BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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GOAL SETTING MEETING MINUTES
October 8, 2020
(Held Virtually due to state of emergency from Coronavirus)

For the Goal Setting Meeting of the Bethlehem Township Board of Education held by Video conference call on
Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER – President Staiano called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Law of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by sending notice to: The Hunterdon County Democrat, Bethlehem Township Clerk and by posting on the bulletin boards in the Ethel Hoppock and Thomas B. Conley Schools and on the District website.

There are two options to participate in the meeting - please use the Google Meet link below
Join with Google Meet - meet.google.com/zcy-hmze-duc or Join by phone (US) +1 443-671-8201 PIN: 204 533 264 #

Please be advised:

- Pursuant to Board Policy #0167, members of the public who wish to make a statement during the Public Comments portion of the meeting may speak for no more than three (3) minutes.
- Pursuant to Board Policy #0167, all statements from the public must be directed to the President or other presiding officer; no participant may address or question board members individually.
- Since this meeting is being held by video conference due to the coronavirus pandemic, if the public wishes to make a comment, they may do so by:

  (1). By calling in to the number provided for participants on the videoconference or by Google Meet.

- Public participation at board meetings is intended to allow individual members of the public to address the Board on issues of public concern. The public comment period is an opportunity for the Board to listen to citizen concerns, but not to debate issues or enter into a question-and-answer session or a "cross examination" between the public and individual members. While all comments made by the public will be taken under advisement, the Board will not respond to comments made by the public.

IV. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Jessica Gleason	*Present*	***Mrs. Debra D. Roosen***	*Present*
Mr. Joey Pinto	*Present*	***Ms. Kellie Bancalari***	*Present*
Mrs. Chrysa Staiano	*Present*	***Mr. Gregory Glazar***	*Present*
Dr. Allison Isola	*Present*		

Dr. Gregory C. Farley, CSA *Present*
Mrs. Beverly Vlietstra, Interim SBA/BS *Present*
Ms. Teresa Moore, Esq. *Present*
Also present was Gwen Thornton, Field Service Representative for New Jersey School Boards Association

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

VI. BOARD ACTION

- **Board Self Evaluation with Gwen Thornton from NJ School Boards Association** – The Board was commended by Ms. Thornton for completing the Board Self Evaluation. The Board is engaged and collaborative.
- **Discussion - Goals for the Board of Education for the 2020-2021 School Year**

Ms. Thornton, The Board and Dr. Farley started the meeting by reviewing the districts' 2019-2020 goals. Following some discussion by the Board, and Dr. Farley they reached a consensus on five district goals and two board goals.
One of Ms. Thornton's recommendations is for Dr. Farley to develop action plans for the district goals and share them with the Board.

2020-2021 Bethlehem Township District Goals:

1. To improve academic achievement through equitable and effective learning practices and prepare students for success in the 21st century, by instructing in all modalities - in person, hybrid or virtual.
2. Continue to implement, communicate, and monitor a plan that provides for the social-emotional needs and safety of students and staff.
3. Implement a strategic communication plan to engage stakeholders.
4. Build a district wide culture that is accepting and appreciative of diversity, promotes equitable opportunities, reduces bias and supports an inclusive learning environment.
5. Develop and implement a Long Range Plan to address staffing, facilities, and budgeting due to declining enrollment and funding in our school district.

2020-2021 Bethlehem Township Board Goals:

1. Continue to work to expand communication with and engagement of our community to foster dialogue.
2. Continue to pursue professional development as a Board by becoming a certified Board of Education and additionally support individual board members in engaging in training opportunities.

One item the Board will persue, is whether to continue as a Choice school, or look into having tuition students.

VII. NOTEWORTHY DATES:

A. Tuesday, October 27, 2020 - Regular Meeting
B. Monday, October 12, 2020 – Professional Development/School Closed for students
C. Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – School Closed for Election Day

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN by Mrs. Roosen, seconded by Ms. Bancalari to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.m.

On a voice vote all present were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Vlietstra

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