

**TOWN OF SIMSBURY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Record of Proceedings

Workshop

May 14, 2019

Mr. Todd Burrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Squadron Line School Library Media Center.

Roll Call:

Members present: Mmes. Tara Willerup, Lydia Tedone and Jen Batchelar. Messrs. Todd Burrick, Tom Frank, Jeff Tindall and Brian Watson.

Members absent: Mrs. Susan Salina

Also present: Superintendent Matt Curtis, Assistant Superintendent Sue Homrok-Lemke and Director of Personnel Neil Sullivan.

Cultural Competency

Deacon Art Miller provided a presentation and discussion on implicit bias. He used a video of the blue eyes brown eyes experiment to encourage dialog about the importance of recognizing implicit bias as educators and those who oversee the children in the Simsbury school system. Board members engaged in an interactive dialog and expressed interest in continuing the conversation.

Cultural Competency

School Start Time Survey/Discussion

The administration and board reviewed the results of this year’s survey responses from parents, teachers and students. There was no overwhelming evidence supporting a change in school start time at the secondary level. Although some parents were interested in a later school start time, they did not support a later school release time. Most teachers were opposed to changing school start time. Students had varied responses across the board. There does appear to be some support for a single start and release time for all five elementary schools. The board discussed the fact that with the Facilities Master Plan and Reconfiguration study in the works this may not be the right time to make any major changes in start time. Mr. Curtis will share these findings in a letter to parents and staff later this month.

School Start Time

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Burrick: MOVE that the Board of Education enter executive session to discuss the superintendent’s evaluation and include Superintendent Curtis at 8:08 p.m.

Executive Session

Mr. Tindall: Seconded. So moved.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Frank: MOVE to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Adjournment

Mr. Burrick: Seconded. So moved.

Todd Burrick
Secretary

Katie Wilde
Recording Secretary