

**Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District
Board of Education
Committee Meeting Summary**

**Monday, August 24, 2015
5:30 p.m.**

Board of Education Members Present: Mr. Carini, Ms. Borchardt, Mrs. Cerniglia, Mr. Jossart, Mr. Verhalen

Items Discussed:

1. Quarterly Schools/School Board Collaboration Meetings

Board President Frank Carini presented a plan and timeline for discussion for upcoming meetings to formally solicit input from staff and parents. Discussion was held. The Board agreed that Dr. Culver should schedule the monthly Committee of the Whole meetings at the school locations during the upcoming school year. Prior to the meeting, a brief tour of the school and an opportunity for the Board to hear directly from staff members and parents would be provided. This process is intended to improve and strengthen communication among students, parents, faculty, staff and community members and will be reviewed.

2. Job Description for Communication Specialist

Superintendent Culver shared the job description for the Communication Specialist position that was included in the preliminary budget. He reported that the plan is to move forward on hiring this position, and to have the new hire initially work to provide consistent and informative messages on social media—coordinating communication and information relayed through the various links and websites currently associated with the district.

3. Student Academic Standards

Chad Evenson, Director of Curriculum, provided an update to the Board on several new requirements included in the recently passed state budget bill. This includes the approval and publication of the academic standards in place in the district for mathematics, science, reading and writing, geography and history. The Board agreed to include this as an action item at the September 14 Board Meeting.

4. Adoption of English 2 Novel – *Night* by Elie Weisel

Due to the course change made for this school year to combine the one semester English 2 course and one semester Speech course, Mr. Evenson brought forward a recommendation from the teachers for this novel to be used in the course. The novel evaluation form was reviewed and the Board agreed to place this on the September 14 agenda for a first reading.

Meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.