

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Board of Education Meeting
Winslow Township High School (Cafeteria)
10 Coopers Folly Road
Atco, NJ 08004

Monday, August 22, 2011
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

I. PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting was given to all Board Members and Associates in a notice dated **08/16/11**. It was 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 – In roll call the following Board Members were noted present:

Present	Mark Benjamin, Sr. Dino Capaldi Patricia Davis Lorraine Dredde Gulab Gidwani	Joanne Masciocchi Cheryl Pitts Aleta Sturdivant, Vice President Julie A. Peterson, President
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Also Present H. Major Poteat, Ed.D., Superintendent
Tyra McCoy-Boyle, Assistant Business Administrator
Howard C. Long, Esq. Solicitor, Wade, Long, Wood & Kennedy

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed for the students from Mainland High School who passed away in a automobile accident for the community and family members.

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION – TEAM CHARTER

Ms. Pitts -

1. **At all Times:** Maintain confidentiality; Follow the chain of command; Maintain an open-mind; Listen and speak with respect for others.

Mr. Gidwani -

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.

Ms. Masciocchi -

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.

Ms. Sturdivant -

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.

Ms. Peterson – We would like to recognize Committeeman Russell Bates if he will stand and be recognized. He is in the audience with us today. I did not notice anyone else.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time Limited)

A motion was made Mr. Capaldi, seconded by Mr. Gidwani, to open the meeting for Public Comments at 6:08 p.m.

Notation of Public Comments on Agenda Items – The Board President will recognize those individuals in the audience who wish to comment. Please respect the following procedures:

1. State your full name and address.
2. Please limit your comments to five minutes.
3. 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.

Voice Vote: All in favor

Seeing that we have no registered for Public Comments I entertain a motion to close Public Comments session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion was made by Mr. Capaldi, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, Sr., to adjourn Public Comments at 6:08 p.m.

Voice Vote: All in favor

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session

A motion was made by Ms. Pitts, seconded by Ms. Davis to approve adoption of the Executive Resolution and adjournment to Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education will entertain a motion to adjourn into Executive/Closed Session for the purpose of:

- Student Hearings
- Personnel Matters
- Legal Matters

The information discussed in Executive/Closed Session may be disclosed to the public after formal action is taken by the Board of Education on these issues. Certain information that will be discussed in Executive/Closed Session is not to be disclosed to the Public; however, the Board may contemplate taking action at the conclusion of Executive/Closed Session.

PRESIDENT

Assistant Business Administrator

Roll Call:

Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	Yes	Ms. Masciocchi	Yes
Mr. Capaldi	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Davis	Yes	Ms. Pitts	Yes
Ms. Dredden	Yes	Ms. Sturdivant	Yes
Mr. Gidwani	Yes		

Motion Carried

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Benjamin, Sr., seconded by Mr. Capaldi to return to Public Session at 8:55 p.m.

Voice Vote: All in favor

Mr. Long – Madam President if I may. We discussed matters of personnel and I want to indicate that there was no formal action taken in the Executive Session. Thank you.

A motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded by Ms Pitts, that in the absence of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary the Assistant Business Administrator, Tyra McCoy-Boyle be authorized to make payment of bills.

<i>Roll Call:</i>			
Mr. Benjamin, Sr.	Yes	Ms. Masciocchi	Yes
Mr. Capaldi	Yes	Ms. Peterson	Yes
Ms. Davis	Yes	Ms. Pitts	Yes
Ms. Dredden	Yes	Ms. Sturdivant	Yes
Mr. Gidwani	Yes		
Motion Carried			

Ms. Peterson made an announcement that there will be an Addendum to this Wednesday's Board Meeting that will include Personnel matters and also bill payments.

X. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Mr. Capaldi, seconded by Mr. Benjamin, Sr., to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tyra McCoy-Boyle,
Assistant Business Administrator