BOARD OF EDUCATION
SUMMIT, NEW JERSEY

The workshop meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 10, 2015 in the Wilson School Board Meeting Room beginning at 7:00 PM. Those present: Ms. Kalin, presiding, Ms. Chang, Ms. Colbert, Mr. Dietze, Mr. Freeman, Mr. Hanley, and Ms. McCann.

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 8 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

1. Summit Educational Foundation – Fall 2015 Grants – Diana Sajer

Ms. Kalin moved the following:

   Approval to accept the Summit Educational Foundation Fall 2015 Grants in the amount of $85,011 (as per attached)

Seconded by Ms. McCann. The roll was called and all present voted “Aye.” The motion was declared adopted.


PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kalin spoke about the following:

- Upcoming events and agenda items
- National Merit Scholars’ presentation at the December 17th meeting

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Chang spoke about the following:

- National Merit: Next week, we will recognize our National Merit students during the regular Board meeting. Each of these students will select a district teacher to honor with a special book in this annual ceremony, led by Stacy Grimaldi.
PARCC Scores: As you may know, the state has released data for all grades. The district and the administration are in the process of reviewing and will distribute the information as soon as it is digested and analyzed. We expect this to be in the next week or so. Once shared, conversations and questions regarding the tests will commence.

FDK Lottery: Lottery applications for Full Day Kindergarten are available now online. Applications are due next Wednesday, December 16th to Wilson Primary and the drawing for our tuition-based full day program will take place on Thursday, December 17th at 1:30pm. To date, we have 111 applications.

Mondo: I had the pleasure of speaking to community members at Mondo last Friday night. It was a conversation about the current state of education and my vision for the district.

Speech and Debate: The SHS Speech and Debate Team enjoyed another successful weekend at the PRINCETON TOURNAMENT. Eighty schools competed in this national circuit tournament. Finalists in individual events and quarterfinalists in debate received bids to the Tournament of Champions (TOC) at the University of Kentucky in April. I want to congratulate all our student participants and Anne Poyner.

Parent Wellness Series: We continued our Parent Wellness Series with our partners: Millburn, Berkeley Heights, Chatham and New Providence, with an event at Millburn High School last week. The school hosted a panel discussion and a viewing of highlights of the film, "The Mask We Live In," illustrating the messages boys and young men receive from society about what it means to "be a man," and how that impacts their behaviors and choices.

School Concerts: Holiday concerts are happening all over the district. The middle school’s concert is Tuesday evening, the 15th and Summit High School’s is Wednesday, the 16th. I encourage you to come out and hear our talented student groups.

The items listed under Superintendent’s Report 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 December 17, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Education Committee – Ms. Colbert stated the committee met on December 7th. Items discussed include: SHS block schedule implementation update; PE independent study review; new course proposals; seal of bi-literacy; basic skills program review

B. Operations Committee – Mr. Dietze stated the committee met on December 3rd. Items discussed include: 2015 Audit; Fiscal Year 2017 Budget & Outlook; BAS Energy Control Management System; Verizon Wireless Government Account; SHS Facility Assessment Report
C. Policy Committee – Ms. McCann stated the committee met on December 3rd. Policies discussed include: evaluations of superintendent, teachers, and administrators; family leave; use of electronic communication & recording devices

D. Communications Committee – Mr. Hanley stated the committee met on December 3rd. Items discussed include: “Telling the Summit Story”; highlighting HS teacher & student individual achievements; new district website

E. Negotiations Committee - No report

F. Liaison Reports:
   1. UCESC – Debbie Chang reported on the transition program & upcoming Open House

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

Ms. Dimack asked about the HIB Reports that showed four in one day, and questioned “in-school suspensions.” Mr. Chang responded.

Ms. Manion expressed disappointment in the SHS parking discussion and asked that we bid out the parking lot project to get a real number. Mr. Pepe responded.

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 December 17, 2015.

SCHOOL BOARD OPERATION

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

Ms. Colbert moved the following under School Board Operation:

H. Approval of tuition contract agreement between Summit Board of Education and The School District of South Orange & Maplewood, 525 Academy Street, Maplewood, NJ 07040 to accept student #3218769947 on a tuition-paying basis for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of $13,686

P. Approval to accept 2014-2015 Audit - Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (as per attached)

Q. Approval for the Summit Public Schools to participate in the Seal of Bi-Literacy during the 2015-2016 school year

Seconded by Mr. Hanley. The roll was called and all present voted “Aye.” The motion was declared adopted.

After further discussion, Item “K” was withdrawn from the agenda and there was consensus that the remaining items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on December 17, 2015.
PERSONNEL

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

Ms. Chang moved the following under Personnel:

   C. Approval to appoint Ashley Aaron as a Franklin School fifth grade long-term substitute teacher (maternity), $225/day, effective December 14, 2015

Seconded by Mr. Dietze. The roll was called and all present voted “Aye.” The motion was declared adopted.

After discussion, there was consensus that the items would be presented for approval at the regular meeting on December 17, 2015.

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 December 17, 2015.

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 December 17, 2015.

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, December 10, 2015 to discuss:

   1. Legal – Special Education

   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 Ms. McCann, seconded by Mr. Hanley, and carried to Executive Session at 9:16 PM.

The Board returned to Public Session at 10:01 PM.
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Freeman, seconded by Mr. Hanley, and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Secretary