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BOARD OF EDUCATION

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

Special Meeting Minutes – Board Retreat - Tuesday, November 29, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.
South Plainfield High School
Faculty Dining Room
200 Lake Street
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

I. CALL TO ORDER – President

President Giannakis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room of the South Plainfield High School, 200 Lake Street, pursuant to the terms of the Sunshine Law.

II. SALUTE TO FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

III. ROLL CALL – Dr. Gary Bowen
Secretary Pro-Tem

Present: Mrs. Byrne, Mr. Farinella, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Seesselberg,
Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Giannakis

Mr. Hubner arrived at 6:07 p.m.
Mrs. Boyle arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Absent: Mr. Sorrentino

Also Present: Dr. Bowen, Interim Superintendent of Schools

ANNOUNCEMENT

In accordance with the terms of the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was posted in all school buildings, the Administration Building, Borough Clerk's office, Police Headquarters, Public Library, four newspapers, and W.C.T.C. on November 18, 2011.

IV. TRANSACTION FOR WHICH MEETING WAS CALLED

The Members of the Board shared information regarding their workshop experiences from their recent attendance of the annual NJSBA State Conference.

The Board discussed progress toward achieving district goals.

Dr. Bowen gave a presentation regarding Taxonomy of Administrative Cognizance and Competence. He also presented information related to management styles in terms of lenses or frameworks as researched and authored by Lee G. Bolman and Terrence E. Deal.

Mrs. Boyle asked that the Minutes be amended to state that Taxonomy of Administrative Cognizance and Competence and Code of Ethics were discussed, but not advertised for the November 29, 2011 Board Retreat.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLVED, pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, that the Board meet in closed session at this time to discuss confidential matters pertaining to personnel, negotiations, and/or attorney-client privilege. It is expected that the matters discussed in closed session shall be made public as soon as the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson SECOND: Mrs. Miller VOTE: 8-0
Mr. Sorrentino was absent.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

By a unanimous voice vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

MOTION: Mrs. Byrne SECOND: Mr. Farinella VOTE: 8-0
Absent: Mr. Sorrentino

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gary Bowen
Secretary Pro Tem