

WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

TUESDAY

MAY 8, 2018

7:30 PM

The Special Session Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township School Library, Belvidere, NJ with the following members in attendance at roll call: Mr. Boehm, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Nikolopoulos (7:40 p.m.), Mrs. Lensi, Mrs. Williams, Ms. Howell and Ms. Lee. Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary was also in attendance as well as 4 members of the public. Mr. Rader and Mrs. Sroka were unable to attend.

Mr. Boehm opened the meeting at 7:35 p.m. and stated that the meeting had been duly advertised and the public properly notified through notification to The Express-Times and the White Township Municipal Clerk in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Parke asked about the process the Board used to engage a new Chief School Administrator and questioned whether parent concerns had been vetted with the candidates. Mr. Boehm noted that the district contracted with New Jersey School Boards Association to assist with the search. Mr. Boehm further noted that he appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee of the Board to review resumes and conduct first and second round interviews of candidates chosen from a pool of about 30 very qualified candidates. The full Board interviewed the Committees' top three candidates and plan to discuss the final candidates later in executive session.

Mrs. Zikas noted she understands that the current Principal will be moving back into the classroom with kids next year and expressed concern that Mrs. Morrell will be gone and who will teach her son reading.

Mrs. Baxter asked if the Board has a plan in place for an Interim if a new Chief School Administrator is not in place July 1. Mrs. Baxter further noted that she hopes the district moves quickly with their decision so the best candidate is in place in July.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Ms. Lee to convene to Executive Session at 8:10 to discuss the CSA search. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0. Be it resolved by the White Township Board of Education that it shall meet in closed session this evening to discuss the CSA search. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

The Board will publicly disclose information pertaining to the topics discussed as soon thereafter and once the reasons for non-disclosure no longer exist.

The topics to be discussed are within the exemptions that are permitted to be discussed in private session pursuant to P.L. 1975c chapter 321.

A motion was made by Mr. Panetta and seconded by Mrs. Lensi to adjourn the Executive Session at 9:44 p.m.

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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Baxter asked when there will be an update on the CSA hire. Mr. Boehm noted that the Board hopes to take action at the May 21, 2018 meeting.

Mrs. Nusser-Meany asked when the latest time to take action will be. Mr. Boehm noted that he feels the Board is on pace to make a decision very soon.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Mrs. Nikolopoulos to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 7, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff
Business Administrator
Board Secretary