

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD RETREAT
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
HELD ON FEBRUARY 25, 2015
HAMILTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Mays Landing, New Jersey
William Davies Middle School Library**

The Retreat of the Hamilton Township Board of Education was called to order at 5:45 p.m. in the Michael H. Duberson Memorial Library at the Davies Middle School by Mr. Daniel Smith, Board Secretary.

**Call
To
Order**

Mr. Aiken led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

ANNUAL NOTICE OF MEETING

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Sunshine Law, having been advertised in the Press of Atlantic City and the Atlantic County Record and a notice posted with the Township Clerk on the Bulletin Board at the following locations: Mizpah Social Services Center, Mizpah Post Office, Mays Landing Post Office, Atlantic County Library, as well as all the schools of the district. .

ROLL CALL

The following members answered roll call: Mrs. Stephanie Buchanan, Mr. Greg Cassidy, Mrs. Amelia Francis, Mr. Derek Haye, Mrs. Barbara Kupp, Mrs. Kimberly Melton, Mr. John Sacchinelli, and Mr. Eric Aiken. Quorum present.

**Roll
Call**

Absent: Mr. Greg Ciabrone

Charlene Zoerb from New Jersey School Board Association noted that education is always changing.

She reviewed eight changes of effective School Board:

1. Create vision and define clear goals.
Ms. Zoerb suggested committees create draft goals during the year
2. Shared beliefs and values
3. Accountability driven
4. Collaborative relationship with staff and community
5. Be data savvy
6. Align and sustain resources
7. Lead as a united team with the Superintendent
8. Take part in team development and training

Stability of leadership is important to maintain strong Board, stable members and Superintendent.

Danger signs of an ineffective school board
Reviewed signs 1 to 12.

Notes from Power Point regarding Board role in student achievement.

Discussed Board members managing time and being part of the team. 7 C's (cool, calm, confident

Reviewed article from Illinois School Board Journal on 12 truths regarding School Board members.

6:45 p.m. – Ms. Zoerb exited the meeting.

The Board discussed forming a HIB subcommittee; under transportation/discipline committee

The Board discussed having informational session on HIB/Bullying
The Board discussed various options on giving out information on HIB
Bullying and having smaller meetings with parents

The Board discussed full day preschool.

The Board discussed maintaining good communication and working as a team

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Sacchinelli, seconded by Mrs. Kupp, to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: All in favor: 8-0-0

The Hamilton Township Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Daniel Smith
Board Secretary