

**WEST MILFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 6, 2014**

Mr. David Richards, Board President, called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education on March 6, 2014, at 6:40 p.m. The meeting was held in the Macopin School Cafeteria. He led the flag salute, read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement and asked for a moment of silence. Mr. Richards reminded everyone in attendance to silence or turn off their cell phones and note the locations of the emergency exits. The Board reserved the right to act on any and all agenda items.

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT**

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, a public notice of this meeting has been sent to Board Members, all district schools, the Herald News, the Trends, the Record, Aim West Milford, the Messenger, West Milford Town Hall, the County Superintendent's Office, the Board Attorney, and Cablevision of Warwick; and posted in the Administration Building with a copy in the district's monitoring files. Copies of the Board Meeting Calendar Resolution were provided to all local media, Town Hall, Township Library, and all district schools.

**MS. BARBARA FRANCISCO, BOARD SECRETARY, CALLED THE ROLL:**

| TRUSTEE     | ATTENDANCE                | TRUSTEE      | ATTENDANCE | TRUSTEE       | ATTENDANCE |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Mr. Babbitt | Absent                    | Mr. Gottlieb | Present    | Mr. Richards  | Present    |
| Mr. Bailey  | Absent                    | Mrs. Koeppe  | Present    | Mrs. Richards | Absent     |
| Mr. Conlon  | Present/Arr.<br>6:55 p.m. | Mrs. O'Brien | Present    | Mrs. Schultz  | Present    |

| ADMINISTRATION          | POSITION                               | ATTENDANCE |
|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Dr. James V. McLaughlin | Superintendent of Schools              | Present    |
| Ms. Barbara Francisco   | Board Secretary/Business Administrator | Present    |
| Ms. Iris Wechling       | Director of Education                  | Present    |
| Vacant                  | Director of Special Services           | No         |
| Joseph Roselle, Esq.    | Board of Education Attorney            | No         |

There were approximately 50 members of the public in attendance.

**VI. MOTION BY MRS. SCHULTZ, SECONDED BY MRS. KOEPPE, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA, AS PRESENTED.**

**VOICE VOTE: All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.**

**VII. PETITIONS & REQUESTS**

Petitioners who have requested to speak prior to the meeting will be first with five (5) minutes for each petitioner, for a period of thirty (30) minutes; and then time permitting, other petitions and requests limited to five (5) minutes per petitioner will be allowed, until the thirty (30) minute period transpires. Petitioners speaking during Petitions & Requests are asked to address topics listed in the agenda. All speakers are asked to give their full name, spell their last name, and provide their address. Speakers may not use the names of students during Petitions and Requests.

Motion by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mrs. O'Brien, to close Petitions and Requests.

**VOICE VOTE: All in Favor. MOTION PASSED.**

**SPECIAL ACTION**

**VIII. EDUCATION - Mrs. Marilyn Schultz, Chairperson**

Motion by Mrs. Schultz, seconded by Mr. Gottlieb, to approve the following agenda item:

1. The recommendation of the Superintendent to apply for funds to support the implementation of the **ANTI-BULLYING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT** for the purposes described in the application in the amount of \$117,818 for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

| TRUSTEE     | VOTE   | TRUSTEE      | VOTE | TRUSTEE       | VOTE   |
|-------------|--------|--------------|------|---------------|--------|
| Mr. Babbitt | Absent | Mr. Gottlieb | Yes  | Mr. Richards  | Yes    |
| Mr. Bailey  | Absent | Mrs. Koeppe  | Yes  | Mrs. Richards | Absent |
| Mr. Conlon  | Absent | Mrs. O'Brien | Yes  | Mrs. Schultz  | Yes    |

The **MOTION PASSED.**

The Board recessed until 7:00 p.m.

**IX. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING**

This first strategic planning meeting entitled, "Dream - Creating a Common Vision" was facilitated by Robynn Meehan and Al Annunziata from the New Jersey School Boards Association. The purpose of the meeting was to identify the strengths, achievements and challenges of the school district.

Dr. McLaughlin introduced Ms. Meehan and Mr. Annunziata to the Administration, Board of Education Members, staff, parents and community members in attendance.

The participants broke into small groups and brainstormed. After the group discussions, each group identified their consensus points.

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**IX. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING - Continued**

Ms. Meehan indicated that the second strategic planning meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Lower Media Center. Participants will discuss aspirations and expectations for the school district and students. The meetings are scheduled for 1.5 hours and end promptly.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Conlon, seconded by Mrs. Schultz, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

**VOICE VOTE:**

**All in Favor.**

**MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Francisco  
Board Secretary/Business Administrator