

SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
250B Route 25A, Shoreham, New York 11786 ~ (631-821-8100)
Dr. Steven Cohen, Superintendent of Schools

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Public Meeting

August 2, 2011

At 6:43 PM, a public meeting of the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District was called to order in the District Office board room by Dr. McGrath.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William McGrath, President
Mr. Michael Fucito, Vice-President
Mr. Jack Costas (arrived 6:46)
Mr. Leo Greeley
Ms. Marie Lindell
Mr. John Zukowski

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steven Cohen, Superintendent

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Richard Pluschau

At 6:44 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Greeley and seconded by Mr. Fucito to convene to Executive Session to discuss personnel item(s) related to a particular person(s). The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

At 7:42 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Costas and seconded by Mr. Zukowski to end Executive Session and re-convene to the Public Session in the High School Library. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

PUBLIC SESSION

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William McGrath, President
Mr. Michael Fucito, Vice-President
Mr. Jack Costas
Mr. Leo Greeley
Ms. Marie Lindell
Mr. John Zukowski

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Steven Cohen, Superintendent
Mr. Glen Arcuri, Director of Finance and Operations
Dr. William Bushman, Director of Student Services
Mr. Alan Meinster, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Richard Pluschau

I Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

At 7:38 PM, the Public Session of the Board of Education of the Shoreham-Wading River Central School District Board of Education re-convened and was called to order by Dr. McGrath.

II Presentation

Dr. Cohen explained the purpose of tonight's meeting was to discuss the possibility of a of possible District goals related to education, facilities, and budget which would be eventually be approved by the Board and presented to the residents.

Dr. Cohen began with Curriculum and Instruction K-5 Reading. Benchmarks would be established to track early reading and interest in reading. The Board agreed this was a priority. Current literacy programs will be investigated by administration. In response to Mr. Costas inquiry of the "Let Me Learn Program" in higher grades, Mr. Meinster analyzed the program.

Dr. Cohen next discussed Curriculum and Instruction K-5 Mathematics. Exit criteria and benchmarks for 5th graders would be established. Discussion of the Response to Intervention (Rtl) Plan.

Dr. Cohen next discussed Curriculum and Instruction Secondary. There is a student population not engaged in learning; discussion of electives and scheduling followed. Mr. Costas asked about alternatives to "seat" time; discussion followed.

Dr. Cohen next discussed Curriculum, Instruction and Facilities (Technology). Solutions are needed to upgrade the District's technology which is already obsolete. The Board discussed leasing, obtaining grants, using prior

years' state aid, and adding a line item into the budget for technology upgrading on an annual basis. Mr. Arcuri addressed the Board about a multi-year plan which should be established.

Mr. Cohen next discussed Curriculum and Instruction Professional Development. The District's APPR Plan (a State mandate) will be submitted early in the year.

III Board Discussion

Dr. Cohen advised goals need to be prioritized and discipline will be needed to meet the challenges of limited resources. Dr. Cohen asked the Board to digest his goal recommendations and respond with additions and/or changes as they think appropriate.

IV Questions / Comments from Residents

Ms. Alisa McMorris requested the budget process begin earlier in the year in the hopes of engaging the District's legislators. Ms. McMorris suggested outside committees be formed consisting of students, parents, staff, etc. to obtain feedback as to what is working in the District (as opposed to what is not working).

V Discussion

Ms. Lindell asked about grant writing; Dr. McGrath responded and discussion followed.

At 8:43 PM, a motion was made by Mr. Greeley and second by Mr. Fucito to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by a vote of 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

Janice M. Seus
District Clerk