



**ROBBINSVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ANNUAL BOARD RETREAT**

**MONDAY, JULY 18, 2011
RHS STUDENT ACTIVITIES CENTER**

**BOARD RETREAT
MINUTES**

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Michael Reca, President

Mr. Matthew O'Grady, Vice President

Mrs. Carol Boyne

Dr. Vincent J. Costanza

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER PUBLIC MEETING

Due to the absence of the President and Vice President, School Business Administrator Robert M. DeVita called the July 18, 2011 special meeting of the Robbinsville Board of Education to order at 6:10 PM. He informed the Board of the necessity to elect a temporary president to preside over the meeting.

II. STATEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mr. DeVita read the Statement of Public Meetings

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. ROLL CALL

Present

Mrs. Boyne
Dr. Costanza
Mrs. DeVito
Mrs. Gange
Mr. Halm
Mr. Kasper
Mr. Reca – Arrived 8:24 PM

Absent

Mr. O’Grady
Mrs. Silvestrov

The following individuals were also present:
Steven J. Mayer, Superintendent
Robert M. DeVita, School Business Administrator / Board Secretary
Kathleen A. Foster, Assistant Superintendent

V. ELECTION OF MRS. BOYNE TO PRESIDE

On motion of Mrs. DeVito and seconded by Mr. Halm and carried by a vote of 5-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education voted to elect Mrs. Boyne to serve in the capacity of President in Mr. Reca’s absence. Mrs. Boyne abstained. Mr. O’Grady, Mr. Reca, and Mrs. Silvestrov were absent.

VI. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

VII. REVIEW OF 2010-2011 SUCCESSES

Mr. Mayer indicated that the purpose of the retreat would be to review and assess the goals and objectives the Board established during the 2010-2011 retreat. He asked individual BOE members to weigh in with their opinions and thoughts on areas of success as well as areas of distraction. Board members pointed to the following successes:

- Creation of alternative revenue sources – PPA / Solar / R.E.D.
- The Board is gaining credibility and anticipating issues
- Technology refresh

- Forming excellent communication habits which led to a successful budget
- Formation of successful Central Office team
- Facilities investment
- Clean audit
- High levels of student achievement

Areas of distraction were noted as well:

- External threats i.e. cuts in state aid
- Budget anxiety due to tax burden
- Time spent on areas not pertaining to the goals

VIII. 2011-2012 GOAL SETTING

The Board reviewed the goals for the Superintendent established during the 2010-2011 retreat, and Mr. Mayer suggested that these remain the goals for the coming year. After some discussion, a fifth goal was added (See #2) and the goals below were agreed upon. The remaining discussion centered on the development of objectives and outcomes associated with each goal. Mr. Mayer will create a document detailing the specifics for each goal to be ready for first reading at the August Board meeting.

2011-2012 SUPERINTENDENT GOALS

1. Foster a strong academic culture in Robbinsville where a high value on achievement motivates students to perform at high levels.
2. Create conditions where good citizenship and strength of character are an integral part of the school community's culture.
3. Establish trust in the community so that the school district (central office, Board, school administration and teaching faculty) is perceived to be a credible, trustworthy entity where the interests of all students and parents are honored and valued.
4. Develop effective short and long term facilities plans to accommodate enrollment growth.
5. Continue to secure sources of revenue for the school district beside property taxes.

IX. ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

The Board identified goals / direction tied to the Superintendent Goals for each committee for the 2011-2012 school year.

X. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

A. DEBBY MUENCH

Mrs. Muench discussed topics pertaining to trust, PTA and dissemination of information.

B. WAYNE HOLLIDAY

Mr. Holliday commented on the goals and co-curricular activities.

NOTE: Mr. Reca arrived at 8:24 PM at which time he resumed the role of President.

XI. RESOLUTION BEING PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL

A. FINANCE, FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION (A.1)

1. Competitive Contracting – Custodial Services

On motion of Mrs. Boyne and seconded by Mrs. DeVito and carried by a vote of 7-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education voted to approve the use of competitive contracting for custodial services as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A -4.3. Mr. O’Grady and Mrs. Silvestrov were absent.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

August 2, 2011 – National Night Out 6:00 – 9:00 PM

August 24, 2011 – Special BOE meeting to award Custodial / Maintenance Services bid

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mrs. Boyne and seconded by Mr. Halm and carried by a vote of 7-0, the Robbinsville Board of Education voted to adjourn the July 18, 2011 special meeting of the Robbinsville Board of Education at 7:26 PM. Mr. O’Grady and Mrs. Silvestrov were absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert M. DeVita
School Business Administrator / Board Secretary