

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSESSION / RETREAT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FEBRUARY 2, 2013**

The Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District, Hightstown, NJ, held a work session on February 2, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the Administration Training Room 807A, located at 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ.

Members Present: Lisa Abel, Pete Bussone, Paul Connolly, Suzann Fallon, Bonnie Fayer, Christine Harrington, Robert Laverty, Kennedy Paul, Alice Weisman
Members Absent: No one.
Also Present: Dr. Edward J. Forsthoffer, Chief School Administrator
Kurt Stumbaugh, SBA/Board Secretary
Lee Hutchinson, Esquire (sitting in for David Coates as Board Legal Counsel)

1. WELCOME/SUNSHINE NOTICE

Board President Robert Laverty called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Act Statement as follows: "Written advance notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with law. Minutes of this meeting are being kept by the Board Secretary and will be made available to any member of the public requesting them from the Board Secretary at the Administration building, 25A Leshin Lane, Hightstown, NJ. Minutes will be provided at cost and in accordance with Board policy." Mr. Laverty asked "Are there any Board members present who believe this meeting to be in violation of the Open Public Meeting Act?"
No one objected. "There being none, we may proceed."

Fire Code Compliance: Mr. Laverty made the following announcement: "In compliance with the fire code of the State of New Jersey, I call your attention to the emergency exits for this room, which are located...." (Mr. Laverty pointed to the emergency exits.)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Paul moved seconded by Ms. Weisman to approve the agenda.
On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

3. B RESOLUTION FOR CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Ms. Weisman to approve the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the East Windsor Regional School District will hold a closed session at its work session meeting on February 2, 2013. This closed session concerns:

- Personnel Matters

Minutes of these closed sessions will be available in accordance with Board policy when the need for confidentiality no longer exists. On a roll call vote of the Board, motion to approve was carried unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION

The Board discussed the following topics:

- Curriculum Initiatives
- Teacher/Principal new evaluation process
- 2013-14 Budget

Dr. Forsthoffer gave the Board an overview of the District budget and its development. He noted that at the March 6, 2013 meeting we will present the tentative budget; and at the March 21, 2013 meeting there will be a public hearing and vote. Prior to that, at the Feb. 11, 2013 meeting the Board will receive an overview of the budget and the District will publish the budget in the local newspaper according to the State timetable.

At 9:50 a.m. the Board went into closed session to discuss personnel matters.

After that the Board returned to open session.

Ms. Fayer moved to adjourn meeting

Kurt Stumbaugh, Board Secretary

**there was no recording made of this work session.
The above reflects handwritten notes only.*