

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
UPPER SADDLE RIVER, NEW JERSEY
MINI-RETREAT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2017, 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 8:15 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, Mrs. Pittman, Mr. Prisco, Dr. Verducci

Members absent: None

Also present: Dr. Browne, Mrs. Imbasciani

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

OPENING STATEMENT

Mrs. Johnston

Mrs. Johnston welcomed the Board to the meeting.

Administration:

A motion was made by Mrs. Fusaro and seconded by Dr. Verducci to approve Administration Item A and was approved by all in attendance.

A. Approve R-Pat Solutions, LLC to provide Superintendent Search Services in the amount of \$8,490.00.

DISCUSSION:

- Dr. Verducci explained the interview process for the Superintendent Search firms and explained why they recommend R-Pat. He then walked the Board through the interview process.

2017/18 District Goals:

Dr. Brockel

- Dr. Brockel reviewed the 2017/18 District Goals with the Board. These goals will be officially approved at the September 11, 2017 meeting.
- The Board would like to explore enriching the curriculum (especially Math) for the students, not just those that are not part of the Enrichment (G & T) Program.
- Measurement of these goals were discussed.

Board Meeting Structure:

Dr. Brockel

- D. Brockel suggested the Board pilot a plan to change Board meetings to once per month. There would be a weekly Friday report emailed to the Board to keep them abreast of everything going on in district. He will send a proposal to the Board outlining the details.

Technology Office Performance:**Dr. Brockel**

- Mrs. Johnston expressed her disappointment with Freshman laptop deployment and the maintenance/cleaning of the devices. Mr. Cazes ultimately reports to the Upper Saddle River Board of Education. If he has any issues with Northern Highlands Regional High School's scheduling, he must let the Board know so that they can intervene. Dr. Brockel will look into the situation and the Finance Committee will follow through to make sure this doesn't happen next year.

Transportation:**Mrs. Imbasciani**

- Mrs. Imbasciani explained how transportation works for regular and special education students.

Octoberfest:**Mrs. Imbasciani**

- Dr. Brockel explained what the proposed Octoberfest will entail. Board members shared their opinions. A majority of the Board is willing to allow this event. However, they want more details and assurance that the Board will not be held liable should any problems arise from the distribution of alcohol.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None**CONFIDENTIAL SESSION****Board Members Only**

Mr. Prisco made a motion, seconded by Dr. Verducci to convene into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

Mrs. Johnston then read the following statement:

WHEREAS, the members of the Upper Saddle River Board of Education deem necessary to discuss personnel and legal matters, and

WHEREAS, the topics to be discussed are within the exemptions which are permitted to be discussed and acted upon in confidential session pursuant to PL 1975, Chapter 231,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting will be made public when the need for privacy no longer exists. Action may be taken.

Dr. Verducci made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Pittman to adjourn Executive Session and return to the Board Mini-Retreat at 10:42 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Gandara and seconded by Mrs. Pittman at 10:51 a.m.

Sincerely,

Dana Imbasciani
Business Administrator/Board Secretary