

VERNON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION

September 15, 2011

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE 5

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President on September 15, 2011 at Rolling Hills Primary School, 60 Sammis Road, Vernon, NJ.

The roll call was taken and the following members were present: Mrs. Auberger, Mr. Castellana, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Ms. Parrott and Mr. Sparta. Also present were Dr. Alfieri, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Linkenheimer, Assistant Superintendent, and Mr. Kepnes, Business Administrator/Board Secretary. Mr. Zweier arrived at 7:03 p.m.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following statement was read by Mr. Kepnes.

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, Vernon Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published and adequate notice has been provided.

The meeting was opened to the public for items limited to the agenda.

Ms. Nicole Pirringer expressed concerns regarding Power School and calculation of her grade point average. She expressed frustration.

Mr. Castellana (Board President)

1. "Ask the BOE" – Mr. Castellana and Mr. Zweier recommended that they, as Board representatives, provide an additional opportunity for the public to express suggestions or ask questions of the Board, The suggestion entailed two Board Members setting up a table at the A&P to allow for open discussion with the public.

Concern was expressed regarding a lack of attendance by the public. Hard copies of information would be beneficial.

2. Discussion on Board Docs took place.

Dr. Alfieri (Superintendent)

Dr. Alfieri discussed the following items:

1. Opening of School
2. Social Networking Policy
3. Guidance Goal
4. Garden State Coalition of Schools

Ms. Linkenheimer (Assistant Superintendent)

Ms. Linkenheimer discussed the following items:

1. Personnel Report
2. Middle School Stipends
3. Curriculum Report
4. Other – Discussion took place regarding concern of overnight trips being excessive and too many days lost from the classroom.

Mr. Kepnes (Business Administrator/Board Secretary)

Mr. Kepnes stated that since the Public Meeting was scheduled to begin, discussion on his items below would take place at the Public Meeting.

1. Recommendations to be approved at Public Meeting:
 - a) Renewing membership in the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Council
 - b) Alarm and Communication Technologies, Inc. Service Agreement
 - c) Membership in Garden State Coalition of Schools
 - d) Acceptance of the FY 2012 IDEA Allocation
 - e) Application for Change of Use of Educational Space (LHMS Wood Shop classroom to Office space)
2. Discussion Item – Sale of Special Services Building. Review of Resolution as drafted by our attorney (Attachment WS-1)

Public Participation – For items on the agenda and other business

None heard.

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Mrs. Auberger, seconded by Mr. McGowan and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was resumed at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Zweier, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Further discussion took place regarding students attending overnight trips for the softball team, girls' lacrosse, and cheerleaders.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Zweier and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Board President or Delegate

Board Secretary or Delegate

Superintendent of Schools