

WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

30 Coopers Folly Road
Atco, NJ 08004

Special Board of Education Meeting

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

MINUTES

6:40 p.m.

I. PUBLIC NOTICE of this meeting was given to all Board Members and Associates in a notice dated **03/15/2011**. 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 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	Dino Capaldi Eartha Mitchell Angelia M. Tutt	Cheryl Pitts, Vice President Deborah Yanez, President
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Recuse herself from the process	Julia A. Peterson
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Absent	Mark Benjamin, Sr., Aleta Sturdivant
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IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. BOARD OF EDUCATION – TEAM CHARTER

Tutt -

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

Capaldi -

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.

Mitchell -

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.

Pitts -

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.

Pitts -

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. PUBLIC COMMENTS (Time Limited)

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

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

Dennis Young, Resident, President Winslow Township Basketball Association

WTBA has been using the facilities for basketball including the gym at the Middle School and most of the schools for the last 12 weeks. WTBA was approved to use the Middle School gym on Saturday April 2, 2011. Mr. Young was contacted by Dr. Garcia on Monday and told that his organization facility usage will end on Thursday, March 31, 2011. He initially requested to use the facilities for a full year. The April 2, 2011 date was included in that initial request.

They have championships games scheduled for Saturday at the Middle School, it's their last set of games and will involve approximately 400 children. There is no way they can notify all the children and their parents in time.

He is requesting that the Board approve the gym usage at the Middle School on Saturday, April 2, 2011 tonight. He was told that he needs Board approval and has had to e-mail back and forth with Dr. Garcia. He tried to reach Dr. Poteat for two days and was told that he is out of District.

Initially his liability insurance was valid up until March 6, 2011, that is why he believes the facility usage was approved until that date. However, he provided the District with a new policy that expires in March 2012. He e-mailed the policy to Yalonda on March 5, 2011. He also has a copy of a check for \$1,000.00 that they paid to the District.

Ms. Mitchell asked why he chose that amount. He stated that he is disputing the other amounts because Aramark employees were in the building for other reasons, i.e. painting, etc. so why should his organization have to pay when staff were already working in the building, they were not there just to open the building for the team.

Marie Lawrence – Resident

Ms. Lawrence came out to support Dennis, he stated that he has a copy of a check showing that he has made a payment. WTBA is an excellent program. If the Board came out we would see multiple generations involved. Her grandson is in the program and really enjoys it.

Ms. Tutt stated that it is an excellent organization, her grandson was involved.

Quai Ross, Resident, Vice President of Winslow Township Basketball Association

Her son has been involved with the program and has lost 25 pounds. The program gives children something positive to do. She had moved out of Winslow but brought her son to the program from Erial. Now she has moved back to Winslow her kids want to stay here and be involved here. It is a very positive program for the children, parents and grandparents who come out to watch the games. There is already a buzz in the community re: this issue.

Ms. Yanez advised Mr. Young that while I can appreciate the urgency in his request the Board would be unable to render a decision tonight because this meeting was advertised as a non-action meeting. However, on behalf of the Board I would relay his concern to the Superintendent and someone from the administrative team would contact him tomorrow.

Ms. Yanez read, for clarification, the Public Notice that was published in the newspaper re: this meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion was made by Ms. Tutt, seconded by Mr. Capaldi, to adjourn Public Comments.

<i>Voice Vote: All in favor</i>

VIII. NJ SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION DISCUSSION

1. Ms. Marianne Friedman – Field Representative

The Board returned the compiled self evaluation and the Superintendent Evaluations. Ms. Friedman reviewed with the Board the Board self-evaluation.

XI. ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Ms. Tutt, seconded by Ms. Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. All Ayes.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Yanez
Board President