

# **WHITE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **SPECIAL SESSION MEETING**

### **MINUTES**

**THURSDAY**

**AUGUST 27, 2015**

**7:30 PM**

The Special Meeting of the White Township Board of Education was held on the above date in the White Township Municipal Building, Belvidere, NJ with the following members in attendance at roll call: Mr. Boehm, Mrs. Martowicz, Mr. Panetta, Mrs. Lensi, Mrs. Sroka and Ms. Lee. Michael Slattery, Superintendent and Dawn Huff, Business Administrator/Board Secretary were also in attendance. Mr. Abrams, Mrs. Rowe and Mr. Rader were unable to attend.

Mr. Panetta opened the meeting at 7:30 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.

#### **REVIEW OF SCHOOL BOARD ETHICS AND BOARD SELF EVALUATION**

Charlene Petersen, New Jersey School Boards Representative, reviewed the Board's self-evaluation for 2015. The self-evaluation is a tool where individual members score their assessment of the board as a whole and their individual contributions and understanding of the Board. Ms. Petersen reviewed each section of the self-evaluation and discussed the function of the Board. The Board discussed strategies for overcoming mistrust between individual members and moving forward and functioning as a group. Members agreed that when an action item comes up that wasn't listed on the original agenda or an addendum to the agenda, the language should be written and initialed so it can be accurately captured in the minutes of said meeting. Ms. Petersen discussed minutes and noted that the purpose of the minutes is to record action taken by the Board.

Mr. Panetta asked members to submit ideas for district goals to him no later than September 2<sup>nd</sup> so language may be developed for the September 28<sup>th</sup> agenda. Mr. Slattery was asked to send his ideas for goals to Board members.

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mrs. Lensi and seconded by Ms. Lee to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m. Motion carried as follows: Ayes – 6, Nays – 0, Abstentions – 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dawn Huff  
Business Administrator  
Board Secretary