

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEST ESSEX REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
May 10, 2010  
Board Secretary's Memorandum**

MEETING

Special Meeting

PLACE

West Essex High School  
North Caldwell, New Jersey

CALLED TO ORDER

7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNED

8:52 P.M.

OPEN MEETING :

Mrs. Phyllis Helmstetter, President, will preside and voice the call to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Mr. F. Antonucci  
Mrs. C. Aschoff – Vice-President  
Mrs. J. Candido  
Mrs. A. Gerken  
Mrs. P. Helmstetter –President  
Mr. D. Laible  
Mr. P. Rando  
Mrs. M. Rosenberg  
Mrs. D. Storey

Administration:

Dr. Thomas McMahon, Superintendent of Schools  
Gary J. Grembowiec, Board Secretary/Business Administrator - **Absent**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING:

Notice of the May 10, 2010 meeting of the Board of Education was e-mailed to the Clerks of the Boroughs of Essex Fells, North Caldwell and Roseland and to the Township of Fairfield, and to the editor of The Progress on May 4, 2010 and The Star Ledger on the same day.

CALL OF THE MEETING:

The Board will convene on May 10, 2010 at 7:00 PM for the purpose of:

**BOARD GOAL SETTING SESSION WITH  
NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE**

**NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

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After opening the meeting, Mrs. Phyllis Helmstetter, Board President, introduced Ms. Joanne Borin, New Jersey School Boards Association representative, who initiated a discussion relative to Board Goals for the 2010-2011 School Year.

Board members discussed the strengths of the district with the following points highlighted:

- Administrative staff – solid and stable
- Community support
- Community volunteers
- School spirit
- Varied and diverse extra-curricular activities
- Quality of students

As well as pinpointing the following areas that need improvement:

- Special Services
- Physical plant
- Communication – internal/external
- Financial controls/budget development
- Trust and communication

Ms. Borin moderated a discussion that led to the establishment of the following Board Goals:

- Reviewing the role of a Board member
- Discussion relative to the Code of Ethics
- Completion of Board self-evaluation
- Completion of Superintendent's evaluation by April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Engaging in community outreach

The following district goals were also discussed:

- Examine curriculum in an effort to improve SAT and AP test scores
- Improve accountability and processes in the Business Office
- Complete capital and grounds improvements in a timely and cost effective manner and develop a schedule for continued maintenance
- Improve trust and communication with all stakeholders

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Candido Seconded by Mr. Rando at 8:52 PM.

ADJOURN: There being no further business before this Board of Education, BE IT RESOLVED that this public meeting be adjourned.

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President

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Superintendent of Schools