

TOWNSHIP OF UNION BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
BOARD RETREAT/ETHICS TRAINING  
APRIL 30, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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, April 30, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Union County College, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, New Jersey 07016 pursuant to the notice sent to each member.

Mrs. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Yocasta Brens-Watson, Ms. Marissa McKenzie, Mrs. Nancy Minneci, Mr. John O’Shea, Ms. Chastity Santana, Mrs. Kimberly Scott-Hayden, Mrs. Mary Lynn Williams

ABSENT AT ROLL CALL:

Dr. Guy Francis, Mrs. Nellis Regis-Darby

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:

Dr. Scott Taylor, Mr. Gerald Benaquista, Mrs. Yolanda Koon

ALSO PRESENT:

L. Leverett (Retreat)  
Gwen Thornton (NJSBA representative) – Ethics Training.

Mrs. Minneci led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Koon read the statement required under the “Open Public Meetings Act”, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Board Secretary.

Mrs. Minneci read the district’s mission statement.

Board Retreat

Retreat objectives: (1) Achieve Board and Superintendent agreement of their respective roles and responsibilities in the development, implementation, assessment and monitoring of the district – Journey to Excellence strategic plan, (2) develop agreement on components of effective communications process/procedures to support communications among and between the Board and Superintendent; senior leadership team, and (3) Board and Superintendent agreement on establishing, implementing and monitoring guidelines to support the effective and efficient operation of Board committees.

- Community Building Circle – L. Leverett

- Effective Board Committee Structure/Communications
- Team Building Exercise: Two Truths and a Lie
- Clarify roles and responsibilities of the Superintendent and Board of Education for the success of the district's Journey to Excellence strategic plan
- Overview of Strategic Plans roles/responsibilities of Board and Superintendent

Ethics Training – NJSBA Representative

Mrs. Gwen Thornton conducted the ethics training. Presentation appended to minutes.

Comments from the Public:

None present

Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Board in public session the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

All present voting YES

MOTION CARRIED

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

YOLANDA KOON  
BOARD SECRETARY