

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Board of Education Meeting – Board Training
Winslow Township Administrative Office
40 Coopers Folly Road
Atco, NJ

Tuesday, January 22, 2013
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting was given to all Board Members and Associates in a notice dated **01/16/13**. 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 – In roll call the following Board members were noted present:

Present:	Joanne Masciocchi	Aleta Sturdivant
	Julie A. Peterson	Lorraine Dredden, Vice President
	Cheryl Pitts	Patricia Davis, President

Absent:	Ewuniki Brown
	Gulab Gidwani
	Gail P. Watkins

Also Present: H. Major Poteat, Ed.D., Superintendent

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION – TEAM CHARTER

- At all Times:** Maintain confidentiality; Follow the chain of command; Maintain an open-mind; Listen and speak with respect for others.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. 2012-2013 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.

A motion was made by Ms. Sturdivant, seconded by Ms. Peterson to forgo reading the Team Charter and the 2012-2013 District Goals.

Voice Vote: All in favor

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time Limited)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Pitts to open the meeting for Public Comments.

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.

Voice Vote: All in favor

VIII. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Dredden to close the meeting for Public Comments.

Voice Vote: All in favor

IX. NJ SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION – BOARD TRAINING

1. Ms. Terry Lewis – Field Representative

Ms. Pitts read the District Goals when Ms. Lewis asked about them.

- X. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Ms. Pitts, seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Davis
Board President