

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY
MINI-RETREAT
FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018, 8:30 A.M.**

MINUTES

This Special Meeting/Board Retreat of the Upper Saddle River Board of Education was held at the Upper Saddle River Board of Education Administration Office, 395 West Saddle River Road, Upper Saddle River, NJ 07458 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Johnston opened the meeting and stated that the meeting was being held in compliance with PL 1975, Chapter 232 and appropriate notice had been provided to the designated newspapers, the Borough Clerk and all interested parties requesting such notification.

Members present: Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Amano, Mrs. Fusaro, Mrs. Gandara, Dr. Verducci

Members absent: Mrs. Pittman, Mr. Prisco

Also present: Dr. Brockel, Mrs. Imbasciani, Dr. Siegel, Mrs. D'Ambola (8:30 – 9:30 a.m.),
Mr. Cazes (9:30 – 10:15 a.m.)

Dr. Verducci made a motion which was seconded by Mrs. Fusaro to begin the Board Retreat at 8:30 a.m.

OPENING STATEMENT

Mrs. Johnston

Mrs. Johnston welcomed the Board to the meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- **District Goal Update** **Mrs. D'Ambola**
Curriculum Coordinator, Mrs. D'Ambola gave a summary on the district's progress toward the 2017/18 goals. This update included details surrounding curriculum development and professional learning. While some goals will remain a formal goal, others will continue as a high priority for the Curriculum Office.
- **Update from Curriculum Office** **Mrs. D'Ambola**
Mrs. D'Ambola shared information received at a local leadership meeting with the Acting Assistant Commissioner. The focus of this meeting was assessment reform. Attendees shared their perspectives surrounding standardized testing and its impact on students, teachers and leaders.
- **Update from Technology Office** **Mr. Cazes**
Mr. Cazes provided a Technology Office update. Highlights included:

 - Technology instruction in Upper Saddle River
 - Major updates in Upper Saddle River
 - Upcoming items of interest in Upper Saddle River
 - Quad update on each district:
 - work completed in 2017/18
 - items of note for 2018/19
 - Ho-Ho-Kus leaving Quad Technology Department in 2019/2020

- **Kindergarten Enrollment Trends/District Enrollment Trends** **Dr. Brockel/Mrs. Imbasciani**
Dr. Brockel and Mrs. Imbasciani discussed both Kindergarten and District enrollment trends.
- **Update on Summer Hiring** **Dr. Brockel**
Dr. Brockel provided an update on summer hiring.
- **Transition Planning for Superintendent** **Dr. Siegel**
Dr. Siegel discussed his transition plan for the 2018/19 school year.
- **Dr. Brockel's Closing Thoughts** **Dr. Brockel**
Dr. Brockel shared his closing thoughts on Upper Saddle River with the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Verducci and seconded by Mr. Amano at 10:45 a.m.

Sincerely,

Dana Imbasciani
Business Administrator/Board Secretary