

NEPTUNE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
NEPTUNE, NEW JERSEY 07753
Administrative Offices
January 23, 2023 7:00 PM

MINUTES – WORK SESSION

- I. CALL TO ORDER – 7:00 p.m. – The meeting was called to order by Board President Chanta L. Jackson.

This is a public work session of the Neptune Township Board of Education. In accordance with Chapter 231, Public Laws of 1975, adequate advance written notice of the meeting was made by posting the Schedule of Meetings in the main floor lobby of the Board of Education / Administrative Offices, the main entrance of each school building, and by delivery to the Asbury Park Press, the Coaster and the Neptune Township Municipal Clerk. Advance electronic notice has been made on the district's website consistent with Bylaw 0164.6.

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Neptune Township School District is a community for ALL learners, where we value opportunity, diversity, and accountability.

II. ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Fernandez	<u>P</u>	Harris	<u>P</u>	Hoffman	<u>P</u>
Hubbard	<u>P</u>	Jones	<u>Excused</u>	Morgan	<u>P</u>
Puryear	<u>P</u>	Thompson	<u>P</u>	Lashley (NC)	<u>P</u>
Jackson	<u>P</u>				

Others Present:

Dr. Crader	<u>P</u>	Dr. Gristina	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Leonard	<u>P</u>	Mrs. Della Sala	<u>P</u>

III. PUBLIC FORUM - None

- IV. PRESENTATION - Dr. Millaway, Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, presented a PowerPoint on the NJ Start Strong Fall 2022 assessment results. It was noted that the exam was intended for use by teachers and parents as a stop-gap exam but legislation extended the use of this assessment. Dr. Millaway noted that the overall student participation has remained consistently good. She reported out on performance by school and demographics. She spoke of some notable achievements, data analyses, priorities moving forward and fielded questions.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Crader presented results of the Student Safety Data Report for the period July 1 – December 31, 2022. She discussed the HIB categories and the effectiveness of the "Hibster" software program to identify hotspots.

The Superintendent noted that the high school students sat for the NJSLA exam in the fall yielding one of the highest participation rates for the district. She recapped topics addressed in her weekly FYI. Board members made note of upcoming health and wellness workshops.

- B. Operations - Mr. Hubbard reviewed the minutes of the recent Operations Committee meeting.

- C. Curriculum - No Report as the Committee did not meet.

- D. Personnel - Ms. Harris reviewed the minutes of the recent Personnel Committee meeting. The Superintendent addressed questions regarding staffing levels and core courses impacted. She apprised the Board of a pilot grant from Rutgers education department to build a pipeline and place "resident teachers" in high needs districts. More information will be forthcoming. The Board discussed the annual College & Career Day and noted the need for more representation from trade related careers.

- VI. OLD BUSINESS - The Superintendent apprised the Board that Bradley Beach will not have a representative at the table this year as Neptune City just exceeded the 10% threshold but the collective group of Neptune City, Bradley Beach and Belmar did not reach the 15% mark (as measured by students attending Neptune High School).

- VII. NEW BUSINESS - The Board discussed a mutually convenient time to meet with the district's field representative from NJ School Boards Association for the purpose of Board member training. It was tentatively agreed to meet at 5:30 p.m. on April 24th (prior to the April work session).

The Board President explained the rationale for annually moving the public Board meetings to different schools. She noted that every July the site would change and enable members of all communities equal access to the meeting. It was suggested that the July 2023 site be Midtown Community Elementary School. The Board will look to stream the meetings.

VIII. MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT

WHEREAS, Chapter 231 of the Public laws of 1975, known as the "Open Meetings Law," authorizes a public body to meet in executive or private session under certain limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such executive or private session; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Neptune Township Board of Education does hereby determine that:

1. It is necessary to meet in Executive Session prior to adjournment of this public meeting to discuss legal matters.
2. The matters to be discussed are excluded from public discussion under the law and will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

Motion: Lashley

Second: Thompson

Fernandez	<u>Y</u>	Harris	<u>Y</u>	Hoffman	<u>Y</u>
Hubbard	<u>Y</u>	Jones	<u>Excused</u>	Morgan	<u>Y</u>
Puryear	<u>Y</u>	Thompson	<u>Y</u>	Lashley (NC)	<u>Y</u>
Jackson	<u>Y</u>				

Time: 8:06 p.m.

IX. MOTION TO RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approve returning from Executive Session.

Motion: Harris

Second: Lashley

Fernandez	<u>Y</u>	Harris	<u>Y</u>	Hoffman	<u>Y</u>
Hubbard	<u>Y</u>	Jones	<u>Excused</u>	Morgan	<u>Y</u>
Puryear	<u>Y</u>	Thompson	<u>Y</u>	Lashley (NC)	<u>Y</u>
Jackson	<u>Y</u>				

Time: 8:13 p.m.

Superintendent Crader addressed questions regarding tardy buses in the morning and afternoon, particularly at the Summerfield Elementary.

X. MOTION TO ADJOURN

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Fernandez

Second: Harris

Fernandez	<u>Y</u>	Harris	<u>Y</u>	Hoffman	<u>Y</u>
Hubbard	<u>Y</u>	Jones	<u>Excused</u>	Morgan	<u>Y</u>
Puryear	<u>Y</u>	Thompson	<u>Y</u>	Lashley (NC)	<u>Y</u>
Jackson	<u>Y</u>				

Time: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter J. Leonard
Board Secretary