

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Work Session meeting on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 7:15 p.m. in the Randolph High School Library, Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President Ms. Amy Sachs 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: Mr. Ethan Blynn, Ms. Barbara Levinson, Ms. Tammy MacKay, Ms. Maria Martorana, Mr. Al Matos, Mr. Harry Ruiz, Ms. Jeanne Stifelman and Ms. Amy Sachs.

Board members Ms. Christine Carey was absent.

Closed Session – 7:15 p.m.

Board member Mr. Ethan made a motion seconded by board member Ms. Tammy McKay and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt the following with an exception:

Board member Ms. Christine Carey was absent.

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, Litigation and Negotiations. It is not yet possible to determine when the matters discussed in Closed Session will be made public.

The board reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Board members Ms. Christine Carey arrived at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Board Minutes

Closed Session Minutes, 1-24-11

Board Work and Business Session, 1-24-11

Public Discussion

REA Co President expressed concern regarding the referendum questioning the Board wanting to know where in the classification the REA falls in the prioritization and negotiations process.

A staff member commented on the success of one of her students.

Another staff member thanked the board for their support of the technology program.

Another member of the public thanked the board for their support of Special Education and the Wilson Reading Program.

Superintendent's Report

Writers Workshop Presentation:

Mr. Snyder turned the program over to Ms. Danielle Hamblin, Principal of Center Grove School. Her students presented to the board their successes concerning reading and writing in their learning patterns.

Committee Reports

Finance, Facilities and Transportation

Policy

Communications

Best Practices

New Business

Board member Mr. Blynn commented on the recent hospitalization of our longtime attorney, counselor and adviser Mr. Malachi Kenney and on behalf of the board expressed best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Public Discussion

A middle school staff member commented on tabling the board discussion of Math Curriculum.

MOTION, TO OPEN DISCUSSION OF MATH CURRICULUM PRIOR TO THE MAY DEFERRAL DATE:

Board member Ms. Jeanne Stifelman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Harry Ruiz and carried unanimously by roll call vote to open discussion of math curriculum prior to the May deferral date.

Member of the public asked the board to consider a change in agenda, requesting that the board allow students presentations at the beginning of the public discussion. She also asked that future math discussion be advertised for public discussion. She further inquired into the possibility of having high school grades and mid-term grades posted.

Another member of the public commented on math curriculum changes in the middle school.

Closed Session – 9:45 p.m.

Board member Mr. Harry Ruiz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jeanne Stifelman and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adopt the following and move to second (2) closed session.

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The board returned from closed session 10:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Board member Mr. Harry Ruiz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ethan Blynn and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

The board adjourned the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Neves
Board Secretary