references (Stafford and Hazlet). Mr. Downie to supply reference checks.
- A straw poll conducted by Mr. Mayer showed that most board members supported a PPA that includes roof repairs, but wanted more data from Mr. Downie about how a district-owned ground-based system might be added on in the future. Mr. Downie agreed to return later this month with a follow-up presentation.

- A conversation involving facilities planning and housing for 2011-2012 took place and a decision was made to contact a realtor to secure an estimate of Windsor's worth.

VIII. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

A. Evan Schwartz

Mr. Schwartz indicated that he likes 2c and does not think the district can pass a referendum.

B. John Ruch

Mr. Ruch asked if installation of solar panels would affect the warrantee on the roof. Mr. Downie indicated that it would not.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kasper and seconded by Mr. Halm, and carried by a vote of 7-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education, voted to adjourn the August 12, 2010 meeting at 9:51PM.
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Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Mayer
Superintendent