

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE MEETING

October 13, 2015

I. OPENING

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the library at County Road School.

B. Board President's Announcement:

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to insure 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.

C. Roll Call: Cantatore, Kirtane, Geller and Holzberg were present. Molina, Verna and Woods were absent.

Also present: Mr. Fox, Superintendent; Mr. Perez, Board Secretary

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. The Board has determined it will enter into Executive Session for the following reasons:

1. Student HIB investigation.
2. Discussion of new personnel hires.

B. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to approve the following resolution to enter the Executive Session:

WHEREAS, in order to protect the personal privacy and to avoid situations wherein the public interest might be disserved, the Open Public Meetings Act permits public bodies to exclude the public from that portion of a meeting at which certain matters are discussed;

WHEREAS, the length of the closed Executive Session is estimated to be thirty minutes, after which the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting will reconvene and proceed with business where formal action may or may not be taken;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that consistent with the provision of N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the Board of Education will now adjourn to executive session to discuss items stated above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the aforementioned subjects will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

A. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to reopen the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at 7:00 p.m. to the public.

B. Roll Call: Cantatore, Kirtane, Geller, Verna and Holzberg were present. Molina and Woods were absent.

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW**A. Instruction – Staffing**

1. Approve substitutes.
2. Approve Teacher-Mentors.
3. Approve provisional employment of Grade 2-4 Resource Room Teacher for 15/16 school year.
4. Approve placement on guide for long-term leave replacement.

B. Instruction – Pupil Programs

1. Approve boys' and girls' basketball schedules.
2. Approve 8th grade class trip to Washington, D.C. on May 24-26, 2016.
3. Approve 6th grade class trip to Fairview Lake on April 27-29, 2016.
4. Approve special education tuition contract with Northvale Board of Education.

C. Support Services – Staffing

1. Approve longevity stipends for Payroll/Benefits Coordinator and Child Study Team Secretary.
2. Approved paid medical leave of absence for part-time custodian.
3. Accept notice of retirement from part-time custodian, effective October 1, 2015.
4. Accept notice of retirement from CRS Principal's Secretary, effective December 31, 2015.
5. Accept notice of resignation from DMS Instructional Aide, effective October 9, 2015.
6. Approve substitute secretary as needed at LLE at Aides' Salary Guide Step 1.
7. Approve the payment of accumulated sick time for retiring staff.

D. Support Services – Board of Education

1. Approve workshop attendances.
2. Approve/confirm use of facilities.
3. Approve Annual Facilities Checklist.
4. Approve and submit the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan to Executive County Superintendent.
5. Approve continued participation with the Middlesex Regional Education Services Commission (MRESC) Cooperative Pricing Agreement.
6. Approve psychiatrists to provide clearance evaluations.
7. Accept school bus emergency evacuation drill reports.
8. Approve 2015 QSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA) and submit to Executive County Superintendent.
9. Approve amendment to 2015-2016 IDEA Grant to incorporate the 2014-2015 carryover.
10. Approve quote for installation of wall in LLE library, as provided by the Gordian Group.
11. Approve new lease for district copies and buyout of old lease.

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW (CONTINUED)

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management

1. Confirm payroll.
2. Approve September bills.
3. Confirm September budget transfers.
4. Approve Certification of Board Secretary.
5. Approve Certification of Board of Education.
6. Acknowledge receipt of August A-148 report and July and August A-149 Reports.
7. Void outstanding checks and/or payments issued prior to July 1, 2014.

F. Other

1. Schedule Executive Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 11, 2014 to discuss personnel, negotiations and/or legal matters.
2. Schedule Executive Session Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on November 18, 2014 to discuss personnel, negotiations and/or legal matters.

V. PUBLIC DISCUSSION

1. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Cantatore and approved by unanimous vote to open the meeting to public discussion.

There was no public discussion.

2. It was moved by Verna, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

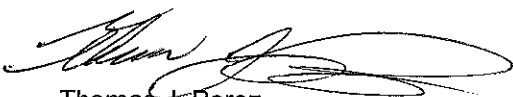
VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION (If Needed)

There was no additional time needed this evening.

VII. ADJOURN

1. It was moved by Kirtane, seconded by Verna and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas J. Perez
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary