

HIGH BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORK SESSION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018

A, B, & C. OPENING OF MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Being duly posted and advertised in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the Regular Monthly meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. in the High Bridge Elementary School Library. The following Board members were present: Erin Delgado, Michael Estrada (arrived 7:20 p.m.), Karyn Gove (arrived 8:07 p.m.), Vice President, Robert Imhoff, Alan Schwartz, and Cindy Sharkey, President. Stephen Johnson was absent.

Additional Members Present: Dr. Gregory Hobough, Superintendent
Heather Goguen, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

D. DISCUSSION ITEM

- None at this time

E. WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

- **Board of Education**
 - Progress on Board Goals and District
 - Dr. Hobough reviewed Key Accomplishments related to the three goals for District Goals
 - Mrs. Sharkey spoke about the Board Goals
 - Initiate motions for agenda items
 - Mrs. Sharkey spoke about how that committees are disbanded now that the board is meeting as a whole.
 - The board agenda will remain in sections but can be adjusted to an entire block at a later time if the board would like to change it.
 - Any board member can move a section; whoever moves a section should be willing to vote for what is being moved.
 - If a board member is absent from the Work Session, it is the board member's responsibility to catch up on items that have been discussed.
- **Student Achievement – Responsibilities: Curriculum, Instruction, Technology and Policy**
 - Review Policy Updates from Policy Alert #214
 - The board reviewed policy updates from Strauss Esmay. Some minor changes were suggested. The Superintendent's secretary will make the changes and the policies will be on the January 16th meeting.
- **Educational Resources – Responsibilities: Finance and Facilities**
 - 2018-2019 Budget
 - Ms. Goguen provided an update on the progress of the 2018-2019 budget.

- Bank Signatures
 - The board reviewed the signers on accounts and agreed to put a resolution on the January 16th agenda amending the signers for some of the accounts.
 - SEMI Waiver
 - There will be a resolution on the January 16th agenda to waive SEMI for the 2018-19 school year.
 - Architect update
 - The architect will attend the February 20th Work Session to give the board an update on the progress of capital projects and a maintenance list for the 2018-19 school year.
- **Human Resources – Responsibilities: Personnel, Management and Community Relations**
 - No Items at this time
 - **Negotiations**
 - Update
 - First session has been set for February 20th prior to the Work Session meeting.

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This period of time provides an opportunity for the public to speak on any topic related to the High Bridge Public Schools. It is the policy of the Board of Education (Policy #0164) that all public comments on an issue shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person and no person may make more than one (1) comment per subject. Comments may be made on any subject pertaining to High Bridge Public Schools. Comments pertaining to Public Hearings should be saved for that section of the agenda. Comments should be addressed to the Board.

- Mrs. Sahulka, a parent, asked about what happened with Hampton students being sent to High Bridge. Mrs. Sharkey responded that Hampton chose to go to another school district.
- Mrs. McGaheran, a teacher and HBEA representative, wished everyone a happy new year and spoke about the opportunity for a fresh start. She read a statement about the turnover of staff and changes and how that affects the students. She also spoke about her role as Grievance Chairperson and how she has seen an increase in grievances as well.

G. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Karyn Gove requested a motion to approve the following resolution to enter into Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.; Alan Schwartz seconded the motion.~ Unanimously Carried

- Negotiations
- Pending Litigation
- Personnel

- Superintendent's Renewal

The matters discussed will be made public if and when the circumstances requiring confidentiality no longer exist; however, it is not presently known when such circumstances will exist.

H. RECONVENE PUBLIC SESSION

Karyn Gove made the motion, seconded by Michael Estrada to resume Regular Session at 10:40 p.m.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Board, Alan Schwartz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Michael Estrada. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Heather Goguen
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

