

## **September Work Session Minutes (Thursday, September 13, 2012)**

### **Open Meeting**

Mr. Castellana called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The roll call was taken and the following were present: Mr. McGowan, Mr. Sparta, Mr. Zweier, Mrs. Auberger, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Castellana. Absent: Ms. Parrott Also present: Dr. John B. Alfieri, Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Barbara Linkenheimer, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Steven A. Kepnes, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Kepnes read the meeting notice:

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 provisions of the Act, Vernon Township Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published and adequate notice has been provided.

### **Presentations**

A. Mr. Doug Bohman

Mr. Bohman reviewed some of his research regarding undiagnosed cardiac problems in student athletes. His focus and goal was to bring a screening tool to Vernon School District.

B. Freshmen Academy/High School Administration

Mr. Krause, Mr. Morris, Ms. Gastaldello and Mrs. Seger presented a PowerPoint on the research done to date and their recommendation for a Freshman Academy.

### **Recess**

The Board recessed for 5 minutes.

### **Public Participation**

The meeting was opened to the public for comments on agenda items only.

None Heard.

### **John B. Alfieri, Ed.D., Superintendent**

Dr. Alfieri shared information on the following topics:

A. Opening

B. NJ QSAC

- C. Class size at CMPS
- D. Lunch Issues
- E. Transportation Review
- F. Mandarin Update
- G. VTHS Dress Code/Uniform Issue
- H. Senior Parking

On a motion by Mr. Zweier, seconded by Mr. Gilson the recommendation to reduce the parking fee to \$50 did not carry on the following roll call vote:

YES: Mr. Zweier, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Castellana NO: Mr. Sparta, Mrs. Auberger, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. McGowan. ABSENT: Ms. Parrott

On a motion by Mr. McGowan, seconded by Mrs. Auberger the recommendation to reduce the parking fee to \$25 was carried on the following roll call vote: YES: Mr. Zweier, Mrs. Auberger, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Hughes, Mr. McGowan, Mr. Castellana. NO: Mr. Sparta, Mr. DeYoung. ABSENT: Ms. Parrott

- I. Redistricting
- J. NCLB Funded Elementary Teacher Update
- K. Review of Public Meeting Agenda Items

**Barbara Linkenheimer, Assistant Superintendent**

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Enrollment Report
- C. High School Part-time Library Secretaries
- D. High School Green Dot Advisor Stipend

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the posting of a Green Dot Stipend on a motion by Mrs. Auberger, seconded by Mr. Gilson and carried on the following roll call vote. YES: Mr. Sparta, Mr. Zweier, Mrs. Auberger, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. Castellana NO: Mr. Hughes ABSTAIN: Mr. McGowan ABSENT: Ms. Parrott

- E. Travel

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved travel on a motion by Mr. Zweier, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on the following roll call vote. YES: Mr. Sparta, Mr. Zweier, Mr. DeYoung, Mr. Gilson, Mr. McGowan,

Mr. Castellana. ABSENT FOR THE VOTE: Mrs. Auberger, Mr. Hughes. ABSENT:  
Ms. Parrott

**Steven A. Kepnes, Business Administrator/Board Secretary**

A. Discussion Items

Mr. Kepnes reminded the Board Members that the November meetings will be combined into one meeting with one agenda on November 15, starting at 6:30 p.m. at GMMS.

B. Recommendation Items for Public Meeting

Mr. Kepnes mentioned that there will be a recommendation for a payment to NORESCO for August at the Public Meeting.

C. Other

Discussion took place regarding Board Docs.

Board Docs will no longer be utilized.

**Public Participation**

The meeting was opened to the public for items on the agenda or other business.

None Heard

**Closed Session**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved entering Closed Session for discussion of personnel at 10:30 p.m. on a motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Zweier and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved returning to Open Session at 10:35 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Gilson, seconded by Mr. DeYoung and carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved denying level 4 grievance for Wayne McCaw. Motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mrs. Auberger and carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

**Adjournment**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved adjourning the meeting at 10:37 p.m. on motion by Mr. DeYoung, seconded by Mr. Zweier and carried on a unanimous voice vote.