

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION
COW SESSION MEETING MINUTES
County Road School – Media Center
March 10, 2026
5:30 P.M.

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 5:30 pm.
B. Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Choi, Fein, Zimbard, Lee, Holzberg.
Absent: None
Also present: Dr. Cirillo/ Superintendent and Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Lee to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 5:30 P.M.
- B. President Holzberg read the following announcement:
The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon.
In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Demarest Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted at the Borough Hall and at the Middle School and by notifying in writing two newspapers: The Record and The Suburbanite.

III. FLAG SALUTE

- A. President Holzberg led the flag salute.

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Choi, Fein, Lee, Zimbard, Holzberg.
Absent: None
Also present: Dr. Cirillo/ Superintendent and Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

V. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Cirillo discussed and clarified the rationale for the 2026/2027 calendar. He also gave a report to the board regarding outside facility use for the new gymnasium at DMS.

VI. FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

- A. Instruction – Staffing
- Substitute
 - FMLA request
 - Chaperone approval
- B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

- Field trip
- Baseball & Softball Schedules

C. Support Services – Staffing

D. Support Services – Board of Education

- Facility use
- Workshop approval
- HIB cases
- SSDS
- Job Descriptions

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management

- Preliminary budget - Ms. Kelly reviewed the proposed preliminary budget with the board. The preliminary budget will be on the next board agenda for approval. The budget must be submitted to the county by March 27, 2026 for their review and approval. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for April 28, 2026.
- Travel expense restrictions
- Payroll
- Monthly checks
- Board secretary report
- Treasurer report
- Certification
- Transfers

VII. ACTION

D. Support Services - Board of Education

1. It was moved by Zimbard, seconded by Brillhart and approved by a unanimous roll call vote by those present to approve a sidebar agreement between the Demarest Board of Education and the Demarest Education Association for the Demarest Middle School Baseball Coach and Softball Coach stipend in the amount of \$2,390.00 each for the 2025/2026 school year, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no motion for public comment being no one from the public was present.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. There was no motion to enter the executive session.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Choi, seconded by Lee and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

Sincerely,



Antoinette Kelly
Business Administrator and Board Secretary