

DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

February 16, 2012

I. OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 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 three newspapers: The Record, The Press Journal and The Suburbanite.
- C. President Holzberg led the flag salute.
- D. Roll Call: Galtieri, Geisenheimer, Geller, Majeski, Molina, Woods and Holzberg were all present.

II. REVIEW OF AGENDA

- A. The board members reviewed the items and discussed the pros and cons of moving the election date.
- B. It was moved by Molina, seconded by Majeski and approved by unanimous voice vote to open the meeting to public discussion limited to agenda items.
- C. There was no public discussion.
- D. It was moved by Galtieri, seconded by Geller and approved by unanimous voice vote to close the meeting to public discussion.

III. ACTIONS

A. Support Services – Board of Education

1. It was moved by Geller, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous roll call vote to adopt the following resolution, as recommended by the Chief School Administrator:

RESOLUTION

Establishing the Election of Members of the Demarest Board of Education As the First Tuesday after the First Monday in November

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (Senate Bill 3148) authorizes a local board of education to change the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a majority vote of a quorum of the local board of education; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that the change in election date remain in effect for four years; and

III. ACTIONS (Continued)

A. Support Services – Board of Education (Continued)

Resolution Continued:

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are selection at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148) requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the Demarest Board of Education changes the annual election date for its members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election), beginning in 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), this change will remain in effect at least through November 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), the annual organization meeting of the Demarest Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place on January 7, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202 (S-3148), members of the Demarest Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 1, 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and

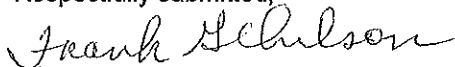
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be transmitted to Governor Christopher Christie, Lieutenant Governor/Secretary of State Kimberly M. Guadagno; Richard E. Constable, III, Acting Commissioner, Department of Community Affairs; Robert F. Giles, Director, Division of Elections, Department of State; John S. Hogan, Bergen County Clerk; the Bergen County Board of Elections, Christopher Cerf, Acting Commissioner of Education; the Division of Finance, New Jersey Department of Education; Robert M. Gilmartin, Executive County Superintendent for Bergen County; and Gerald Cardinale, Demarest Senator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- A. It was moved by Geisenheimer, seconded by Galtieri and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank G. Chilson
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary