

TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
(Board Retreat/Professional Development)

January 11, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING:

TO ALL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS:

The special meeting of the Board of Education of the Township of Union was held on Saturday, January 11, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. at the Administration Building, 2369 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey pursuant to the notice sent to each member.

Ms. Carbonell called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Ms. Dixiana Carbonell, Mr. Michael Cohan, Mrs. Guida Faria, Mrs. Nancy Minneci, Mr. Greg Nasta, Ms. Chastity Santana, Mrs. Kimberly Scott-Hayden

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Elsie Conteh-Mackey (arrived 8:50 a.m.), Mr. Ronnie McDowell (arrived 10:30 a.m.)

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Jose Rodriguez, Vincent Rettino

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Lester Taylor, Esq.

Ms. Carbonell led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Cappiello read the district's mission statement.

Mrs. Cappiello read the statement required under the "Open Public Meetings Act" that adequate notice was published in The Union County Local Source, The Star Ledger and/or Tap into Union, posted in the Administration Building and the Clerk's Office of the Township; a copy of which is on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

Mr. Cohan advised the Board of an article entitled "The Character-Building Tool Kit" by New York Times columnist, David Brooks (a copy of the article is appended to the minutes).

Business of the Board:

The Board discussed the following items (documents distributed to Board members are appended to the minutes):

- Board Self Evaluation
- Board Goals/CSA Evaluation
- Committee Chairs NJQSAC (worksession)

The Board had a 30-minute break.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Moved by Mr. Cohan, seconded by Mrs. Minneci, that the Board go into Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the following subject matters without the presence of the public in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12b: Taylor Law – School Law update; Labor Counsel/BOE contract negotiations update

Please take notice that minutes will be taken of the discussion conducted during the executive session and the Board will disclose the minutes of the executive session when the disclosure will not result in unwarranted invasion of individual privacy or prejudice to the best interests of the Board of Education and provided that such disclosure does not violate federal, state or local statutes and does not fall within the attorney/client privilege.

All present voting YES

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION:

There being no further business before the Board it was moved by Mr. Cohan, seconded by Minneci, that the Board return to public session at 1:00 p.m.

All present voting YES

MOTION CARRIED

The following presentation will be held at the Board’s next retreat of February 1, 2025.

- Dr. Rodriguez: Part I (Data Presentation on Student Performance and Instruction & Program) TUPS: Where are We at!

Comments from the Public

Virginia Jeffries – the first retreat was very interesting; she hopes the next retreat has more information.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Board in public session it was moved by Mr. Cohan, seconded by Ms. Santana, that the meeting be adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

All present voting YES

MOTION CARRIED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Yolanda Koon

YOLANDA KOON, BOARD SECRETARY