

**WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Board of Education Meeting – Board Training**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**  
**Winslow Township Middle School Media Center**  
**Agenda**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**I. PUBLIC NOTICE** of this meeting was given to all Board Members and Associates in a notice dated **02/10/2014**. It was also advertised in the Courier Post, Philadelphia Inquirer and posted in all schools, the Administration Office, the Municipal Building, the Library, Bud Duble Center, Edgewood Acres, Elm Town and Winslow Township Post Offices.

**II. MISSION STATEMENT**

The **Mission** of the Winslow Township School District, a large diverse and growing community, is to educate all students to become independent, life-long learners, critical thinkers and caring and confident members of their community. The District, in partnership with the community, and in a climate of cooperation and mutual respect, will provide an academic environment which values excellence and diversity, encourages students to strive for personal excellence, and assists them in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to contribute positively to a rapidly changing world.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Larry Blake  
Ewuniki Brown  
Lorraine Dredden  
Gulab Gidwani  
Gail P. Watkins  
Hassan Wilcox

Julie A. Peterson, Vice President  
Cheryl Pitts, President  
  
H. Major Poteat, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Tyra McCoy-Boyle, Business Admin./Board Secretary  
Howard Long, Jr. Esq., Solicitor

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. BOARD OF EDUCATION – TEAM CHARTER**

1. **At all Times:** Maintain confidentiality; Follow the chain of command; Maintain an open-mind; Listen and speak with respect for others.
2. **Before a Meeting:** Be prepared for board meetings by reading packets prior to board meetings; Refuse to become involved (collectively, as individuals, or in our communities) in micro-management; Get the answers to questions and concerns prior to the board meeting.
3. **During a Meeting:** Listen and speak with respect for others at all times; Vote with conviction; Align our actions as closely as possible to stated goals and objectives; Create an open, problem-solving management climate in which differences and problems are met head-on and clarified rather than swept under the rug or smoothed over; Promote mutual involvement and interdependency rather than selfish competition or subversive rivalry.
4. **After a Meeting:** Develop trust; Uphold all decisions made by the Board; Periodically follow-up on district, board and CSA goals; Understand and respect the separate roles and responsibilities of the board and the administration to confine activities within the boundaries of those roles.

If any board member feels that another board member has violated any provision of this agreement, that board member shall personally talk with the offending board member in an attempt to resolve the issue. If the attempt fails, the board member who feels that another board member has violated this agreement shall bring the matter to the attention of the entire board. Any grievances that arise should be dealt with at the earliest practical opportunity.

**VI. 2013-2014 DISTRICT GOALS**

1. Continue to review and assess in a systematic manner, using data, the district curriculum and students' needs to raise student achievement.
2. Create a positive school environment/culture conducive to teaching and learning for all stakeholders.
3. Continue to expand communication to all stakeholders to increase the capacity for greater parent/caregiver and community support.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time Limited)**

The Winslow Township Board of Education highly values the input of citizens in making important decisions that affect the children of our community. We also believe in the rights of citizens to observe Board Meetings. To ensure that all of our citizens have the opportunity to attend School Board Meetings and offer comment, and to ensure that the Board can conduct the important business of the District, we ask that speakers follow the guidelines for making public comments.

**Notation of Public Comments on Agenda Items** – The Board President or Board Secretary will recognize those individuals in the audience who wish to make comment.

**Please respect the following procedures:**

1. All members of the public attending School Board Meetings must treat each other and the Board with respect.
2. State your full name and address.
3. Please limit your comments to five minutes.
4. Submit your questions to the Board of Education with your name, address and telephone number where you can be contacted. Your questions will be answered within a reasonable time.
5. Individuals offering citizen comment are not permitted to make personal attacks on any District employee, Board Member, other testifier or member of the public.

<p>On a motion made by _____, seconded by _____, approval of Public Comments is granted.  <b>Exceptions:</b> _____  <i>Voice Vote:</i> _____</p>
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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

<p>On a motion made by _____, seconded by _____, approval to adjourn Public Comments is granted.  <b>Exceptions:</b> _____  <i>Voice Vote:</i> _____</p>
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**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) requires all meetings of the Winslow Township Board of Education to be held in public, except as set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) which provides for nine (9) types of matters that may lawfully be discussed in "Executive Session," i.e. without the public being permitted to attend; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winslow Township Board of Education has determined that certain issues set forth below are permitted by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) to be discussed without the public in attendance shall be discussed during an Executive Session to be held on February 19, 2014 at \_\_\_ p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the nine (9) exceptions to public meetings set forth in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b) are listed below, and the items to be privately discussed that fall within such exceptions shall be identified and written, and after each exception is a space where additional information that will disclose as much information about the discussion as possible without undermining the purpose of the exception as follows:

“(1) Any matter which, by express provision of Federal law, State statute or rule of court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from public discussion.” The legal citation to the provision(s) at issue is:\_\_\_\_\_ and the nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is \_\_\_\_\_;

“(2) Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is \_\_\_\_\_;

“(3) Any material the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy such as any records, data, reports, recommendations, or other personal material of any educational, training, social service, medical, health, custodial, child protection, rehabilitation, legal defense, welfare, housing, relocation, insurance and similar program or institution operated by a public body pertaining to any specific individual admitted to or served by such institution or program, including but not limited to information relative to the individual's personal and family circumstances, and any material pertaining to admission, discharge, treatment, progress or condition of any individual, unless the individual concerned (or, in the case of a minor or incompetent, his guardian) shall request in writing that the same be disclosed publicly.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is \_\_\_\_\_;

“(4) Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body” The collective bargaining contract(s) discussed are between the public body and \_\_\_\_\_;

“(5) Any matter involving the purchase lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is \_\_\_\_\_;

“(6) Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public provided that their disclosure could impair such protection. Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is \_\_\_\_\_;

“(7) Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party. Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer.” The parties to and docket numbers of each item of litigation and/or the parties to each contract discussed are

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and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is \_\_\_\_\_;  
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“(8) Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting.” The employee(s) and/or title(s) and nature of the discussion, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality are:

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“(9) Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility.” The nature of the matter, described as specifically as possible without undermining the need for confidentiality is

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**WHEREAS**, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be \_\_\_\_\_ minutes after which the public meeting shall (circle one) reconvene and immediately adjourn or reconvene and proceed with business.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Winslow Township Board of Education will go into Executive Session for only the above stated reasons.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subject(s) will be made public at a time when the need for confidentiality no longer exists, or the public’s interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary/Board Solicitor, shall read aloud enough of this resolution so that members of the public in attendance can understand, as precisely as possible, the nature of the matters that will privately discussed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board Secretary, on the next business day following this meeting, shall furnish a copy of this resolution to any member of the public who requests one at the fees allowed by N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

On a motion made by _____, seconded by _____, approval to move to Executive Session is granted at _____.	
Exceptions: _____	
_____ Mr. Blake	_____ Mr. Gidwani
_____ Ms. Brown	_____ Ms. Watkins
_____ Ms. Dredden	_____ Mr. Wilcox
	_____ Ms. Peterson
	_____ Ms. Pitts

**X. NJ School Boards Association Board Training (Superintendent Evaluation Tool)**

1. Ms. Terry Lewis – Field Representative

**XI. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION Time: \_\_\_\_\_**

On a motion made by _____, seconded by _____, approval to adjourn Executive Session is granted.
Exceptions: _____
Voice Vote: _____

**XII. ADJOURNMENT Time: \_\_\_\_\_**

On a motion made by _____, seconded by _____, approval to adjourn Meeting is granted.
Exceptions: _____
Voice Vote: _____