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TO: NJASA Spring Leadership Conference Committee Members

FROM: Mary Capasso, NJASA

RE: Meeting Notes - October 5, 2017

DATE: November 1, 2017

The Spring Leadership Conference Committee met at 10:00 am on Thursday, October 5, 2017 at NJASA Headquarters in Trenton.

In attendance were: Dr. Lauren Schoen, Co-Chair, Mahwah Township, Bergen county; Dr. Janet Fike, Co-Chair, Morris-Union Jointure Commission, Union county; Marci Grabelle, NJAPSA Executive Director; Dr. Richard Bozza, NJASA Executive Director, Mary Capasso, NJASA Director of Business Development/Staff liaison, Dr. Adrienne Shulby, Egg Harbor City, Atlantic county; Christine Vespe, Shamong Township, Burlington county; Clara Herrera, West New York, Hudson county; Vincent Caputo, Metuchen, David Cittadino, Old Bridge Township, Middlesex county; Dr. Robert McGarry, Holmdel Township, Monmouth county; Coni McAllister, Elsinboro Township, Salem county and Bryan Hensz, Byram Township, Sussex county.

Drs. Schoen and Fike led discussions on the following agenda items:

Welcome/Committee Member Introductions

NJASA Update

Dr. Richard Bozza, NJASA Executive Director provided committee attendees with an update on several initiatives and events being hosted by NJASA.

Please mark your calendar for:

- Techspo 2018 (January 25-26-Harrah's)
- Women in Leadership Conference (March 15-16, 2018-Forsgate) and - NJASA/NJAPSA Spring Leadership Conference (May 16-18, 2018-Harrah's).

Discussions included an update on the following topics:

State Board Members: Mary Elizabeth Gazi/Somerset, Joseph Ricci/White Plains and Nedd Johnson/Bridgeton.

NJ Consortia for Excellence and Equity – this is being offered in the North/South and Central regions.

Superintendent of the Year Announcement – Charles Sampson/Freehold and Kathy Taylor/Ocean City have been named the regional Superintendents. Just announced – Kathy Taylor has been selected as the NJ Superintendent of the Year for 2018!

NJASA/NJPSA Collaboration includes:

- Leadership Academy
- Leadership Standards Self Reflection
- Position for Candidates on Graduation Requirements and Educator Evaluation
- Connected Action Roadmap

Updates and information were also provided for:

- NJASA/NJSBA Superintendent Evaluation Protocol
- NJDOE Transgender Student Advisory Committee
- PL 192/193 Proposed Changes
- Procurement Protocol for Food Service Providers
- Salary Cap Elimination

36TH Annual Spring Leadership Conference

The 2018 NJASA/NJAPSA Annual Spring Conference will be held May 16-18, 2018 at Harrah's in Atlantic City. This is a new venue for this conference!

NJAPSA Partnership

NJASA's relationship with the New Jersey Association of Pupil Service Administrators, as a co sponsor of the Spring Leadership Conference, will continue in 2018. NJAPSA Executive Director, Marci Grabelle, will continue to assist in planning and crafting the agenda to include sessions specifically for their members. We anticipate year 6 will bring out additional NJAPSA members.

Request for Waiver for Overnight Travel

The waiver for overnight travel was approved by the Commissioner of Education. Two nights were approved for overnight stays at the hotel, May 16 and May 17.

Conference Format/Suggestions

No changes were made for the 2018 Conference.

Conference Theme

After discussion, it was unanimously agreed to maintain using the NJASA President's mantra. The Spring Leadership Conference theme for 2018 will be

"One Vision - Our Voice: Mindful Leadership".

Proposal Form

The Proposal form for solicitation of program sessions was reviewed. The final version will include the following strands:

- Curriculum & Instruction
- Current Legal Issues
- Special Education
- Digital Leadership

- Innovative Practices
- Mindfulness/Social Emotional Learning
- Educational Equity
- Data Analytics
- School Safety and Security
- Enhancing Instructional Capacity

We will also add “teachers” to the form where it asks, “who will benefit from attending”.

The new form will be available online at www.njasa.net by early December and posted on NJAPSA’s website. NJASA will also mail to all members.

Once the RFP is closed, the Committee will receive a link and a tally sheet to make final selections. This is a remote process and will not entail driving to Trenton.

All forms will be returned to Mary Capasso at NJASA for a final tally and scheduling.

Keynote Speakers

The proposed agenda calls for three keynote speakers; one on each of the three days. Suggestions included:

- Janice Marturano
- Dr. Paula Kluth
- Jim Green
- Maurice Elias
- George Scott
- Angela Duckworth

NJASA will be working with Scholastic to review their speaker bureau talent.

The meeting concluded at approximately 12:00pm.