

**LITCHFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2010**

A special meeting of the Litchfield Board of Education was held on Monday, January 14, 2010 commencing in the Litchfield Intermediate School Library/Media Center at 7 p.m.

Members Present: J. Katzin (Chair), Messrs. Noone, Simone, Shuhi, Falcetti, Mrs. Fabbri, Ms. Carr and Ms. Rosser. Mr. Gorman was absent.

Also Present: Dr. Wheeler, J. Robert Petricone and press.

District Strategic Planning – J. Robert Petricone

Race to the Top – four areas to be addressed; state is heading in this direction; article distributed from Education Week; Race to the Top viewed as Template for a new Elementary and Secondary Education Act (currently known as NCLB – No Child Left Behind).

Board should have clearly defined building blocks; community should understand the plan; set of goals that can be accomplished in the district; execution of a plan is very important; measure movement of district over time. The plan can guide the Board under financial constraints; plans should be subject to necessary changes, and should contain items the Board intends to be guided by. Need to determine critical issues and involve staff as they will implement plan; decide how community groups will be involved.

Several critical issues include enhancing and maintaining quality of education expected with diminishing resources as well as changing resources; how the district will structure curriculum in a declining enrollment, including the question of maintaining a comprehensive high school program in the future; getting each student to the highest level of performance at the earliest date; plan must be reflective of ways children learn.

MOTION made by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Simone: to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

MOTION carried. All votes were in the affirmative. There were no abstentions.

Respectfully Submitted  
Donald R. Falsetto, Secretary