

**WINSLOW TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Board of Education Meeting**  
***Town Hall Meeting***  
**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**  
***Winslow Township Middle School – Cafeteria***  
**7:04 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

I. **PUBLIC NOTICE** of this meeting was given to all Board Members and Associates in notices Dated **03/06/2023**. Adequate and electronic notice of this Public Meeting has been provided specifying the time, place, and manner in which this meeting is being conducted. It was advertised in the Courier Post, posted in all schools, the Administration Office, the Municipal Building, the Library, Bud Duble Center, Edgewood Acres, Elm Town, and the Winslow Township Post Offices.

II. **MISSION STATEMENT**

The ***Mission*** of the Winslow Township School District, a large diverse and growing community, is to educate all students to become independent, life-long learners, critical thinkers and caring and confident members of their community. The District, in partnership with the community, and in a climate of cooperation and mutual respect, will provide an academic environment which values excellence and diversity, encourages students to strive for personal excellence, and assists them in acquiring the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to contribute positively to a rapidly changing world.

III. **ROLL CALL**

Present:	Lorraine Dredden	Kelly Thomas
	Debbie Esposito	Joe Thomas
	Rita Martin	Julie Peterson, Vice President
	Cynthia Moore	
	Rebecca Nieves	

Absent: Cheryl Pitts, President

Also Present: H. Major Poteat, Ed.D., Superintendent  
Tyra McCoy-Boyle, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

V. **2022-2023 DISTRICT GOALS**

1. Student Achievement – Continue to implement best practices for delivering instruction to students utilizing all available and appropriate instructional models. This shall include:
  - a. Ensuring articulation at all grade levels throughout the district
  - b. Focus on innovative classroom instruction at all grade levels
  - c. Ensuring all students have equal access to equipment and resources needed to facilitate and promote student learning in any setting
  - d. Evaluation and updating all district programs, including athletics and extra-curricular activities
  - e. Accountability of all district staff
  
2. Continue to foster a safe and positive school environment that is conducive to teaching and learning:
  - a. Focus on building relationships among staff and families that will result in increased learning and more effective instruction
    1. Promote communication and feedback opportunities
  - b. Emphasis on collaboration with all district stakeholders
  - c. Promote an inclusive, diverse, and compassionate learning environment

3. Market our strengths and achievements to all stakeholders to increase capacity for greater parent/ caregiver/ community support:
  - a. Continue with our public relations/marketing plan
  - b. Continue to work with the various advisory committees in the district
  - c. Focus on refining our communication methods to better market our school district

## **VI. TOWN HALL MEETING**

**Public Forum for Open Conversation** - Township of Winslow residents, parents, guardians, caregivers, school district staff, and current and former students, are invited to join the Board of Education for a conversation on Social Emotional Learning (SEL), why it is important, and how to support SEL at home.

## **VII. PRESENTER**

1. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) & Mental Health – Dr. Kara Ieva, Rowan University

Dr. Kara Ieva shared a very informative PowerPoint presentation regarding Social Emotional Learning, providing Mental Health and Social Emotional resources for assistance to the public, such as

Supporting your child socially and emotionally  
Digital Resilience Toolkit for Parents  
Coping Skills for Parent and Kids  
Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences on the brain  
Building relationship skills in your child  
Coping-Skills-Resilience  
Teaching Coping Skills  
Decision Making  
Helping your child build GRIT (Passion, Perseverance and stick-to-it-ness)  
Nurturing Resilience in Children  
Self Awareness  
Self Management

There was a period for questions and comments from the audience. Dr. Ieva responded with comments and insight.

This was a Winslow Township School Family – Community Partnership Presentation.

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Ms. Peterson, seconded by Ms. Dredden, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m. All Ayes.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Tyra McCoy-Boyle  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary