BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 14, 2016 in the Wilson School Board Meeting Room beginning at 7:00 PM. Those present: Ms. Kalin, presiding, Ms. Chang, Ms. Colbert, Mr. Dietze, Mr. Hanley, and Ms. McCann. Mr. Freeman was absent.

Also present were Mr. Chang, Superintendent, Dr. Glazer, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Pepe, Assistant Superintendent/Board Secretary, Dr. Kachmar-Desonne, Director of Special Services, and Mr. Block, Director of Human Resources. There were 17 people in the audience.

NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION

The following notice was presented:

Let the minutes reflect that adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2. Athletic Budget – Robert Lockhart, Athletic Director

PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kalin spoke about the following:

- 2016-2017 Budget Process
- Upcoming Presentations
- Summit H.S. Principal appointment process

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:

Pre-K Lottery: Today we held the Pre-K lottery at the Board offices. Seventy-one (71) students were entered into the lottery for 22 spots at Wilson and Jefferson Primary Centers for our AM and PM programs, beginning in September. Parents will be notified tomorrow morning with their lottery results.

Parent Wellness Series: The Parent Wellness Series will present its third program. This installment will be hosted by Berkeley Heights. The program will take place on Thursday, January 21, at 7:15 pm at Governor Livingston High School. Motivational speaker Marlon Smith will address the audience on leadership, accountability, and how to critically think your way through challenges. This program is geared towards middle school and high school
students and their parents. This program is part of the consortium between Summit, Chatham, Millburn, New Providence and Berkeley Heights.

**Holocaust Program:** Today, with the assistance of the Holocaust Council of Greater Metro West, through a program called “Survivors Speak,” Mrs. Buonpane and the 8th grade teachers hosted a Holocaust assembly at LCJSM. Students were able to hear first-hand accounts of Holocaust survivors.

**High School Graduation Requirements:** Because state law requires students to pass a statewide assessment to graduate from high school, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is allowing students until the class of 2019 to fulfill the requirement by achieving a certain score benchmark on a number of assessments in addition to PARCC, including the SAT, the PSA, the ACT, Accuplacer, or military tests.

The commission recommends that, beginning with the class that will graduate from high school in 2020, students be required to take the PARCC (although not achieve a certain score) before they can access the alternative assessments for graduation.

Beginning with the class of 2021, the commission recommended that students must pass the PARCC English Language Arts grade 10 exam, and the Algebra I end-of-course PARCC test to graduate.

**Assessment Study Commission Recommends Continuation of PARCC**

**Standards Review Committee Releases Common Core Recommendations**

At the State Board of Education meeting on Monday, Jan. 11, the Academic Standards Review Committee released its **recommendations for proposed revisions** to the standards. The new standards will be renamed the “New Jersey Student Learning Standards.”

There were more than 200 recommendations for the new standards, including:

- Clarification that informational text is not emphasized over literature. The revisions emphasize “appropriate attention,” to literature, while “maintaining the importance of informational text and research.”

- The addition of “self-reflection,” to multiple English language arts standards. The Common Core Standards emphasize “cold reads” in which a child reads a text for the first time and must decipher its meaning. The concept of self-reflection recognizes that comprehension can be cultivated when children apply their life experiences, and previous texts they have read.

- Mathematics standards were revised with language better aligned to classroom instruction; math standards were also clarified through the use of examples.

The items listed under Superintendent’s Report on the agenda were presented to the Board.
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After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on January 21, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Committee – Ms. Colbert stated the committee met on January 12th. Items discussed include: Goals of K-5 Literacy; District Basic Skills Program; Assessment Report; Curriculum Budget Preview; Review of 2016 Committee Agenda Items

B. Operations Committee – Mr. Dietze stated the committee met on January 7th & January 14th. Items discussed include: Health Benefits Experience Outlook; Fiscal Year 2017 Budget & Outlook; Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

C. Policy Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on January 7th. Policies discussed include: recommendation of district implementing a transgender policy; overview of high school policies

D. Communications Committee – Mr. Hanley stated the committee met on January 7th. Items discussed include: “Telling the Summit Story”; overview of the Special Education department

E. Negotiations Committee - No report

F. Liaison Reports:
   1. MLK Day of Service – report by Dr. Glazer
   2. Speak Up Summit – report by Ms. Colbert

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

There were no questions or discussion from the public.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

The items listed under Approval of Board Minutes on the agenda were presented to the Board.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on January 21, 2016.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATION

The items listed under School Board Operation on the agenda were presented to the Board.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on January 21, 2016.

PERSONNEL

Items listed under Personnel on the agenda were presented to the Board.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on January 21, 2016.
POLICIES

Items listed under Policies on the agenda were presented to the Board.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on January 21, 2016.

FINANCE

Items listed under Finance on the agenda were presented to the Board.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on January 21, 2016.

CLOSED SESSION

At this time, Ms. Kalin stated that the Board would now go into executive session and asked that the appropriate resolution be presented. The following resolution was then presented:

A. That it does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Thursday, January 14, 2016 to discuss:

1. Personnel - Mid-year Review of Non-tenured Staff

B. That the matter discussed will be made public if and when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

Motion by Mr. Dietze, seconded by Mr. Hanley, and carried to Executive Session at 9:27 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:19 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. McCann, seconded by Ms. Colbert, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Secretary