

**DEMAREST BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**COW MEETING MINUTES**  
County Road School – Media Center  
March 7, 2023  
5:30 P.M.

I OPENING

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Holzberg at 5:00 pm.
- B. Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Governale, Lee, Holzberg.  
Absent: Verna, Choi  
Also present: Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

II. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board determined it will enter into executive session for the following reasons:
  - 1. Student discipline
  - 2. Negotiations
- B. It was moved by Cantatore seconded by Brillhart 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 Regular Public 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.

- C. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote of those present to convene executive session at 5:45 P.M.

III. REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING

- A. It was moved by Governale , seconded by Cantatore to reopen the Regular Meeting to the public at 5:45 P.M.

B. President Holzberg read the following 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.

IV. FLAG SALUTE

A. President Holzberg led the flag salute.

V. ROLL CALL

Present: Brillhart, Cantatore, Governale, Lee, Holzberg.

Absent: Choi, Verna

Also present: Ms. Kelly Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

VI. FOR BOARD DISCUSSION AND REVIEW

A. Instruction – Staffing

- Employment of substitute teachers

B. Instruction – Pupils/Programs

- Non-domicile tuition agreements
- Home instruction
- Field trips

C. Support Services – Staffing

- Employment of paraprofessional staff

D. Support Services – Board of Education

- Facility use requests
- 2023/2024 calendar
- Policies

E. Support Services – Fiscal Management

- Payroll
- Monthly checks
- Board secretary report
- Treasurer report
- Certification
- Transfers
- Climate Awareness Grant allocation and submission of application
- Preliminary budget

Board Secretary Kelly reviewed the highlights of the preliminary budget which will be on the agenda for approval by the board at the March 14th regular board meeting.

Ms. Kelly will then file the budget with the Bergen County Department of Education for approval. The public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Tuesday April 25, 2023.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A. It was moved by Cantatore, seconded by Governale and approved by unanimous voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 P.M.

Sincerely,



Antoinette Kelly  
Business Administrator and Board Secretary

