

WESTWOOD REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room, Jr./Sr. High School, by President Mandeville.

Present: President Mandeville, Trustees Blundo, Hanlon, Kalish, Liddy, Miller, Straight, Superintendent Raymond González, Business Administrator/Board Secretary Keith Rosado.

Absent: Trustees Koch and Swietkowski. Also absent Assistant Superintendent Jill Mortimer.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Hanlon, seconded by Mrs. Straight, that the Board will recess to meet in Private Executive Session for the purpose of a personnel meeting. The Board will reconvene in Public Session at approximately 7:30 p.m. The decisions which emanate from these discussions will be disclosed to the public when action is taken by the Board.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: 7-0

The Board reconvened at 7:43 p.m. in the Hurley Theater, Westwood Regional Jr./Sr. High School, by President Mandeville who led the salute to the flag and read the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law statement.

Present: President Mandeville, Trustees Blundo, Hanlon, Kalish, Liddy, Miller, Straight, Superintendent Raymond González, and Board Secretary Keith A. Rosado.

Absent: Trustees Koch and Swietkowski.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. González reported the policy committee met earlier this evening and reviewed the district's Policy 2312 regarding class size and adding aides in the classroom. As of today, there is an average of 24 kindergarten students per class. The plan for the 2016-17 school year is to place an aide in each kindergarten classroom regardless of the total number of students in the kindergarten class. The district will allocate approximately \$300,000 to cover the costs of the 9 additional aides. The Board also discussed performing a demographic study to determine how this affects the district's long term needs.

PUBLIC FORUM

Opened: 7:56 p.m.

Closed: 8:38 p.m.

- T. Migliore, Kingsberry Avenue, Westwood, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
- M. Giombarrese, George School kindergarten teacher, spoke regarding kindergarten needs.
- J. DeVirgilio, Jackson Avenue, Township of Washington, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
- J. Tan, Calvin Street, Township of Washington, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
- Andrew Gerstmayr, Kinderkamack Road, Westwood, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
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- H. Perin, Hickory Street, Township of Washington, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
- S. Sassi, Fern Street, Township of Washington, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
- L. Marangi, Beech Street, Township of Washington, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
- K. Greco, Euclid Avenue, Westwood, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
- A. Ko, Bogert Place, Westwood, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.
- J. Matra, Woodfield Road, Township of Washington, spoke regarding kindergarten class size.

At the close of the Public Forum, Dr. González responded to the questions asked by the public.

Mr. Blundo, seconded by Mr. Kalish, that this meeting be adjourned.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY: 6-0

Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.

The preceding is a concise statement interpreted by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary and may not indicate the precise intent of the Board Members.

Respectfully submitted,

KEITH A. ROSADO
BOARD SECRETARY