

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Board Retreat
August 28, 2008
Gloucester County Office of Education
6:00 p.m.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Board of Education, City of Woodbury, was held on the above date. Mr. Gwalthney opened the meeting at 6:15 PM and read the opening statements.

2. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Public notice of this meeting pursuant to the Open Public Meeting's Act has been given by the Board Secretary in the following manner:

Faxing notice to the Gloucester County Times and to the Courier Post, and filing written notice with the Clerk of the City of Woodbury on August 23, 2008.

3. ROLL CALL

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| Mr. Abbott | Present | Mr. Hughes | Present |
| Mr. Chiesa | Present | Mr. Lonabaugh | Absent |
| Mrs. Dennen | Present | Ms. Moore | Present |
| Mr. Gwalthney | Present | Mr. Toole | Present |
| Ms. Hill | Present | | |

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

5. MISSION STATEMENT

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Board Self-Evaluation Discussion
 - Mr. Chiesa inquired if the QSAC rating for the board was good.
 - Mr. Jones replied that the district scored very well on the governance section of the QSAC.
 - Mr. Chiesa asked what the board thought about a semiannual analysis of the finances.
 - Mr. Jones stated he and Mrs. Huber will try to present an analysis to the Finance Committee at the next meeting. He also offered for Mrs. Huber to walk through the financials semi annually.

- Mr. Gwalthney stated the individual who thought they were unsatisfactory in the Instructional Program should seek out Joseph Jones or Kara Huber to develop a better understanding.
- *State of the Schools* Report
 - Mr. Chiesa asked where our 3-year technology plan comes into play in the State of the Schools.
 - Mr. Jones stated he could use some of those ideas and incorporate them.
 - Mr. Gwalthney inquired about Homebound Instruction Students and if they could come into school for approximately 30 minutes to use and become familiar with our technology.
 - Mr. Jones replied that it would be fine.
- Strategic Planning Implementation Schedule
 - Mr. Jones reviewed the process for assigning strategy results.
 - Ms. Hill, Mr. Toole and Mr. Gwalthney requested the complete action plan including the years when implementation would be occurring.
 - Ms. Hill requested that Toni Capodanno and John Lukis attend the next board meeting.
 - Mr. Gwalthney recommended a survey to be sent out to 1st, 2nd and 3rd year graduates to determine how they are doing and if they were prepared for life, college, etc.
 - Mr. Gwalthney told the board that they have been invited to the Woodbury parade on October 4, 2008. He asked who would like to attend. Five board members responded that they would walk in the parade.
 - Mr. Gwalthney asked for a vote to move the January's board meeting from January 28, 2008 to January 21, 2009. Mr. Gwalthney stated he will not be able to attend November's meeting. The board was in full agreement to move the meeting.
 - Mr. Gwalthney read Senator Sweeney's letter to the Board. He also read a draft letter that he has begun to write in response to Senator Sweeney's letter.
- Board Committee Outlines of Function and Objectives
 - Mr. Jones reviewed the purpose of the outline and stated that one will be done for each committee.
- Goals for 2008-09: District and Superintendent
 - Mr. Jones stated his goals for 08-09 are to implement the strategic plan and Curriculum Mapping.

- Walnut Discussion
 - The Board discussed the status of Walnut's demolition and renovations.
- Mrs. Dennen requested that the board documents be put on a website so that the board members can access it.

7. ADJOURNMENT TO END BOARD MEETING

Motion: Mr. Abbott

Second: Mr. Toole

Roll Call Vote: Yes: 9

No: 0

Time: 8:48pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara L. Huber,
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary