

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
Board Retreat Special Meeting
January 17, 2011**

A Board Retreat Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the High Point Regional High School District was held on Monday, January 17, 2011 at 6:05 P.M. at the High School Cafeteria Annex on Pidgeon Hill Road, Wantage, New Jersey.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Thomas Case
Mr. Joseph Hoffmann
Mr. Garrett Link
Mr. Joseph Luna
Mr. Kenneth Nelson
Mr. Harold Rowan, III
Mr. Walter Stumpf Jr.
Mr. Edward Vander Berg – arrived at 6:20 p.m.

MEMBERS ABSENT Mr. Charles Musilli, III

Also Present: Dr. John W. Hannum, Superintendent; Mrs. Linda Alvarez and School Business Administrator/Board Secretary. There was one member of the public present, no staff.

Board President Walter Stumpf, Jr. opened the meeting with the flag salute and the reading of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act Statement:

Board Self-Evaluation. Mrs. Alvarez facilitated discussion of the board self-evaluation forms completed in December 2010 based on the 2009-2010 school year and an update of the 2009-2010 board goals. The self-evaluation analysis average was 3.16 for 2010 compared to 3.22 in 2008-09 as outlined:

Strengths (> 3.0)

Policy
Finance
Board operations
Board performance
Board/Superintendent relationship

Weaknesses (< 3.0)

Planning
Student Achievement
Board/Staff relationships
Board & Community

Committee Updates: Due to the long discussion regarding the self-evaluation, the board postponed reports from each committee chairperson since there are updates monthly at regular board meetings.

District Goals & Objectives: Mrs. Alvarez facilitated discussion of district goals and objectives.

District Goals:

1. Public Relations

- i. How to engage the public – the board feels they are doing a good job to communicate with the public and municipal governing committees, but want to stimulate more community involvement
 1. School & community surveys
 2. Alumni connection
 3. Graduation
 4. Athletics events
 5. Awards events
- ii. What do other regional districts do? Are there other successful practices? Does NJ School Boards have any training available?

2. Finance
 - i. Options for the future
 - ii. Restructure goal setting
 - iii. County & Regional restructuring options

Code of Ethics: Mrs. Alvarez facilitated discussion and review of the code of ethics. Each board member signed the acknowledgement of receipt of the code of ethics in compliance with the School Ethics Act, Chapter 178, Public Law 2001, 18a:12-24.1.

A school Board Member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. *I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.*
- b. *I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.*
- c. *I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.*
- d. *I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.*
- e. *I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make not personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.*
- f. *I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for personal gain or for the gain of friends.*
- g. *I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.*
- h. *I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendations of the chief administrative officer.*
- i. *I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.*
- j. *I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints as public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.*

Superintendent's Goals: Dr. Hannum reviewed the Superintendent's goals and objectives for the 2010-2011 school year including updates and achievements

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was presented by Mr. Rowan, and seconded by Mr. Luna, to adjourn the special retreat meeting at 6:50 pm and enter the regular monthly meeting in the Cafeteria. The motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda A. Alvarez
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary



2010 – 2011

High Point Regional High School Board of Education Goals

As a result of the Board Self-Evaluation & Board Retreat on January 17, 2011, the High Point Regional High School Board of Education developed the following goals for the 2010-2011 school year:

1. Public Relations: The Board of Education will improve communication through the following:
 - a. Engage the public and stimulate community involvement
 - i. School & community surveys
 - ii. Alumni connection
 - iii. Graduation
 - iv. Athletic and co-curricular events
 - v. Awards events
 - b. Schedule training with NJ School Boards Association
 - c. Research successful practices of similar regional school districts
2. Finance: The Board of Education will explore financial opportunities through:
 - a. Financial options for the future
 - b. Restructure goal setting
 - c. County & Regional restructuring options