

The Randolph Township Board of Education held a Work Session meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 7:15 p.m. in the Randolph High School Library, Millbrook Avenue, Randolph, New Jersey.

Board President, 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. Christine Carey, Ms. Tammy MacKay, Ms. Maria Martorana, Mr. Harry Ruiz, Ms. Jeanne Stifelman and Ms. Amy Sachs.

Board members Ms. Barbara Levinson and Mr. Al Matos were absent.

The following administrators were present: Mr. Owen Snyder, Superintendent, Dr. David Browne, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Theresa Schiffenhaus, Director of Special Services and Mr. Michael Neves, Business Administrator / Board Secretary.

### **Closed Session – 7:15 p.m.**

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

Board members Ms. Barbara Levinson and Mr. Al Matos were 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.

Ms. Barbara Levinson arrived at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Al Matos arrived at 7:40 p.m.

The board reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Public Discussion**

Randolph resident requested that the list of employees and their associated costs be included in the budget document.

A Shongum parent outlined, what he felt, were safety issues surrounding traffic and pedestrian patterns of ingress and egress to Shongum School.

### **Correspondence**

Randolph Baseball

### **President's Report**

Review of Board Protocol and Standing Rules of the Randolph Township Board of Education - Mr. Kenney, Board Counsel, facilitated Board discussion on the topic.

The Board President requested input from the members for a future discussion on Board Goals.

### **Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent informed the Board on student testing and State ramifications of the required programs.

The Superintendent spoke on the subject of the pending impact of retirement and pension changes proposed by the Governor.

The Superintendent also spoke on the subject of changes in the district's program, changes coming to the curriculum as a result of the recently approved budget.

### **Committee Reports**

Finance, Facilities and Transportation

Communications

### **Liaison Reports**

Ms. Maria Martorana reported to the Board on a recent meeting by the Town Council and their decision to eliminate parking by high school students/faculty in the township lot.

### **Old Business**

Ms. Stifelman commented on her attendance at a middle school project on "Prejudice." Randolph Middle School faired very well with 6 middle school students received awards out of 2,000 students' state wide. She commented on the support the students received from the teaching staff of the middle school.

### **New Business**

Ms. Barbara Levinson made a motion and seconded by Ms. Jeanne Stifelman and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the following education motion:

**MOTION** to make the education committee, a committee of the full board, meeting during the work session of each month and presenting during committee report, beginning at the June 8, 2010 board meeting.

### **Public Discussion**

Randolph resident questioned the viability of having the education committee as part of the business work session.

A teaching staff member expressed concerns with the new education committee structure that the public would not have input as they have had in the past.

PTA Council Vice-President questioned the process that will be used to fill the vacancy of the Middle School Principal. She also questioned if any decisions have been made on the final list of cycle courses that would be offered. In addition, she questioned the methodology of using testing for placement purposes at various grade levels.

### **Adjournment**

Board member Mr. Ethan Blynn made a motion seconded by Mr. Al Matos and carried unanimously by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

The board adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael S. Neves  
Board Secretary