

LINWOOD, NEW JERSEY  
April 17, 2019

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act" of the State of New Jersey adequate notice of this Special meeting has been provided. On March 29, 2019 written notice of this special meeting was posted in two schools, City Hall, and the Linwood City Library. On that same date written notice was faxed and mailed to The Press and The Current.

The meeting of the Linwood Board of Education was called to order by Mrs. Ziείς, Board President, in the Library, Belhaven Middle School, Linwood, New Jersey, **Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 5:30 PM.**

Mrs. Ziείς led all present in a flag salute.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Barrera, Mr. Goldstein, Mr. McLaughlin, Mrs. DeMorat, Mrs. Ziείς, Mrs. Scannell, Mr. Kahn, Mrs. Lowry and Mr. Evinski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** B. Pruitt, Superintendent, T. Weeks, School Business Administrator, Robert Previti

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Policy – None**

**Personnel – None**

**Curriculum – None**

**Negotiations - None**

**Operations – None**

**Future Ready - None**

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – None.**

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **FOR INFORMATION**

**Strategic Planning Meeting**

Dr. Robert Previti, from SRI/ETTC reviewed the strategic planning process to date which included Seaview staff and Belhaven Staff, a Parent / Community group. Survey results received 208 responses out of the 835 student population. Dr. Previti stated that a 30% response rate is robust. The extra push out to parents via social media and ad in the Current helped to increase the responses.

Tonight the meeting with Board group will complete the outreach. Goals and priorities will come from all of these efforts.

Dr. Previti reviewed the survey responses. Copy of response included in the addenda of the minutes.

Discussion on Survey result number B8. Mrs. Scannell stated she believes we need to teach readers, writers workshop infused should be infused. She added that we need to teach kids how to think and become writers. Mrs. Barrera inquired: Hasn't that started? She stated that she sees this in their classroom already. Mrs. Scannell stated she doesn't know how to compare, but that she sees the work coming through students in Brigantine – personal experience.

Mrs. Barrera discussed challenge to students beyond the worksheets. Find a way to challenge the students that know the grade level curriculum and bring the students up who are struggling. She added that Staff are not experts in differentiated instruction so students should be split up by ability because staff cannot meet their needs.

Mr. Evinski stated that students need to learn to collaborate – learn to be more mindful – emotional wellness. 2012 changed the whole dynamic of student achievement.

Mr. Pruitt will have to find the common ground and find the blend that best meets the needs of the students.

Dr. Previti stated that this is very helpful discussion in framing things for the plan, added that financial realities to the strategic plan as a partial consideration. For example full day kindergarten this should be a discussion. Positive, negative, and financial impact. Dr. Previti continued with the survey results review. Overall the respondents are supportive of the schools.

Dr. Previti inquired of the Board: Which district priorities would you redirect if you have unlimited resources?

Mr. McLauhlin stated that a component of ethics throughout is important. Civics are so important to teach adding that people should know how government should work

Innovation in Instruction. – Center for excellence at multiple platforms. Install more of a drive. Students to become thinkers – critical thinkers. Special education and Gifted and talented are on the opposite spectrums, however polarity of kids.

Find kids passion and aptitude meet. We spend much time looking for the gifted, what about the other students? This needs to be addressed.

Next Step – approximately 20 identifiable items then move to streamlining.

**Communication** – Included in the packet

**OLD BUSINESS** – None.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – None

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD** – None

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion made by Mr. Goldstein, seconded by Mrs. Lowry, to adjourn.  
(6:50PM).

Motion carried by roll call vote, all members present voted yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri J. Weeks, Business Administrator,  
Board Secretary