

MINUTES

Agenda Session

of the Metuchen Board of Education

Metuchen High School
400 Grove Avenue
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Tuesday, January 8, 2013

The Board will take no formal action on agenda items at this time.

I. Flag Salute

II. Notice of Meeting

I hereby make this statement to indicate compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act known as Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of New Jersey, 1975, which became effective 90 days after enactment, January 19, 1976.

Notice of this meeting was given by providing the location, time and date of this meeting, and posting of the same on the front door of the Board of Education offices, by delivering copies to the Borough Hall and the Metuchen Public Library, The Home News and Tribune, The Sentinel, The Star Ledger, and by filing a copy with the Borough Clerk as prescribed by this law.

III. Roll Call

Mr. Benderly	P	Mr. Lifton	P
Ms. deVries	P	Ms. Matise	P
Mr. Flaherty	P	Ms. McGuire	P
Ms. Gibson	P	Mr. Small	P
Ms. Lanton	P		

IV. Showcase of Success

There was a preview of the Edgar Middle School's 7/8 Concert. The preview featured "One Day" sung by a small choral group. The 8th Grade Band, conducted by Robyn Keyes, performed selections from "Beauty and the Beast".

V. Discussion

MHS Vice-Principal Susan La Fauci was to have presented a Middle States Interim Report. The report was postponed and will be rescheduled.

Superintendent Vincent Caputo and Business Administrator/Board Secretary Michael Harvier presented an overview of the budget process.

There was a preliminary discussion on the merits of moving the date of the School Board Election to November. Board President Jonathan Lifton suggested the formation of an exploratory ad-hoc committee to investigate further. The proposed committee would consist of Mr. Lifton, Board Vice-President Dan Benderly, Policy Chair Jackie Gibson, and Finance Chair Ben Small. Concern was expressed by other Board members that there would not be enough input from the Board as a whole. Mr. Lifton reassured members that they could submit any relevant materials they might come across for the committee's consideration.

VI. New Business

Ms. Matisé asked if the minutes could be posted on the website.

VII. Old Business

Ms. Matisé asked for the status on the MHS sign.

VIII. Meeting Open to the Public for Comment on Agenda Items Only